



## Mildred Thornton Middleton

July 20, 1924 - April 16, 2025

Mildred "Milly" Thornton Middleton, 100, of Asheville passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

A native of Winston-Salem, NC, Milly was the daughter of the late Winfred Lewis Thornton and Mildred Cain Thornton.

Always interested in education, after graduating from Garden City High School in Garden City, NY, Milly attended various colleges and universities, receiving degrees from Meredith College in Raleigh, NC in 1945 and from the Lay Institute at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA in 1998.

Her professional career included teaching in and directing the Weekday Christian Education program in Fullerton, CA, extensive work in public library service in California and Wisconsin, and in the Research Library at Kimberly-Clark Corp. in Roswell, GA.

She was an ordained Elder in the Presbyterian Church USA and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville.

Due to her husband's employment by Kimberly-Clark Corp. for 43 years with numerous transfers plus their passion for travel, she and David had the opportunity to live in and visit Canada, Australia, Japan, Korea, England, Wales, Belgium, Switzerland and Germany before settling down at Givens Estates United Methodist Retirement Community in Asheville, NC in 1999.

Milly is survived by her two sons, David L. Middleton and his wife, Ginny of Kalamazoo, MI and Gordon L. Middleton and his wife, Sally of Loveland, CO; two granddaughters, Amy and Amanda Middleton; a great grandson, Rayne;

her brother, Winfred L. Thornton of St. Augustine, FL, and "Special Daughter"  
Mary Jane Wiseman of Madison, WI.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Millie was a great friend here at Givens Estates*

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