



Mrs. Mary Ella Crow Ledbetter

August 28, 1936 - April 27, 2026

Our beloved Mother and Grandmother Mary Ella Crow Ledbetter passed away peacefully at her home with family by her bedside at the age of 89 on April 27, 2026

She was the daughter of Nolan and Corine Crow and grew up on a farm in Geraldine AL

with her 5 siblings. She attended Geraldine High School and made many lifelong

friendships that were nurtured over the years through phone calls, cards, and the

occasional casserole. While in high school she met the love of her life, her husband of

65 years Vester. Together they had 5 children that they were incredibly proud of. She

loved sharing in their hopes and dreams throughout the years. Especially as they

became adults and had lives and families of their own. Mary was very fortunate to have

been loved by her children's spouses. There were many times they stepped in to share

in the care of Mary and Vester without hesitation.

Mary and Vester had a wonderful life together full of love, laughter, ice cream sundaes

and enjoying a good book. Mary was an avid reader and passed that on to her family.

Mary frequently visited both the Geraldine and Crossville libraries and would take her

grandchildren to the summer reading programs. She loved teaching children and would

volunteer weekly at the elementary school to help students with their reading.

She was

also a volunteer for the Headstart program in earlier years.

Mary was well known throughout the community. She worked at Geraldine Drugs for

over a decade and never met a stranger. She was always kind and was willing to help

anyone who came in. After her retirement she could often be found

volunteering in the

gift shop at MMCS as a member of the Pink Ladies.

Mary was a devout member of The Church of Christ and showed the love of God to

everyone she encountered. She was a wonderful example of a Christian Wife, Mother

and Grandmother, and we are so thankful for her and the influence she had in our own

Christian walks.

Mary's grandkids had a very special place in her heart. She never hesitated to go on a

hike, play in the creek, watch for birds, play dress up, read a story, pick flowers, sing

silly songs, grab a puzzle out of the closet, have a snack of round crackers, apples or

vanilla ice cream.

She loved with her whole heart, and you could feel it. She welcomed everyone

into her

home and if you were lucky there would be a fresh batch of tea cakes on the counter.

She was a wonderful neighbor with some of them feeling like family. Mary had a very full

and rewarding life that is hard to condense into paragraphs. Mary once wrote that

“Treasures of time can’t be put into your pocket, they have to be stored in your heart”

She was the heart of our family and she is already missed.

Visitation will be held on Saturday May 2nd from 2PM-4PM at Geraldine Funeral Home.

She is survived by her children: Wayne (Barbara) Ledbetter, Penny (Mike) Bagwell, Mike

(Rita) Ledbetter, Dee Ledbetter, Chris (Belinda) Ledbetter

Grandchildren: Sabrina (Reggie) Burns, Shane Ledbetter, Stephen (Chelsea) Bagwell,

Cara (Eric) Arnold, Morgan (Jeremy) Portwood, Grant Ledbetter, Amanda Smith and

Jennifer Galimes

Great Grandchildren: Bailey (Morgan) Gable, Reece Burns and upcoming baby

Portwood in the fall.

Great Great Grandchildren: Ella Lynn Gable

Sister: Barbara Davis and a host of nieces and nephews

She had three special care givers during her last years. Her loving sister-in-law

Francess Chandler, also Debbie Wade and Jo Smothers.

She was preceded in death by her husband Vester Ledbetter

Parents: Nolan and Corine Crow

Siblings: David Crow, Charles Crow, James Crow and Elaine Gilbert

In lieu of flowers please make donations to The Geraldine Library or The Hody Fund at Geraldine Drugs.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (cst)

Geraldine Funeral Home
11968 AL Hwy 227
Geraldine, AL 35974
(256) 659-4050
<https://www.geraldinefuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

DB

“ I am so sorry to see this Penny. Prayers for comfort for you and your family. Love💜

Dorleen Bickley - April 30 at 10:12 PM

DM

“ Our deepest sympathy for your loss and may our prayers bring you comfort during these trying day's God bless.

Don Michel - April 28 at 08:25 PM

BM

“ I have very fond memories of sweet Mary and her family. I do remember visiting her home when I was in high school. My deepest condolences to her children and all of the family. She is remembered with love and kindness because she gave a ton of this throughout her life. 🤔🙏

Brenda McGlaughn - April 28 at 03:11 PM

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Condolences from the Cole Family

Joan C. Rouse Cole - April 28 at 10:42 PM