



## Frances "Polly" Margaret Crowley

May 1, 1923 - January 21, 2020

Mrs. Frances Margaret Cook Crowley died peacefully at her home on January 21, 2020. "Polly" was born on May 1, 1923 to Frances Arnold Cook and Sam Leigh Cook in Newnan, Georgia where she grew up and attended public school. Upon graduating from Agnes Scott College for Girls, she married William Henry Crowley from Macon on April 27, 1946 at what is now Hillcrest Funeral Home. After living in Macon and Dublin for a few years, the young couple moved back to Newnan in 1951. "Miss Polly" taught first grade at Elm Street Elementary School for twenty-five years where she was much beloved. After retiring, Polly pursued her love of bridge and traveling. The Crowleys took many trips around the country and the world.

Polly was a long-time member of Newnan First United Methodist Church officially joining as a young girl in 1932. She was a founding member of the Adult Study Group Sunday School Class, and in 2006 on her 83rd birthday, the class was renamed the Polly Crowley Adult Study Group to commemorate her loyal contribution and over fifty years of faithful membership.

Polly served as a member of the United Methodist Women as leader of the Luta Williams Circle and a representative on the Executive Board. She was a founding member of the Friendship Group, and has been a wonderful, loving friend to many church shut-ins.

She also served as an invaluable member of the committee that wrote The History of the Newnan First United Methodist Church only recently published in 2016.

Polly was a wonderful example of selfless and loving devotion to her church, community, and friends. The twinkle in her eyes and her joyful spirit were contagious and inspiring to all around her and she will be dearly missed.

Along with her parents, Polly is preceded in death by her husband, Bill; and her sister, Ethel Cook Ragsdale. She is survived by her niece, Polly Ragsdale Taylor; her brother in law, Theron Ragsdale; and her many friends.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, January 23rd at 11:00 AM at Oak Hill Cemetery. After the service, a reception will be held at Newnan First United Methodist Church.

Condolences can be expressed online at <http://www.mckoon.com>

In lieu of flowers, it is requested that donations be made to the Newnan First United Methodist Church in Mrs. Crowley's memory.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580



# Comments

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“ I remember Miss Polly from FMC where my dad Gary Cox was a member for over 30 years. Sweet and beautiful lady.

**Marilyn Palmer** - January 26, 2020 at 10:03 AM

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“ My first grade teacher at Elm Street. A sweet lady with a love of kids and a heart of gold. She's a special person

**Tim Hall** - January 23, 2020 at 12:25 PM

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“ Miss Polly was one of my favorite people. Not only did she teach me in first grade but I was one of the few lucky students to have her as teacher in second and third grades as well. Because of her I always loved school and wanted to be a teacher. Although I didn't follow that dream she was an inspiration to me! She will be missed. Love you, Miss Polly!

Debbie Brown Cox

**Debra B Cox** - January 22, 2020 at 11:35 AM



“ I loved my first grade teacher Miss Polly!! (1955) I will remember her forever! During summer of 2015 after over fifty years of living in New England, I brought my granddaughter Layla age six to visit Newnan. Miss Polly was thrilled to have us to her home for tea!!! We also visited the home where I once lived, the library, and Elm Street School where I attended first grade. I only learned today about Miss Polly's passing. May she be an angel in Heaven just as she was an angel on earth! [lindsaymorandusa@gmail.com](mailto:lindsaymorandusa@gmail.com)

**Lindsay** - February 22 at 02:28 PM

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“ Such a beautiful person, inside and out. Miss Polly left a lasting impression on me and so many children, now adults. I love you, Miss Polly. What a wonderful testament you left for us.



janet morgan - January 22, 2020 at 09:16 AM

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“ Such a long life well lived setting an example for all in her everyday walk through this world. We knew her from when we first moved to Newnan and Bobby taught at Elm Street with her and later was the principal. She was the epitome of the words Southern lady.



Bobby and Geraldine Welch - January 22, 2020 at 07:20 AM



“ My favorite of all. very nice and a great teacher my first ever

Linda Shaw mcdonald - January 22, 2020 at 01:18 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear of Miss Polly's passing. She was a true Southern lady and a wonderful teacher.

jennifer Egas - January 22, 2020 at 12:09 AM

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“ Love you Miss Polly



**Robin Barron Mann** - January 21, 2020 at 08:08 PM

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“ "Miss Polly", was a beautiful example of a southern lady. RIP sweet lady.



**Elaine Lee** - January 21, 2020 at 06:33 PM

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“ Gerrie Petty lit a candle in memory of Frances "Polly" Margaret Crowley



**Gerrie Petty** - January 21, 2020 at 04:38 PM

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“ Miss Polly touched so many lives. She was such a lady and will be remembered with much fondness.  
Beverly Garner

**Beverly Garner** - January 21, 2020 at 04:19 PM

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“ I had Mrs. Polly in the first grade. Throughout the years of school, Mrs. Polly was always my favorite teacher. The Heavens gained a beautiful soul.

**Tara Williams Paquin** - January 21, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ Mrs Polly you were and inspiration to everyone. We will miss you and I will miss riding the elevator every Sunday morning up to our class. RIP wonderful lady.

**Ledon Denham** - January 21, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ So sad to learn of Miss Polly's passing. I had the privilege of enjoying her as my dearly loved teacher at Elm Street for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades. She remains my greatest teacher ever. I'll miss seeing her at Wesley Woods when occasionally I would see her, and she always remembered my name. Love you, Miss Polly.

**Susan Muzio Conner** - January 26, 2020 at 11:37 PM