



Louella Cromer Crouch

April 20, 1932 - August 26, 2024

Saluda, SC

Louella Cromer Crouch, 92 of Saluda, widow of John David Crouch, went to join her Lord and Savior on 26 August 2024. She passed away with friends and family by her side at Saluda Nursing Center.

Born on April 20th, 1932, Louella was the daughter of the late Henry Cromer Sr and Eliza Riley Cromer. She was a graduate of Hollywood High School. She was also a member of the Hollywood High School State Championship Basketball teams for the years of 1947, 1948 and 1949.

After high school, she married her love, John Crouch. They were happily married for 64 years. She retired from the Saluda Shirt Plant. She also later retired from Hollywood School as a school bus driver and a cafeteria worker. In addition, she worked in the cafeteria at the Saluda Nursing Center.

She was a member of Bethany Methodist Church, Bethany UMW, Antique Teenagers and Woodmen Life. She was a dedicated Hollywood Ruritan wife and devoted 4-H volunteer leader. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, cooking and baking and working in everyone's garden in addition to her own.

Survived by Sue Nell Crouch Rodgers, of Batesburg, John "Little John"

(Joyce) Crouch, Earl (Sherry) Crouch and Robert (Angela N.) Crouch all of Saluda; six grandchildren: Stephanie Senn, Jason Rodgers, Krista Hallback, Melinda (Will) Forrest, Marshall (Amanda) Crouch and Michelle (Joey) Miller; seven great grandchildren: Bailey Crouch, Cade, Ava, Finley, Mila Forrest, Skylar Hallback, Tyson Miller and her sister-in-law Mary Berry. Also, six special nieces and nephews: Jinx Myers, Candi Hardison, Perry Cromer, Joann Cromer, Richard Cromer and Hal Cromer.

Besides her parents, she is predeceased by infant son Morris David Crouch, son-in-law Larry Rodgers, granddaughter Tonia Denise Rodgers and three brothers Jasper Cromer, Ronald Cromer and Henry Cromer Jr.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday evening from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm at Ramey Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at Bethany Methodist Church on Thursday, August 29, at 11:00 am with the Rev. Mark English and Rev. Dan Bradley presiding. Visitation will follow the services in the fellowship hall.

The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to the Saluda Nursing Center staff for their compassionate care given to our mother. A special thanks to the family physician Ralph N. Riley.

In leu of flowers, memorials can be made to Bethany Methodist Church , c/o Mary Lee Bunnells, 1844 Bethany School House Road, Saluda, SC 29138 or Travis Park Cemetery Fund, PO Box 1174, Saluda, SC 29138.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ramey Funeral Home
202 N Rudolph St
Saluda, SC 29138
(864) 445-2366

Funeral

AUG **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethany Methodist Church
363 Bethany Road
Saluda, SC 29138

Tribute Wall

GG

“ Mrs. Louella. My first memory of her was when I was a five-year-old attending the morning session of kindergarten at Hollywood Elementary School. That would have been 1978. She was my bus driver. On the "back-to-home bus trip", I would often crawl underneath the bus seats to "play" with my classmates despite her telling us not to. I was mischievous at that age.

Outside of being my bus driver in 1978-1979, our paths did not cross for many consecutive years. I last recall speaking to her briefly my senior year of high school up in Saluda (our paths had crossed, finally). Wow! I started off my school career with Mrs. Louella (in kindergarten) and then went about 12 years before speaking to her again (at the end of my school career)! Quite a time gap. Now, that is not a statement of criticism, just a statement of fact. There was no animosity between us. It was just odd how that situation turned out.

I know Mrs. Louella was a mainstay in the Hollywood School community of Saluda County. She was an icon, a fixture. Her absence will take time for us to adjust.

When I return home to visit, many iconic faces that I grew up with are absent - June Etheridge, Leonard Wallace, Wyman Banks, Bob White, Allen Hipp, Talton Rinehart, Margaret Power, Wally Matthews, Nelson Gentry, Floyd Hodge, Earl Berry, Bobby Ruff, Mike Price, Evelyn Morris, and many others. Mrs. Louella is now definitely part of the listing above.

With that said, I feel compelled to state that, as a current out-of-state resident, I sense that my home community is not what it once was - a thriving community in northeast Saluda County. With the lack of good-paying job opportunities in and near Saluda, many of the younger residents are leaving the county to pursue financial betterment (can't blame them, I am one of them, too). With so few younger folks remaining to replace these legacy citizens that are departing this life, I kind of/sort of sense that the Hollywood School

community is not a flourishing as it once was.

