



Mildred "Millie" Hawthorne

July 4, 1932 - January 23, 2026

Mildred "Millie" Conley Hawthorne, 93, of Eustis, Florida, passed peacefully on January 23, 2026. Born on July 4, 1932, in Umatilla, Florida, she was the beloved daughter of William "Bill" and Maude Monk. Raised in the heart of Umatilla, Millie cherished her time between Florida and Alabama during her youth, loving it in both but ultimately ending up in Umatilla.

In her later years, Millie found a deep love with J.W. Conley, who became her partner in life and adventure. Together, they embraced their shared love for country music, especially Conway Twitty, and dancing, creating a tapestry of joyful memories that would last a lifetime. Though the couple did not have children of their own, Millie opened her heart to J.W.'s children, adopting them in spirit as her own.

Professionally, she dedicated years to serving as a bookkeeper at the First Baptist Church of Altoona, yet her most cherished role was that of a devoted wife and caretaker. Millie embodied the spirit of hospitality—her kitchen was a sanctuary filled with the delightful aromas of her famous pork chops, fried okra, and fried cornbread. Her generosity knew no bounds.

An avid lover of cats, Millie created a warm and welcoming home for many of God's creatures, often sharing her space with up to 20 feline companions. Her deep faith was a guiding light throughout her life. A devoted Christian, she

was actively involved in the First Baptist Church of Altoona for many years, where she warmly welcomed church children into her home, helping create cherished memories that extended beyond Sunday services.

Millie was predeceased by her beloved husband J.W. Conley, her parents, and her sisters Helen Kemp, Mae Whitlock, and Elizabeth "Jennie" Davis. She is survived by her sister Judy Weider, and a multitude of nieces and nephews who will forever hold her memory close to their hearts.

Millie's kindness, resilience, and unwavering faith touched the lives of many, leaving an indelible legacy. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. May she rest in peace, cradled in the arms of her Savior.

Services will be held on March 2, 2026 at 10am at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel in Umatilla, Florida. In Lieu of flowers, please donate to your local humane society or any cat rescue.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home Umatilla.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory - Umatilla
279 South Central Avenue
Umatilla, FL 32784
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Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mildred "Millie" Hawthorne*



Beyers Funeral Home - February 19 at 10:29 AM