

*Whiddon, Mildred Langan 1925 - 2006*

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Mildred Lucille (Langan) Whiddon, 81, passed away July 14, 2006, in Lakeland, Fla.

Mildred was born on Jan. 8, 1925 in Irvine, Ky., to Owen Heath and Alma L. Langan. She has an identical twin sister named Mary Lillian (Langan) Delamater and a brother Owen Heath Langan II (deceased). After the death of their mother, Mildred and Mary were raised in Irvine, Ky., by family members T. H. and Mamie Broaddus, along with their children Earl Broaddus (deceased) and Dorothy (Broaddus) Crowe.

Mildred graduated from Irvine High School as their salutatorian in 1943. She graduated in 1947 from Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Ky. She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education and was one of 14 students from E.K.U. listed in the 1946-1947 *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities*. She was a member of Kappa Delta Pi sorority. Mildred and Mary were members of the First Christian Church of Irvine, Ky., for many years and were co-directors of music when Harold Dietch was the pastor.

Following her graduation from E.K.U. in 1947, Mildred taught 2nd grade in the Graded Schools of Irvine, Ky. In 1949, she moved to Richmond, Ind., to teach in their public schools. Her cousin, Langan Hay, the athletic director for New Castle High School, encouraged her to come to Indiana. While in Richmond, Mildred was very active in the First Christian Church as one of the twin sister musicians on the evangelistic traveling team.

Mildred attended Indiana University during the summer months working on her master's degree in elementary education. In 1953 she moved to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and continued her teaching career in their public schools.

Mildred married Wilson Ray Whiddon (deceased) in 1957. Wilson was part owner of the Causeway Lumber Co. in Fort Lauderdale. Their son, Steven Wilson Whiddon, was born July 9, 1958. In 1967 the family moved to North Carolina where they owned and operated the sunset Farms Resort. Mildred was choir director of the Whittier Methodist Church and a member of the Homemaker's Club. Her final teaching experience was on the Cherokee Indian Reservation. Mildred also lived in Franklin where she directed a ladies singing group called *The Carolines*.

After the death of her husband in 1992, Mildred moved to Lakeland, Fla., to live with her son, Steve, and lived the last years of her life in the Tandem on Lake Parker Healthcare Center in Lakeland where she was cared for with compassion and love.

Mildred is survived by two sisters, Mary Delamater and Dorothy Crowe; three sons Steve, Douglas and Marshal Whiddon; a granddaughter, Cally Whiddon and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, July 29 at The First Christian Church in Irvine, Ky.

Arrangements have been made by Heath Funeral Chapel, Lakeland, Fla.