Now, I hope I am wrong. I see that the public schools are expanding, and new facilities are being built. I am happy to see that and hope that many jobs are produced as a result.

Perhaps I should not complain about losing iconic community residents. Such is life. As we grow older, it is a fact of life that we are all going to lose loved ones. Again, that is just part of life. For those of us left, it is our responsibility to build upon the legacy these people established for us.

And, Mrs. Louella left an indelible impression with her legacy! Rest in peace, Mrs. Louella. When my time is up here in this life, I would not be surprised to see Mrs. Louella waiting for me at those pearly gates with a school bus ready to drive me to my mansion in glory!

Gregory Goff - September 01, 2024 at 12:47 PM

JR

“ *Joyce Perry Rude lit a candle in memory of Louella Crouch*



Joyce Perry Rude - August 31, 2024 at 08:51 PM

CS

“ Ms. Louella was a sweet lady. She did so much for the community. I have sweet memories of her and Mr. John from Bethany Church and things they did for my family. Precious memories of her and my Granny Harmon. Hold your memories close to your heart. Much love to the family.



Cathy Stone - August 29, 2024 at 11:09 AM

RC

“ Nell and family, we were so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. We always enjoyed visiting with her at Saluda. Our love and prayers go with you all.

Ray and Dianne Cockrell - August 29, 2024 at 07:08 AM

PD

“ May The Light of God's Love embrace you and your family during this difficult time. Praying you and your family are surrounded by God's comfort and strength through the coming days and months. Even in your darkest moments, Jesus is right there with you! Ms. Louella was a sweet person. I know she will be missed by everyone. Our sincere condolences to you and your family. Polly Derrick and Christy Derrick



Polly Derrick - August 28, 2024 at 11:23 PM

TR

“ Tammy Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Louella Crouch



Tammy Reynolds - August 28, 2024 at 10:01 PM

CS

“ Condolences on your loss. She was a sweet lady. She helped and did so much for her community. I have alot of sweet memories of her and Mr. John at Bethany. Alot of memories with her and my Granny Harmon. Treasure all your memories and keep them in your hearts. Much love to all her family.



Cathy Stone - August 28, 2024 at 06:04 PM

DK

“ debbie kunkle sent a virtual gift in memory of Louella Crouch



debbie kunkle - August 28, 2024 at 02:49 PM

SS

“ Sethalene Scurry-Huff lit a candle in memory of Louella Crouch



Sethalene Scurry-Huff - August 28, 2024 at 12:50 PM

TC

“ *Thinking of you!*

Tammie Warren Covington

Tammie Warren Covington - August 28, 2024 at 12:56 AM

WG

“ *William and Naomi Goodman lit a candle in memory of Louella Crouch*



William and Naomi Goodman - August 27, 2024 at 09:11 PM

AN

“ *Michelle Miller and Family my thoughts and prayers are with you all*

April Navarro - August 27, 2024 at 07:04 PM

LT

“ *Michelle I am so sorry for the loss of you sweet grandmother! I know you will miss her! May God bless you and your family as only he can!*



Loretta Tucker - August 27, 2024 at 06:20 PM

JC

“ Jinx, Perry, and Candy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Louella Cromer Crouch.



Jinx, Perry, and Candy - August 27, 2024 at 04:22 PM

YN

“ Your family from NSG purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Louella Cromer Crouch.



Your family from NSG - August 27, 2024 at 01:43 PM

YN

“ Your family from NSG planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louella Cromer Crouch.

Your family from NSG - August 27, 2024 at 01:43 PM

RH

“ Sending our condolences and prayers for peace and comfort.

Ronda and Troy Hartley - August 27, 2024 at 01:22 PM

FM

“ Fujifilm MED purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Louella Cromer Crouch.



Fujifilm MED - August 27, 2024 at 01:21 PM



“ *As a young kid at family gatherings, I was always excited to have popcorn when we'd watch a show together. I asked the secret to their popcorn (which was the best I had ever had) - turns out it was bacon grease. I'm vegetarian now, but I still think quite fondly back on that popcorn!*

We will all miss you, Aunt Louella. Love and hugs, always.

Christine Gibson - August 27, 2024 at 12:43 PM

RS

Sorry for your loss. Ms Louella was one of my favorite 4-H parents and volunteers when I worked as an agent in Saluda County. She will surely be missed.

Raymond Sligh - August 28, 2024 at 09:15 AM