



## Doris Ann Ruby

February 6, 1922 - September 4, 2019

Doris Ann (Davies) Ruby passed away at CHP Hospice in Defiance, OH on September 4, 2019 at the age of 97. She was born in Portsmouth, OH on February 6, 1922, the only child of Donald and Edna (Griver) Davies. She graduated with Distinction from Portsmouth High School in 1940 and then attended Ohio University in Athens receiving her degree in Elementary Education in 1944. She taught first grade in Scioto County, OH from 1942-1952. After her marriage to George Robert (Bob) Ruby on November 10, 1951 she taught in various locations while her husband was in the USAF including Limestone, Maine and Bermuda. Upon her husband's retirement from the military, they settled near Napoleon, OH. Doris taught one year at Holgate Schools from 1967-1968 and then taught first grade at Florida Elementary in the Napoleon Area School District from 1968 until her retirement in 1981. She was named an Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America in 1973.

Doris was a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society for teachers for over 70 years and Historian for the Beta Zeta Chapter of DKG for many years. She was a Life member of the Ohio Retired Teachers Association and a Life member and past president of the Henry County Retired Teachers Association. Doris also served as past president of the Florida Arbor of the Gleaners. She volunteered her time with the American Cancer Society resource center, Red Cross bloodmobiles, was a past 4-H advisor and Cub Scout den mother. She was a member of the Florida United Methodist Church.

In addition to her love for teaching and volunteering, she enjoyed flower gardening and spent many years helping with the flower shows at the Henry County fair as a member of the former Florida Spade and Trowel Garden Club.

Doris is survived by her sons Mark (Diane) Ruby of Cary, NC; Phillip (Lucinda) Ruby of Napoleon; Rex (Sue) Ruby of Defiance and son-in-law Dave James of Ashland, OH. She is also survived by grandchildren Allison (Aaron) Snitzer; Daniel (Christine) Ruby, Michael (Kirsten) Ruby, Paul (Brittany) James, Joseph James, Mary (Jay) Hinkel, Mathias Ruby and Katlyn Ruby and step-grandson Ron (Cassie) Boyd II. She had six great-grandchildren with two great-granddaughters on the way, two step great-grandchildren and one step great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband George (Bob) Ruby in 2013; daughter Carol James in 2019 and step great-great-grandchild Ella Marie Jo Dickerson in 2015.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon on Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 2 PM until 6 PM. Visitation will continue at the funeral home on Monday, September 9, 2019 from 10 AM until the time of services at 11 AM. Interment to follow at Riverview Memory Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to CHP Hospice or the American Cancer Society. Online messages and condolences may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Riverview Memory Gardens

29321 County Rd 424  
Defiance, OH 43512

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

SEP 8. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545  
(419) 592-2333  
[help@rodenbergergray.com](mailto:help@rodenbergergray.com)

## Public Viewing

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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SEP 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Many fun memories of Doris in Garden Club. She and George attended our Belling in 1982, probably the last belling in Florida. Enjoyed when she stopped into the Market to buy her lottery tickets*

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**Carolyn and Fran Mullen** - September 10, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss. Doris was a good friend. Unfortunately I will not be able to make it to the viewing or funeral. Please accept my sympathy.*  
*Kay Gessner*

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**kay gessner** - September 08, 2019 at 10:31 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doris Ann Ruby.*



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September 06, 2019 at 05:27 PM



“ *1 file added to the album tribute video*



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**Rodenberger Funeral Home** - September 06, 2019 at 03:52 PM



“ *Phil and Lucinda, you have my Sympathy on Mrs. Ruby's death. I think Ruth knew her. Ruth has been gone over four years, I live in an assisted living unit NW of Maumee. Cindy lives and works in Maumee, Anderson's new office complex is just a few miles from me. She takes me to my appointments. Doug drives semi for UPS so he stops to see me too. Debbie lives in Raleigh NC.*

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**Hal Griffin** - September 06, 2019 at 02:38 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doris Ann Ruby.*



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September 06, 2019 at 02:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Doris Ann Ruby.*



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September 05, 2019 at 07:41 PM

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“ *Grandma you were the most wonderful, loving, caring lady I had ever met. You always treated us with love. We were blessed to have known you and to have been part of your family. You will never be forgotten, you will be forever loved and missed. We love you so much!!!  
Ron, Cassie, Logan, Aurora, Brendan and Megan*



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**Clarissa Boyd** - September 05, 2019 at 03:14 PM

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*I am the secretary of the Henry County Retired Teachers Foundation. Doris was very active in the Henry County Retired Teachers Association. She served as HCRTA President for three years (1993-1995). On October 2, 1994 she was one of the guiding lights and visionaries that held the first meeting to start the work to establish the Henry County Retired Teachers Foundation. The foundation was incorporated in 1997 to provide financial assistance to people studying to enter the field of teaching. The five founding trustees were Doris Ruby, Lucille Sherman, Margaret Mueller, Eleanor Engler and Golda Boyer. Doris served as the founding president of our HCRT Foundation for three years (1997-99). Since its creation, the foundation has grown and provided financial assistance to fifty-two (52) people. Although Doris was unable to attend meetings, she remained as an Ex Officio member of the foundation board for its entire history after her elected term ended.*

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**Stephen Seagrave** - September 17, 2019 at 07:49 PM