



Mrs. Ina M. Rowell

August 1, 1927 - December 13, 2019

Ina Marie Simmons Rowell, 92, of Henderson, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on December 13, 2019 at Autumn Leaves Nursing and Rehabilitation surrounded by loving family. Ina was born on August 1, 1927 at New Salem, near Henderson, to William Audrey and Mary Etta Morris Simmons. She trusted Jesus as her Savior when she was nine years old. Ina graduated from Henderson High School in May 1943 at the age of 15. She married Robert Wayne Rowell, the love of her life, on June 26, 1943.

Ina earned a BA degree in Elementary Education in 1970 with High Honors, a Masters degree in Early Childhood Education, and a Mid-Management certification, all from Stephen F. Austin State University. From 1980 to 1990 she enjoyed being an evening Adjunct Teacher of Early Childhood Education at the University of Texas at Tyler.

Most important to Ina was her salvation and her church. She was a long-time member of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. After the death of her husband, she moved to town and became a member of First Baptist Church. She taught children's Sunday school classes much of her adult life at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, and the Care Givers Ladies Class at First Baptist Church starting in 1998.

Her family and friends were very blessed by her love, her kindness, and her example as a Christian. Her pride and joy was teaching at Henderson Kindergarten and then becoming principal in 1976. She treated the teachers, staff, children, and parents like family; she loved them all and never forgot their names. She loved to crochet and cook. Many benefited from a gift of a delicious meal or a crocheted item she made just for them. Ina was a much-loved mother and Nannie to her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 41 years Robert Wayne Rowell, step-mother Lura Simmons, sister Juanita James, brothers Morris Simmons, Jack Simmons, John Simmons, Ralph Simmons, and Charlie Ray Simmons, and great-granddaughter Emily Grace. Survivors include daughters Linda Marie Rogers

(David Earl) and Anita Reynolds (Elmer), sisters Syble Bassett and Judy Gilstrap, brothers Roy Simmons, Norman Simmons, and Michael Simmons, sister-in-law Imogene Maurer, brother-in-law James Rowell, grandchildren Chrystal Kirkpatrick, Justin Rogers, Melissa Clayton, Heather Johnson, Carly Allred, and Jared Reynolds, 12 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, a special nephew Rodger Love, and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, December 19th at 2:00 pm at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson led by Dr. David Higgs and Rev. Jimmy Simmons. Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 pm Wednesday, December 18th at the funeral home. Burial will be at Ebenezer Cemetery with graveside committal service led by Jimmy Simmons. Pallbearers will be Justin Rogers, Jared Reynolds, John David Floyd, Rodger Love, Cameron Clayton, and Roy Lee Simmons, Jr.

The family wishes to express our deepest gratitude to the staff of Autumn Leaves Nursing and Rehabilitation and Leslie King and staff of Angel Care Hospice for their compassion and professionalism. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Angel Care Hospice at 702 Fairpark Drive, Suite 102, Henderson, TX 75654.

“It is not all of life to live, nor all of death to die. This life is but a probationary state given us to prepare for a long, long, eternity.” – Anna (Luter) Byrns, Ina’s great-great-great-grandmother.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at <http://www.crawfordacrim.com>.

Cemetery

Ebenezer Cemetery

FM 3310

Henderson, TX,

Events

DEC **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home

1414 S. Main St, Henderson, TX, US, 75654

DEC **Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - December 16, 2019 at 04:20 PM



“ She was a sweet lady. She will be missed.

Lori king - December 16, 2019 at 06:33 PM



“ Glory, Glory, she is now in Peace. I will never forget her and her loving soul.

Jessica Franke - December 19, 2019 at 12:02 PM



“ Belinda Humphrey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ina M. Rowell



Belinda Humphrey - December 30, 2019 at 06:22 PM



“ Beginning 70 years ago, Aunt Ina became a special part of my life. Due to family circumstances, I lived with Wayne and Ina, as well as my Grandparents, for a short period of time when I was 2-3 years old. I believe the seeds of our close family relationship were planted at that time. I grew to love Wayne, Ina, Linda, and later on Anita, as if they were my own family. Many times Ina would tell me “I wanted to keep you so bad! I know it was wrong, but I just couldn’t help it!”

I have often thought about Ina through the years and the memories we shared together. She was such a special person and as the years went by I noticed how she would relate to others. She had such wonderful qualities that would make anyone at ease with her. She was always caring, loving, and gentle with people’s feelings, giving of her time and talents, and especially devoted to her family. She had a strong faith and attended Ebenezer Baptist and First Baptist where she spent many years teaching Sunday school for children and adults. I wondered sometimes if this was a matter of God leading her to what she was meant to do with her life—to teach. It took a strong faith as well as strength and determination to begin her college work later in her life. She took pride in her grades and ultimately acquired advanced degrees, while also doing what she knew was needed for her and her family.

