



Mildred Yates, age 84, departed this life on June 10, 2021. She was born on August 7, 1936 to Thomas and Sue Austin in Chattanooga, Tennessee and was the eldest of two children. The family moved to Dayton in 1942. She is preceded in death by her parents;

brother (Charles Austin); daughter (Toya Russell); and her grandson (T.J. Boykin). She is survived by three children; Toni Boykin of Atascadero, CA, Jonathan Boykin (Debbie) of Tulsa, OK, and Terry Boykin of Santa Barbara, CA; her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great-grandchildren. She leaves many family members, friends, and colleagues to celebrate her life and who were touched by her.

Mildred was a selfless achiever. She graduated with honors from Roosevelt High School in 1953, and attended Fisk University on scholarship where she was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. After returning to Dayton, she began a career with the Department of the Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB as a photo interpreter for the Foreign Technology Division (FTD). She retired with thirty-five years of Federal service in 1992 at Vandenburg AFB, Lompoc, California.

After retiring, she returned to Dayton and spent countless hours in volunteer service. She was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church and contributed in various roles. She provided tax preparation assistance through VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) and TCE (Tax Counseling for the Elderly) programs. She fought for children as a Court Appointed Special Advocate through the CASA organization. She was also involved with the Democratic Political Party, Dayton Metropolitan Housing, Restorative Justice Re-entry Program, Dayton Duplicate Bridge, Toastmistress International, and the Red Hats Club. She was an Organ Donor. Most importantly, she was a hands-on dedicated servant and mentor to countless family and friends.

In her free time, Mildred enjoyed taking trips with her mother, playing bridge, going to the ocean, but most of all.... SHE LOVED PEOPLE! She will be missed.

Walk-through visitation from 5-6 p.m. followed by private Memorial service for family and out of town guests at 6:00 p.m., THURSDAY, June 24, 2021 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3211 Lakeview Ave., Dayton 45417, with Rev. Joe Whitt and Rev Garth Adams presiding.

On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.thomasfunerals.com.