

# The Alma Times

## **Maryland Miles**

Maryland Miles, age 90, formerly known as Maryland Futch and Maryland Holland, and a previous resident of Thomasville and Alma, as well as Cocoa, Florida, passed away in Cocoa, Sunday, August 17, 2008.

Maryland Elizabeth Futch was born May 9, in Metcalf, Georgia. She was the seventh child of William Walter Futch and Georgia Maryland Foy – the first daughter after six sons. While her parents and six older brothers predeceased her, her younger sister, Nita Dickey, of Thomasville, survives Maryland.

In August 1942, she became Maryland Holland after marrying B. Delbert Holland in Thomasville. They have four surviving children: William D. (Bill) Holland of Clatskanie, Oregon, Dianne H. Trammell of St. George, Utah, Gloria H. Mosley of Cocoa, Florida, and Gary J. Holland of (Tallahassee, Florida; one daughter, Maryland Gail Holland, died as an infant in 1946.

Before the family moved to Cocoa, Florida in 1957, Maryland had worked for the Thomasville Times-Enterprise, for the local movie theater, and the Thomas County Sheriff's Department. In Cocoa, she worked for the City of Cocoa, retiring after 25 years in the bookkeeping department.

Her husband, Delbert, preceded her in death in 1964. In 1972, she became Maryland Miles upon marrying R. Burton (Burt) Miles. They lived in Cocoa until 1982; thereafter, they moved to Alma. From this marriage, Maryland gained an adult stepson, Eddie, who preceded her in death. Her husband, Burt, had earlier passed away in 1994. Maryland continued to reside in Alma until May 2008 when she moved to live with her daughter, Gloria, in Cocoa.

Besides her surviving sister and four children, 12 grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and three step-great grandchildren survive Maryland.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Whiddon-Shiver Funeral Home in Thomasville, followed by burial in Laurel Hill Cemetery. The family requests that in lieu of flowers to consider making donations payable to the rural church she attended near Alma: Wesley Chapel, c/o Alice Miles, Treasurer, 926 GA Highway 203 N, Mershon, GA 31551.