During our visits she would share her memories of her teaching experiences with me. I remarked how much times had changed since I grew up. In those days, corporal punishment was considered the everyday “norm” for those students who would stray outside the boundaries of “good behavior” during class. I admitted to her that I had “strayed” a few times during my earlier years and was rightfully the recipient of the appropriate “paddling.” (However, if the truth were to be told, I was actually more afraid of the additional punishment I would receive when I arrived at home after school!) I wondered how the teachers of today could possibly achieve their goals of teaching students when those measures were no longer available to them.

She told me that she paddled a student only one time during her career (even when she was asked to do so by a student’s parents) and that experience lead her to believe there had to be another way. So she decided that she would place a desk in her classroom that was intended for the occasional wayward student. She would tell the student that she felt that he or she was in need of some “private time.” The student would be placed at the desk near her and not allowed to interact with her or the other students until they reacquired good behavior skills. It worked—in fact she told me about one student who told her he liked to be near her! She was like that—she could always find the appropriate and non-threatening way to deal with a problem, while still accomplishing what was best for the other person.

Ina was one of those people you encounter in life who possesses qualities that all of us would like to achieve, but somehow we fall short. She touched so many lives during her time here with us and will leave a legacy that will last for many generations. I have only met a few people in my life who I respected so much that I didn’t want to do anything that would let them down. She was one of those people and I will be forever thankful that God blessed me with knowing her.

My love and prayers are with all of her family and I know she is at peace and is now in the presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Rodger Love



“ So many wonderful memories of Mrs. Rowell, working with her for so many years. She was such a precious lady and so devoted to family, friends, and students. She was dearly loved and admired. Prayers of comfort for the family.
A. Swift

Ann Swift - December 18, 2019 at 02:29 PM



“ My heart is with the family of Ina Rowell. From teaching (my son Chris) to being an outstanding principal and “mother” to many youngsters and supporter of many teachers, she will be missed. She was a giving and Christian lady that believed in others and I'd her best to support our entire Henderson community. Henderson has lost a special lady but she is with Christ. God Bless.

Dr. Ray Deason - December 18, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ 15 files added to the album LifeTributes



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - December 18, 2019 at 09:19 AM



“ Marily Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ina M. Rowell



Marily Johnson - December 18, 2019 at 08:53 AM



“ 7 files added to the album LifeTributes



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - December 17, 2019 at 01:18 PM



“ Amy Miley-Payne lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ina M. Rowell



Amy Miley-Payne - December 17, 2019 at 11:37 AM



“ Donna Dorsey Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ina M. Rowell



Donna Dorsey Aaron - December 17, 2019 at 04:06 AM



“ David And Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ina M. Rowell



David and Jan Crow - December 16, 2019 at 11:01 PM



“ She was my Kindergarten teacher. She was one of the kindest teachers I every had and one of my most favorite. I still have the gift she gave us that year. What a special lady. -Amy Hacker

Amy Hacker - December 16, 2019 at 10:25 PM



“ What a legacy of love and learning she left. She was a wonderful teacher, administrator, and leader who touched many lives.

Cathy Hooper - December 16, 2019 at 10:18 PM



“ 2 files added to the album LifeTributes



Debbie Castle - December 16, 2019 at 08:17 PM



“ Steve And Renee Propes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ina M. Rowell



Steve and Renee Propes - December 16, 2019 at 08:06 PM



“ What a sweet legacy Mrs. Rowell leaves for her friends and family! She was precious and will be missed. We are all better people for having known her. Our prayers and love to the family.

Randy and Misty Culp

Misty Culp - December 16, 2019 at 05:18 PM



“ Troy And Martha Morren lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ina M. Rowell



Troy and Martha Morren - December 16, 2019 at 04:50 PM



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“ Randy And Tracey Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ina M. Rowell



Randy and Tracey Johnson - December 16, 2019 at 03:50 PM



“ Judy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ina M. Rowell



Judy Johnson - December 16, 2019 at 02:48 PM



“ We are praying for your family during this difficult time.
The Runge Family



Kelsey Runge - December 16, 2019 at 01:34 PM



“ WT And Kay Castleberry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ina M. Rowell



WT and Kay Castleberry - December 16, 2019 at 01:19 PM



“ May the peace that comes from the memories of love shared throughout the years, comfort you all now and in the days ahead. Love, J. Paul and Glenda K. Nelson



Glenda Nelson - December 16, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ Miss Ina was a sweet mother hen to so many kindergarteners in Henderson, mine included She will truly be missed!

Cyndi Walker - December 16, 2019 at 10:23 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Ina Rowell,
Linda I would think of her every time I went down the Bethel road , she was a wonderful friend and my neighbor

margie Sprayberry Woolverton - December 15, 2019 at 08:28 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss.

