



## Mildred Rowden

August 26, 1917 - January 8, 2013

Mildred Rowden, 95, of Murphysboro, Illinois, passed away at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 8, 2013, at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Murphysboro, Illinois.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, January 11, 2013, at Pettett Funeral Home with Rev. Jim Frye and burial at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made the Church of the Nazarene in Murphysboro, American Diabetes Association, or to the donor's choice. For more information, please visit [www.pettettfuneralhome.com](http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com).

Mildred was born on August 26, 1917, in Murphysboro, Illinois, to Francis Marion Cripps and Amy (Morgan) Cripps.

She was married to Charlie Rowden on November 24, 1939, in Chatanooga, Tenn. and he preceded her in death on December 2, 2006.

Mildred taught school in a rural school in Hickory Ridge and taught one year at the Lutheran School. While going to college to get her degree in teaching special education, she taught science at the Middle School in Sparta. She then taught special education from 1962 to 1982.

Mrs. Rowden was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Murphysboro, for many years.

She was a collector of antiques and other items, and she enjoyed doing arts and crafts. While her children were growing up, she and her husband were both 4-H Leaders, and spent many hours at the ball field.

Mildred is survived by six children Priscilla Grotheer and her husband Kurt Grotheer of Tampa, FL, Charles D. Rowden and his wife Wanda Rowden of Monroe, NC, Brenda Krpata and her husband Charles Krpata of Carmel, CA, Gary Rowden and his wife Suellyn Rowden of Murphysboro, Bob Rowden and his friend Marsha Berkowitz of Murphysboro, and Tim Rowden and his wife Anna Rowden of Lansing, Mich.;

eighteen grandchildren Anne Hoppenstedt Brown, Lisa Hoppenstedt, Jimmy Hoppenstedt, Amy Jackson, Laura Scialabba, Paul Grotheer, Sarah Rowden, Christopher Rowden, Kyle Krpata, Kelly Krpata, Jayna Rowden-Beckman, Garret Rowden, Jared Rowden, Justin Rowden, Heather Prather, Lacey Best-Rowden, Jason Cotton and Ryan Cotton;

twenty great grandchildren;

and one sister Bonnie Soland of Sun City, FL.

She was preceded in death by one daughter and son in law Deborah and Jim Hoppenstedt, one sister, two brothers, and her parents.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mildred Rowden*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Mildred Rowden was a lovely, gentle, accomplished lady, qualities that she has passed on to my sister-in-law Priscilla. May God comfort the family with the knowledge that Mildred is now with the Lord.*

**Corinne Ramming** - January 14, 2013 at 04:32 PM



“ *My condolences goes out to you and your family during this time.Love you*

**Angela Cheng** - January 13, 2013 at 03:51 AM

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“ To the Rowden Family and friends of Mildred, my prayers and love are with you at this time. While Mildred was teaching school in Sparta Illinois, I was very honored to be one of her students. Reflecting back, there was no doubt that being around children was Mildred's calling in her beautiful life! Not only did God send a special teacher to all of the schools that she taught, God sent an "Angel" as well. Mildred had that gift to always bring the goodness out of any child that would have any special needs. When there happen to be a child struggling in his/her academics, Mildred always had a way to make sunshine out of darkness! With that being said, may God's Perpetual Light always shine on Mrs. Mildred Rowden and her Family and friends! You can now rest in peace with Almighty God's love Mrs. Rowden, "FOR A JOB WELL DONE!" Thank you for being my teacher! .... Amen!

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**Mike Wilson** - January 10, 2013 at 03:59 AM