



Mildred O. Dawson

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Mildred “Millie” O. (Sander) Dawson left this world on January 22, 2017 at the Alverno – Clinton and is enjoying peace and tranquility with our Heavenly Father.

Funeral Services will be 10:30 am, Thursday, January 26, 2017 at the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes and Crematory. She and her husband will be buried together at Springdale Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday evening from 4:00 – 7:00 pm at the funeral home.

Mildred was the youngest of nine children born to Lillian O. (Thompson) and August W. Sander. She was born October 20, 1922. She had many good memories and stories from her childhood, especially spending summers with her sister Dorothy and excelling at “boys’ sports”. Although she was as beautiful as a movie star with the voice of a songbird, she was a competitive, fun-loving Tom Boy.

She married her childhood sweetheart, Harry G. Dawson, New Year’s Eve 1942 in California; he preceded her in death on April 26, 2016. They were married for 73 years. During The War, she was a “Rosie the Riveter”. After WWII, she returned to her hometown of Clinton where she had the hardest job in the world; raising four children.

When her youngest child reached school age, she and her husband switched positions in life. Harry retired and stayed home and she dove into the workforce and became a successful Real Estate Broker. When her time came to retire, they traveled and made their homes in Clinton, Wisconsin and Las Vegas.

Mildred was a very talented musician and singer, she was one of the four original members of the “Clintones” and “Sweet Adeline” singing and harmonizing groups. Her bass voice was soulful. She also enjoyed playing the organ, ukulele and harmonica.



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A few of her hobbies included upholstery, archery, auctions, bowling, golfing, playing cards with her bridge and 500 clubs and sports of any kind. She also enjoyed time spent going to the casino.

She was a member or volunteer of many organizations, including: Clinton Women's Club, Clinton Moose Club, Antique Car Club, Antique Motorcycle, Chief Blackhawk Motorcycle Club, "Pink Ladies" Mercy Auxiliary, Treasurer of Mercy Auxiliary, Clinton Board of Realtors, PTA's and Room Mother (every year for every child), Den Mother for Boy Scouts, Helper with Girl Scouts and Humane Society Fundraising.

Above everything else in Mildred's life was her love for her children, she was so proud of them and they brought her so much joy.

Mildred is survived by her four children: Douglas (Tiffany) Dawson of Midland, Michigan, Vicki (Vincent) Klyn of Pella, Iowa, Pamela (Richard) Smith of Clinton, Iowa and Brent (Laura) Dawson of Aurora, Illinois, five grandchildren: Amy, Brad, Bailey, Nathan and Nicole; four great-grandchildren: Carson, Parker, Sydney and Harper; one brother: Floyd (Harriet) Sander of Mt. Vernon, Iowa; one sister-in-law: Charlene Dawson of Cottage Gove, Oregon; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her husband, Mildred was preceded in death by her parents and eight siblings.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

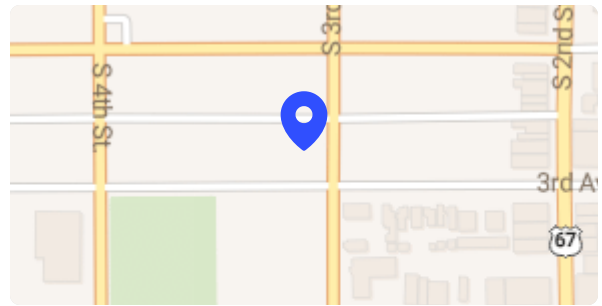


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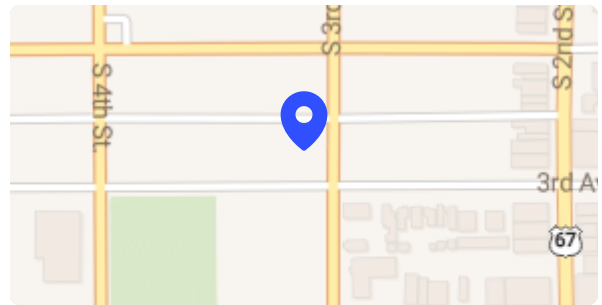
Visitation

- Wednesday**, January 25, 2017
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT
- Snell-Zornig Funeral Home & Crematory, Clinton**
302 Third Avenue South, Clinton IA 52732



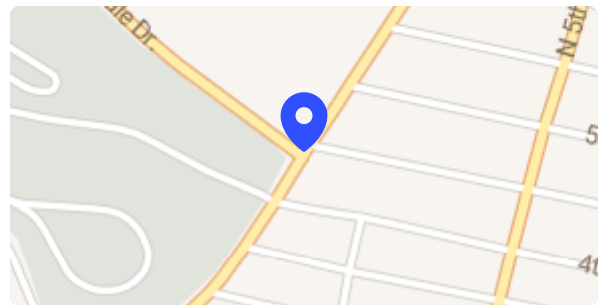
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Cemetery Details

- Springdale Cemetery**
Springdale Drive and Bluff Blvd., Clinton IA 52732





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Pamela Smith shared an album called **Mildred's Life**.



January 27 at 4:32 PM



Linda Shaff posted:

I was honored and blessed to meet your dear parents at the rehab department at MercySouth many years ago...your mother had been very ill...but when i met her she was doingso much better...your dad later told me how ill she had been...they were the most dear couple..so very kind to me...they worked out with us for a good many years...they wereincredible people..and i am so very sorry for your loss...My husband had cancer two years ago...chemo at Mayo and then a stem cell transplant...i only ever went to visit them once at the Sarah Harding home...this year my husband had a new hip and I had a newknee...i kept thinking of going to see your dear mother, but sadly, for me...i never did...dang!!! please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.....i am planning to attend the funeral tomorrow...just returned from AZ today...but wish i had gonebefore her passing to see her...with my love...Linda Shaff..She was so very proud of all of you...

January 25 at 4:48 PM



William G. sent a Basket of Memories to the Dawson family.



January 25 at 11:52 AM



Anonymous sent a Heavenly Heights Bouquet to the Dawson family.



January 25 at 4:28 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Dawson family.



January 24 at 2:15 PM



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Judy Bowling lit a candle in honor of Mildred.

I am sorry to hear about the passing of Millie. I got to know the Dawson's thru Doc. Hathaway's Lincoln Hwy. Tour Group back in the late 80's and early 90's when my husband Tolly and I traveled with them. Sending thoughts and prayers to the family in their loss. Judy Bowling

January 24 at 2:20 AM



Bailey shared an album called **New Album Name**.

January 23 at 10:39 AM





Pamela Smith shared 19 photos to the **Mildred's Life** album.

January 27 at 4:32 PM



Mildred in Oregon



Mildred and Friends



Lois, Mildred



PS



Mildred, Harry



Mildred in Michigan



Mildred, Harry, Pam, Doug



PS



Mildred and Doug



Young Mildred



Young Mildred



Mildred, Volleyball



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PS



Mildred Shooting her Bow



Sweet Adelines Harmonizing Group



Mildred



Mildred, Oregon



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Baby Mildred



Mildred at Boys Camp



Mildred, Harry Entertaining





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mildred by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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