

Remembering Mildred...

Mildred was born August 8, 1932, in Hurd Township (Lansford), Bottineau County, to Bessie (Zietz) and Lester Convis. In 1933, the family moved to Missouri. Mildred attended schools in LaMonte, Neosho and Springfield, Missouri; West Burlington, Iowa; and LaPorte, Indiana. The family returned to Lansford in January of 1944, where she graduated from Lansford High School in 1950.

Mildred married Donald R. Abernathy on November 26, 1950, at the Lansford United Methodist Church. Children born to this union are Ava Ann, Guy LaRay and Jay Lester Abernathy.

Since 1950, Millie and Donald lived and farmed in the Lansford area. Over the years, Mildred was a member of the Lansford United Methodist Church, was active in the United Methodist Women, the Church Choir, taught youth Church groups and summer Bible School classes. Millie was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a Girl Scout leader. Besides caring for her family, Millie had many varied hobbies; traveling, sewing, gardening, crafts, calligraphy, making wedding cakes, writing poetry, oil, pastel and watercolor painting; and one of her biggest accomplishments, publishing four genealogy books.

Family: Daughter, Ava Ann Abernathy, Bottineau; Sons, Guy Abernathy, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, and Jay (Rhonda) Abernathy, Lansford; Grandchildren, Breanna (Luke) Melgaard, Scottsdale, AZ; Ashley (Paul) Suckstorff, Scottsdale, AZ; Jared (Caitlyn) Abernathy, Lansford, Andrew Abernathy, Scottsdale, AZ; Emily (Nathan) Elhard, Lansford, and Kylie Abernathy, Lansford; Great-Grandchildren, Jayden, Braxton and Brynlee Melgaard; Beckham, Josie and Nash Suckstorff; Leif and Soren Abernathy; Christian, James and August Abernathy; Colson, Lennon and Bowden Elhard; Sister, Margaret (Convis) Undlin, Lansford; and numerous Nieces and Nephews.

Mildred was preceded in death by her beloved husband of seventy-four years, Donald R. Abernathy, who passed away on November 22, 2025; Parents, Bessie (Zietz) and Lester Convis; Ruth and William Abernathy; Brother, Charles Convis; Sister, Delores (Convis) Whitehead; and Douglas Trengen.



Mildred Arlene (Convis) Abernathy

DATE OF BIRTH

August 8, 1932

Rural Lansford, North Dakota

DATE OF DEATH

January 22, 2026

Bottineau, North Dakota

Ninety-three years, five months, fourteen days

FUNERAL SERVICE

Trinity United Church

Lansford, North Dakota

Saturday—February 7, 2026—1:00 p.m.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Reverend John Simonson

Scripture readers, Ashley Suckstorff and Emily Elhard

Eulogist, Breanna Melgaard

MUSIC

Congregational hymns, *In the Garden* and *God Will Take Care of You*

Pianist, Connie Engh

CASKET BEARERS

Charles Convis

Curt Undlin

Andrew Abernathy

David Convis

Duane Abernathy

Carl Abernathy

Ronald Undlin

Bill Convis

Jared Abernathy

Tony Abernathy

BURIAL

Lansford Cemetery

Lansford, North Dakota

Our family would like to thank all of you for being there for us during this difficult time. We are surrounded by a caring community.

Following the graveside service, you are invited to a time of fellowship at the Lansford Community Center. Please share your memories of Millie with us and one another.

Brose Funeral Home
Mohall, North Dakota

