



## Delores Kennedy Rowley

March 6, 1932 - June 26, 2025

Delores Kennedy Rowley, 93, Born March 6, 1932 passed away peacefully at her home in Riverdale. She was born at the Florida East Coast Railway Hospital in St. Augustine, Florida. She married Charles R. Rowley.

Delores was of Methodist faith, and very devoted to the Riverdale Community Church. She started her teaching career at Englewood High School in Jacksonville, then came to St. Johns County School Board. Here, she had a long and successful career for over 40 years, finishing as principal of Crookshank School and then retired in 1994.

Mrs. Rowley got her teaching diploma from Florida State University, and her Masters degree from the University of Florida. Delores was an avid Florida State fan. She played the french horn in the Marching Chiefs Band, and the Flying High Circus Band in Tallahassee for FSU.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alma Hendrix and Effie Mable Kennedy; Her sisters, Edna Frauline Helzel, Florence Kennedy Roberts, Grace Marie Lewis, Mildred Lee Kennedy, and brother Chester Allenby Kennedy and son Timothy Carl Rowley.

She is survived by her daughter Mary Grace Rowley of Riverdale, Grandson Ereckson Charles Brown, and wife Lisa, Great Granddaughter Kaylee Jordan Brown, of St. Augustine, and countless nieces, nephews and cousins, who she loved very much.

Flowers are gratefully accepted, or donations to the "Residing Hope Children's Home" at 51 Children's Way, Enterprise Florida, 32725; or Riverdale

Community Church, at 1028 County Road 13 South, St. Augustine Florida  
32092.

Services Will be held at the Riverdale Community Church at 2pm on July  
13th, 2025.

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 13. 2:00 PM.

Riverdale Community Church

# Tribute Wall

BP

“ I remember Mrs Rowley from Crookshank Elementary School. I drove a school bus and two of my children attended school there also. I miss driving the bus and all the people I knew at the schools also. My condolences to all her family and friends too. God bless you all.

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**Barbara Cheshire Piet** - July 12, 2025 at 01:57 PM

JW

“ Mary Grace,  
You and your family have my deepest and sincere condolences on the loss of your mom, Mrs. Rowley.  
Mrs. Rowley was such a special person to all of us from Orange Street Fifth Grade Center and Hartley Elementary School and I know how much she meant to you.  
Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort in those cherished moments you shared together. God bless 🙏  
In Sympathy, Janice Whitty

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**Janice Whitty** - July 11, 2025 at 01:22 AM

CW

“ My memory of Mrs. Rowley comes from 5th grade (Orange Street) back in the day when she was principle. I have to say she knew me by name and I got to know her paddle quite a few times. She was an honest person and I have much respect for her. RIP

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**Clu Wright** - July 09, 2025 at 11:47 PM

BJ

“ Dory was one of a kind, truly an inspiration to all who were fortunate enough to know and love her. I will never forget her wisdom nor her irrepressible sense of humor. I love her dearly as a second mother, and she loved me right back. I miss her so much. ❤️

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**Barbara Jennings** - July 01, 2025 at 08:52 PM

DW

“ Ereck, Lisa and Kaylee,  
We are so sorry to hear the news of GeeGee. We know how much you all loved her.  
Ereck, you have smiled every time you have spoken her name since I have known you. I know she is so proud of the man you turned out to be. You will all be in our prayers.  
Love, Uncle Keith and Aunt Donna

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**Donna Wilson** - July 01, 2025 at 08:42 PM

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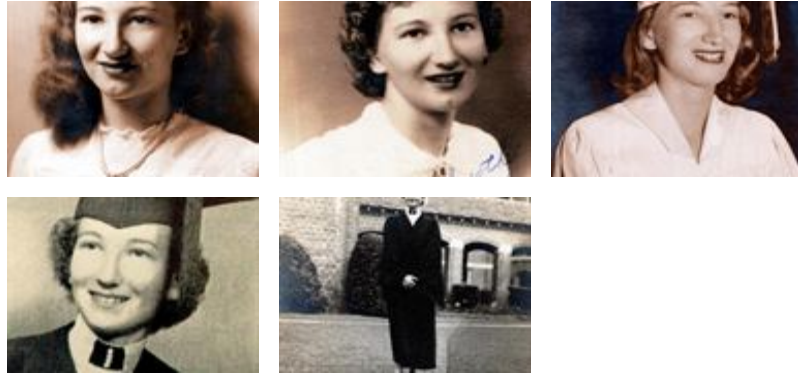
“ My 8th grade teacher who I thought so much of. We had a lot of fun spirited debates regarding the Gators and Seminoles. RIP

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**Larry Martin** - June 30, 2025 at 09:06 PM



“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - June 30, 2025 at 03:48 PM

MS

*Dory was such a remarkable woman in every sense of the word, and an absolute blessing to all whose life she touched. She had a heart full of kindness, unselfishness, and a spirit that lit every room she entered. How at her age she remembered all of the jokes she told is beyond anyone's understanding! We will always admire the example she set of the very strong woman she always was.*

*Dory was such a wonderful friend and her advice and encouragement helped us through some very difficult times.*

*We will always see you in our beautiful sunsets, hear your wonderful laughter, and feel your warmth in a gentle breeze. You will forever be in our hearts and we will soon join you in heaven to admire all of the golden crowns that have been presented to you by our Father.*

*Words cannot express how deeply we feel our loss. Dory was much more than a friend. She was in every way our second mom that we will forever hold in our hearts.*

Marcy & Sadie - July 02, 2025 at 10:32 AM