

Mildred L. Taylor

Mildred Louise Taylor, 66, of Grinnell and formerly of Robeson County, N.C., died Monday, May 3, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

Funeral services for Mildred Taylor will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 8, at Welcome Holiness Church in rural Robeson County, N.C. Friends may call at the Boles Funeral Home in Red Springs, N.C., beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 7.

She was the daughter of Walter and Beulah Mae Clark Thompson, born on Dec. 12, 1937, in rural Robeson County, where she was raised and educated.

She married James S. Taylor on Sept. 3, 1955, in Dillon, S.C. The couple had a son and three daughters.

Mildred enjoyed sewing, cooking, singing and listening to gospel music. She was an active member of the Welcome Holiness Church. She loved to make people laugh and was thought of as the life of the party. Young people enjoyed her presence and comfort; it touched her heart to be called "grandma" by many.

She is survived by her son, James Jr., of Robeson County, N.C.; her daughters, Pam Taylor of Grinnell, Mary Hammonds of Robeson County, N.C., and Olin Renae Taylor of Robeson County, N.C.; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two brothers, George Thompson of Robeson County, N.C., and John C. Thompson of Baltimore, Md.; and four sisters, Jerline Adams of Elkton Merlin, Md., Allene Thompson of Robeson County, N.C., Glenda Thompson of Robeson County, N.C. and Arlene Thompson of California.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her brothers, Walter and Early Thompson; and her sister, Lillian Locklear.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Mildred Taylor Memorial Fund, care of Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

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