



Mildred Ellen Haygood

December 1, 1931 - August 4, 2019

Mildred Ellen Wilson Haygood. "Millie," daughter, sister, aunt, wife, mother and grandmother, school teacher, Sunday school teacher . . . Millie taught in the public and the private school system, in many capacities in church, but most importantly in life. Through her life she taught about kindness, consideration, being generous, and having mercy. Once, in West Palm Beach for a family friends' wedding, Millie refused to take any action against a young man without auto insurance after he hit her vehicle. Her companions in the accident were more interested in compensation, while Millie was more interested in compassion. Through the years, she has hosted her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren when in need of a couch, bed, hot meal or more importantly, love. She was also a very generous person, always thinking of others first, never taking more than she needed. A humorous example of this was evident when offered a small dog by The Duke and Duchess of Windsor at the age of 10. The newlyweds were traveling in Wisconsin when they met Millie who was spending the day with her father, a train conductor. After she was offered their dog, she politely declined, sharing that she already had a dog at home.

Millie was born and raised in Wisconsin, leaving her childhood home at the age of 21 to travel to Los Angeles for her father's funeral. She remained in LA alongside her mother while both were teaching school at Page Military Academy. Within a few months, her future husband, Charles, arrived to teach

military science. Shortly after their marriage, they left for Florida, where Charles had been born and raised. Charles left Florida as a young man to join the Army, serving in World War II and the Korean War. He was awarded a Purple Heart for his service. Over the next several years they were between LA, Florida and Wisconsin where their four children were born, eventually settling in Florida where Millie would spend the rest of her life.

Millie is preceded in death by her parents, a brother and sister, Charles, her sons Richard and David, and daughter Deborah. She is survived by her sister, Dorothy "Dodie" and her daughter, Kristie.

Along with several grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.