

OBITUARY

Alice Wolverton Holley Clinton, MS

Alice Wolverton Holley went to be with her Lord on Friday, January 18, 2019, at the age of 94 following a lengthy illness. She was born in Sebastopol, Mississippi, where she graduated from high school as salutatorian of her class. She had been a resident of Clinton, Mississippi, since 1954. Mrs. Holley served as the Clinton Police Department's first school crossing guard and was honored for her years of service. She was past president of Clinton Pilot Club and a member of BPW.

She worked a number of years as a real estate agent with Crisler Brothers and Century 21 in Clinton. Mrs. Holley was a member of Morrison Heights Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, L.C. and Polly Wolverton; her loving husband, W. L. Holley; her son, Paul Holley; one daughter, Donnah DeCambra and her sister, Beatrice Alford.

She is survived by her daughters, Betty White of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and Rose Mary Bagby of Vicksburg, Mississippi; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside Services were held at Lakewood Memorial Park Cemetery on Clinton Blvd. in Jackson, Mississippi, on Monday, January 21, 2019, at 2 p.m. under the direction of Ott & Lee Funeral Home in Brandon, Mississippi. The services were delivered by Pastor Dr. Gloria Matory and Ms. Tiffany Brister, her special friend.

The family wishes to thank Dr. David Wheat and staff, Kindred Home Care and staff, her devoted caregiver Mrs. Vivian Cheatham, as well as her special friends at the 4C's Senior Program.

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CPSD faculty create mobile app to help in speech therapy

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Speech pathologist Melanie Clyatt works with children who struggle to use multisyllabic words.

"I work with preschool children, and this occurs a lot," she said. "They drop syllables in words, and it makes their speech less intelligible."

To address the issue, she teamed up with Jesse Emling, instructional technologist in the Clinton Public School District's technology department, to create an easy-to-use app for children of all ages. Spark Speech is free and available in the App Store for iPad users.

Multisyllabic words can be extremely difficult for those with speech problems such as apraxia, phonological disorders or severe articulation disorders. The flashcard-style app allows for targeted practice of two-, three-, and four-syllable words utilizing real-

istic pictures.

Students begin with individual words, then move to phrases and sentences.

"It helps with sequencing words and sounds together," she said.

Emling used Apple coding language Swift on the app developer platform Xcode. He drew on his experience teaching computer science.

"We had the tools available to do it," he said.

The Clinton Public School District is a 1:1 district, meaning all students and teachers have school-issued Apple devices. Students in grades kindergarten through eight use iPads, and high school students use MacBook laptops.

Clyatt said her students like the photos in the app, and use their device touch screen to tap buttons below each photo. A picture of a puppy, for

example, has two buttons below it that the student can tap while sounding out the word.

"Touch is very powerful," she said. "Students like that kinesthetic feedback."



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Speech pathologist Melanie Clyatt demonstrates the Spark Speech app's functionality and ease of use.

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