



## Verna Dokey

December 9, 2011

Verna C. Dokey, 98, of Hot Springs passed away Friday, December 09, 2011. She was born February 15, 1913 to the late Charles Thomas and Nancy Elizabeth Callaway in Fendley, Arkansas.

Mrs. Dokey grew up in Arkadelphia and graduated from Arkadelphia High School and Henderson State Teacher's College; she earned a Master's degree at University of Arkansas; she began her teaching career of 44 years at Amity, Arkansas with the latest 25 years at Hot Springs Junior High School; she was an active member of First United Methodist Church where she was a life time board member; a member of United Methodist Women's; a member and past president of XYZ; a life member of Arkansas Education Association; member and past president of Garland County Teachers Association; a life member and past president of Delta Kappa Gamma.

She was predeceased by her parents, Chas & Nancy Callaway; her husband, Vernon Dokey; one sister, Clara B. Matassarini and three brothers, Foy Callaway, L.C. Callaway and James Callaway.

She is survived by two brothers, Stell Callaway and Charles T. Callaway and ten loving nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Saturday at Hot Springs Funeral Home. Memorial Services will be 1:30 PM Sunday at the Starlite Room at Country Club Village with Reverend Bud Reeves officiating.

Burial will be at Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Arkadelphia with John Miles officiating.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church.

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Verna was a great lady and will be missed by all in our family. My mother was Winnie Cash who lived across the road from Verna and her family. Winnie was a cousin and the daughter of Mollie Cash who was Nannie Callaway's sister. My wife Fran and I last visited with Verna in October 2009. We were visiting Arkansas to do some family history research and deliver a family history workup I had done for the Kirksey family who now own all the old Deaton property where Verna, Winnie, and my aunt Alma Tedrow grew up. We picked Verna up in front of her apartment where she was in a rocking chair and traveled to Fendley. Verna had a great time talking with Kirksey family members who she knew as well as most of their relatives. She laughed a lot and had a great time. We returned to her senior center where we had dinner and spent well into the evening enjoying our shared memories. She will always be remembered for the great lady she was.

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**Joe Smith** - January 03, 2012 at 06:44 PM

BG

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Verna Dokey. As one of her 7th grade english students at Southwest Jr. High, she was firm, fair, and inspirational. The foundation she provided has served me well the last 50 years, and I'm a better person for having her as a teacher and mentor. Sincerely, Bobby Greenberg

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**Bobby Greenberg** - December 12, 2011 at 05:20 PM

JR

“ Please accept my condolences in the passing of Mrs. Dokey. I was one of her 7th grade English students who attended Southwest Junior High School. I received excellent training in the parts of speech from her. I remember her for being a fair, firm, and consistent teacher who was committed to high expectations of achievement for all of her students.

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**Janie Reece Russell** - December 10, 2011 at 06:10 PM

MM

“ We met and talked to Verna just a few days before her death—she was as gracious and vivacious as always—we reminisced about a former teacher she had known, Harry Kupperman. Verna was very welcoming and helpful to two friends of mine, Helen Louise Burton and Terri Dellunto, CCV residents. May her memory be blessed.

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**Mr. & Mrs. JB Morgan** - December 10, 2011 at 02:44 PM

DD

“ James and Jenny, We are sorry about Ms. Verna. She was a great lady full of wit and wisdom. I know she has touched a lot of lives during her 98 years. I know she touched and inspired our lives. She will be missed. Derrell and Rachel

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**Derrell and Rachel Davis** - December 10, 2011 at 11:07 AM

PF

“ Sincere condolences. I am the last of the Okolona Fairs - My mother was Eugenia Cagle from the Antoine Cagles (Oliver). Since we were cousins, Verna provided information for our family history, which I appreciated. She and Vernon were fellow educators, ARTA members and friends. I regret that I cannot attend the memorial services.

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**Paul R. Fair** - December 10, 2011 at 10:57 AM

CS

“ I am truly going to miss the only truly Southern lady I have ever known and also lucky enough to be related to. Verna was my Great Aunt and Great barely describes her! I was allowed many splendid and happy times with both her and her husband and she could make YOU feel like you were the only special person in a crowd of 1000. I know there was music and laughter and tons of hugs and kisses as soon as she walked though the gates. I await my turn to hear her sweet voice and Uncle Veron's delightful laughter. I love you- Carla Smith Shelton

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**Carla Shelton** - December 10, 2011 at 10:15 AM