



Maxine Ora Dowding

September 30, 1922 - January 6, 2024

Maxine Dowding died in hospice care at the mature age of 101, January 6, 2024.

Maxine was born Ora Maxine Langford, September 30, 1922, in Clarendon, Texas 79226, forty one years before Interstate Highway 40 was built across Texas.

Maxine survived her husband Chuck Dowding by a year. She was Chuck's caregiver in their home until he passed. Both Chuck and Maxine were avid golfers.

Maxine had three children, six grand children and four great grandchildren.

Maxine was the youngest of eight children. The Langford family, aunts, uncles, and cousins loaded up on two Dodge flatbed trucks to escape Texas poverty and headed west. Finally they arrived at the great Colorado River in Yuma, Arizona. The Texas migrants were blocked by the California guard from crossing into California because money was the issue.

Maxine relates the stories of following her older brothers and sisters through the furrows of Yuma cotton fields when she was five years old. She had to drag a cotton picker's tote sack behind her. Each child was required to have a daily mandatory weight of cotton in their sack. She recalled that a brother or

two would get a Texas style whooping when their harvest was short. She said she worked hard to make her quota. That character trait of endurance carried through her entire life. She was a no nonsense Texas gal.

Maxine was known as Micky by family and friends. Her love of golf kept her young. In her final days her son and daughter heard Micky's words of faith. She loved Jesus as her personal Savior.