Heidi Bradshaw - December 15, 2019 at 07:04 PM



“ Milton And Sharla McGee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ina M. Rowell



Milton and Sharla McGee - December 15, 2019 at 07:02 PM



“ I loved Mrs. Rowell, she was a beautiful person, inside and out. Her love for people, especially the small children was recognized everywhere. She has loved and influenced everyone in town. So many decades of showing love to our children and to each of those that knew her. Family was a priority with her always. You will be missed by so many. RIP Mrs. Rowell.

David & Kathy Chapman - December 15, 2019 at 05:59 PM



“ David & Kathy Chapman



David & Kathy Chapman - December 15, 2019 at 05:55 PM



“ Kathy Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ina M. Rowell



Kathy Moore - December 15, 2019 at 04:41 PM



“ Ina was an incredible lady with a big heart and unending love for children. She planted many seeds in precious little people through the years of goodness , kindness, and an example of Christianity. She will always live in our hearts!

Nancy and Mark Gibson - December 15, 2019 at 04:38 PM



“ Suzanne Cross lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ina M. Rowell



Suzanne Cross - December 15, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ Claude Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ina M. Rowell



Claude Robinson - December 15, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ Jesse And Genna Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ina M. Rowell



Jesse and Genna Stewart - December 15, 2019 at 02:29 PM



“ Carl and Diana Smith



Carl and Diana Smith - December 15, 2019 at 01:56 PM



“ Loved this lady. She touched the lives of so many children and parents. Thank you for loving our children.

Jody Rivers - December 15, 2019 at 06:49 AM



“ Donna Dorsey Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ina M. Rowell



Donna Dorsey Aaron - December 14, 2019 at 11:34 PM



“ There are those people in your life who leave an indelible impression on you, and my Aunt Ina was most certainly one of those people. My memories of her from a very young age are ones of her gentle, kind, soft-spoken and loving nature. The times that our family visited Wayne, Ina, Linda and Anita are some of my most treasured memories! When Anita and I would be giggling together in her room, long after we were supposed to be asleep, Aunt Ina would always just gently open the door and say, "You girls really need to go to sleep now." I don't know that I ever heard her raise her voice to anyone, and that left quite an impression with me. She was a hard worker, a great cook, and a loving wife and mother to her family. I was so proud of her when she went to college later in life and persevered to obtain her degree, and then went on to be a successful teacher and principal. I am sure she touched many, many lives throughout her career! She will always remain an example to me of how to be patient and kind, no matter what life may bring our way. My love and prayers to all of her sweet family. She will be cherished and remembered until we can all be with her again. Love, Debbie Castle

Debbie Castle - December 14, 2019 at 10:54 PM



“ She was my Sunday School teacher as a young boy. What a great Christain lady.

Aaron Barnes - December 14, 2019 at 03:04 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Ina passing. May your memories give you peace during this difficult time.

Beth Hale Pope

Beth Hale Pope - December 14, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ina M. Rowell



Bob & Sue Henderson - December 14, 2019 at 12:29 PM



“ Barbara And Joel Hale lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ina M. Rowell



Barbara and Joel Hale - December 14, 2019 at 09:25 AM



“ Ina will be missed. She was always such an encourager to me. I am so thankful to have had her as my mentor. She taught me so much .
It's a sad day for me but I know she's rejoicing.

Deana Griffith - December 14, 2019 at 09:04 AM



“ Kathy Porter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ina M. Rowell



Kathy Porter - December 14, 2019 at 08:19 AM



“ Thinking about Mrs. Rowell brings a smile to my heart. She was a treasure indeed.

Betty Mullens - December 14, 2019 at 08:14 AM



“ Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ina M. Rowell



pud patterson - December 14, 2019 at 08:09 AM



“ Jan Spann lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ina M. Rowell



Jan Spann - December 14, 2019 at 08:01 AM



“ "How many people in a lifetime are there for whom we deeply care? We don't choose them; they simply arrive in our lives, and perhaps depart. Yet they bring with them, however briefly, all we know of happiness". (author unknown)

My beloved sister-in-law Ina was indeed love personified She is loved and will forever be in our hearts and minds. Our deepest sympathy to Linda and Anita and all of Ina's extended family. We will miss her but never forget her and will see her again when we see Jesus.
Imogene Rowell Rives Maurer & Wally

Imogene R. Maurer - December 16, 2019 at 08:56 PM



“ Ms. Rowell was my daughter's principle in kindergarten I will never forget how sweet and kind she was to her. She was a precious lady

Belva - December 17, 2019 at 11:28 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to Linda, Anita, and all of her extended family.

Mary McMurray - December 17, 2019 at 07:47 PM