



## Ruth Marie Crowder

March 30, 1927 - January 25, 2026

On Monday, January 26, 2026, Ruth Marie Crowder, beloved wife, mother and grandmother,

passed away peacefully at her residence in Springdale at the age of 98.

Ruth Marie was born on March 30, 1927, in Springdale, Arkansas, to the late Ira and Ruth Reed

Simonds. She graduated from Springdale High School and went on to attend the University of

Arkansas, where she obtained a degree in Home Economics. Following her studies, Ruth

dedicated her career to education, teaching Home Economics in the Springdale School District.

On September 2, 1951, she married her beloved husband, Norman Crowder, and together they

built a life grounded in family, faith, and hard work. Ruth devoted herself wholeheartedly to

caring for her family, creating a warm and loving home where her kindness, patience, and quiet

strength were felt by all who knew her. Ruth was a devoted member of Cross Church in

Springdale. She found comfort and joy in gardening, cooking, canning, and sewing, and most

especially in caring for her husband, Norman. Time spent vacationing with her

family was among her greatest joys and became treasured memories she held close. After retiring, Ruth and Norman continued making special memories together through travel, visiting Israel, New Zealand, Hawaii, and enjoying several cruises. Later in life, Ruth became a proud and devoted “Grammy,” a role in which she was deeply loved and cherished by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ruth was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 66 years, Norman Crowder; her parents; her three brothers, Lawrence, John, and Charles Simonds; and her sister, Caroline Mathis (Simonds). She leaves behind her loving children, Jim Crowder (Debbie) of Knoxville, Tennessee; Mary Beth Cook (Johnny) of Leesville, Louisiana; and Michael Crowder (Judi) of Springdale, Arkansas. Ruth was a proud and devoted grandmother to Bryan Cook (Deborah), Ashley Corbin (Justin), Christopher Crowder (Kaitlyn), Hannah Gaston (Mordecai), Sarah Evins (Zac), and Madeline Mota (Fernando), and a treasured great-grandmother to eleven great-grandchildren. She is also fondly remembered by many dear friends and extended family, including nieces and nephews, who will miss her deeply.

A celebration of Ruth’s life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at Sisco Funeral Chapel in Springdale. There will be a private family interment following the service.

Visitation will be held two hours prior to the service from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. In lieu of

flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cross Church Senior Ministries.

Online condolences may be left at [www.siscofuneral.com](http://www.siscofuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Farmington Cemetery

300 Rheas Mill Road  
Farmington, AR 72730

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel  
705 West Meadow  
Springdale, AR 72764  
(479) 751-4577  
siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

KR

“ I remember Mrs. Crowder being so kind to me. Loved her as a teacher and I still have several items she helped me sew! I know she her memories will be cherished by her family!

Kathi Reed - January 29 at 06:41 PM

LB

“ Larry Simonds & Anne Blanton purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ruth Marie Crowder.



Larry Simonds & Anne Blanton - January 29 at 11:48 AM

HO

“ Mrs. Crowder was a fantastic Home Ec. teacher, and I still use some of the recipes and tricks she taught me 40 years ago, she was kind and patient and the class I was in was not an easy one. In other words, there were several in that class just fulfilling their credits, but she knew just what to do to engage us and keep us interested. I know she will be missed.

Holly - January 29 at 11:36 AM

DR

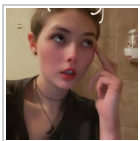
“ I needed a vocational credit to graduate high school, and of the choices offered, I took a class then called Foods. I think it was the first day of class that I realized that Ms. Crowder was also my cousin! This was at SHS in the late 70's. I still use skills I learned in the class that I really didn't want to take (but it turned out, that was the class that had all the pretty girls, so...). My Grandma Jo lived on West End next to her parents, my dad's Aunt Ruth. So sad to lose another of her generation; seems like she should still be teaching kids. My condolences to all those who held her dear.

Derik Reed - January 29 at 10:45 AM

GD

“ Jim, I'm sorry to hear the news of your mother's passing. May sweet memories bring peace to you and your family at this time and the days ahead. Gail Brogdon Dowd

Gail Brogdon Dowd - January 29 at 09:52 AM



“ Miss you dearly Ruth forever in my heart. It was an honor to care for you and know you R.I.P beautiful soul I love you fly high.



Kayla Mason - January 28 at 09:40 PM

RI

“ Mrs. Crowder was a fantastic teacher of mine and a great friend of my mother's. She taught me how to make pudding from scratch without cooking the egg after a huge mishap. And the only outfit I ever sewed was under her tutoring. There are many memories of her echoing through the halls of Springdale High School.

Randy Isely - January 28 at 05:14 PM