



Mildred Copeland

December 18, 1931 - February 3, 2024

Mildred Spencer Copeland, 92, of Alachua, Florida passed away on February 3, 2024. She was born on December 18, 1931 in Alachua, Florida to the late Arthur and Pearl Thomas Spencer. She was a lifelong Alachua County resident and a retired schoolteacher. She graduated from University of Florida, Class of 1957.

Mildred is survived by Dr. Johnnie Copeland (Carol) of Cross Anchor and daughter Kathy Powell (Andy) of Alachua, Florida, Grandchild, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death Franklin Copeland, husband and Bill Copeland, son.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:30 PM Saturday, March 23, 2024 at Mildred's residence: 19201 NW 235-A, Alachua, FL 32615.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Janet Breedon lit a candle in memory of Mildred Copeland



Janet Kirby Breedon - March 24, 2024 at 03:10 PM

JB

“ Family of Ms Copeland. . May God bless you during this sad time. Ms. Copeland was a very special person. She was a classmate and friend of my Mom and Dad...and I was her student in her 1st kindergarten class. Many precious memories. I was in blessed to know her for many years. She was loved and will be missed. Thoughts and prayers for everyone.

Janet Breedon - March 23, 2024 at 05:38 PM

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“ I did my kindergarten student teaching with Mrs. Copeland in the mid 70's. After I graduated, I was also her paraprofessional for a year. Mrs. Copeland sat me down on the first day and said, "Susan, ignore everything the University of Florida taught you. I'm going to tell you the truth about teaching!". She did and thanks to her, I knew exactly what to say and do on my first day as a teacher! I saw her again a couple of years ago in the Dollar Store in Alachua. We talked for quite awhile. I will forever be grateful to Mildred Copeland for setting me on the right path as an educator. Many prayers to the Copeland family. I loved your Mama dearly!❤️❤️ Susan DuPree Trostad (Cottingham)

Susan DuPree Trostad - March 19, 2024 at 05:47 PM

MR

“ I met Mildred through my mom, Barbara Reid. I heard her speak about their friendship for many years. In the early 2000's, we took a trip to Cabo San Lucas together. While dealing with a passport issue for my young son, Mom and Mildred continued to Cabo with all the luggage while we had to stay in Phoenix to get issues resolved!! They had never been before! When we arrived the next day, all was good-except for the local airport mixups, and we had a grand time! I know Mom thought the world of Mildred and we even tried to contact her when in the area last fall. I know she will be missed.

Melody Reid - March 14, 2024 at 04:23 PM

BR

“ Mildred and I met in the first grade and were friends and classmates until graduation from high school 12 years later. We both went off to different schools to study for our chosen careers. We married and had our children but kept in touch. I visited when I could, usually at class reunions.

There was always a place for me in her home when I could manage a trip.

We were able to take two vacations together!

Mildred was always very generous and loving to her family and friends.

I will miss her always.

Barbara T Reid

Barbara T Reid - March 14, 2024 at 04:13 PM

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“ *Dee Watson lit a candle in memory of Mildred Copeland*



Dee Williams Watson - February 29, 2024 at 01:38 PM