



Odalene Coley (Criswell)

August 29, 1926 - October 17, 2013

Ripley, Mississippi--- Mrs. Mary Odalene Criswell Coley 87, passed away October 17, 2013 at her home in Ripley, Mississippi. Odalene was born on August 29, 1926 to Waymon Randolph and Mary Frances "Fannie" Blythe Criswell in Tippah County, MS: She was a retired teacher with the South Tippah School District with 30 years of service. She was leader in establishing the Tippah County Museum, where she served as the Board President. She was also instrumental in the founding of the Tippah County Archives. She received many awards including the 2009 Heart of Tippah County Award. Odalene was a member of the North Ripley Baptist Church, where she taught Adult Ladies Sunday School Classes.

She is survived by: Two daughters: Charlotte Propes (Jim) of Oxford, MS: Anita Decker of Ripley, MS: Three brothers: Flavos Criswell (Mary Alice) of Memphis, TN: W.R. Criswell (Linda) of Boynton Beach, FL: William Criswell of Canton, GA: 4 Grandchildren and 4 Great-grandchildren:

She was preceded in death by: Her husband: Rev. David Eugene Coley: Her Parents: One grandson: John Mark Decker, Jr.: One brother: Herbert Cleveland Criswell: One sister-in-law: Joyce Woolsey Criswell:

Pallbearers will be: Randy Criswell, Derek Criswell, John Criswell, Ronald Criswell, Johnny Wilbanks, Bobby Franklin:

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“ *Odalene Coley (Criswell)*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *so sorry anita kathy is in icu in memphis and we cant be there. we loved both your parents very much*

billy kathy holley - November 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *so sorry about ms coley sweet lady u r in my prayers*

pam roberson - October 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *A wonderful friend, Precious Lady. Loved and Appreciated her. Mattie Ray*

Mattie Ray - October 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *We have been knowing Odalene for several years. She was a blessing and a pleasure to know. She will be greatly missed. Sorry we cannot be with you at this time. Milton & Nancy Welch*

Milton & Nancy Welch - October 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM