



Myrtle Mae Choate

March 17, 1924 - November 23, 2025

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Myrtle Mae (Hight) Choate, age 101 ½ years, a resident of Vienna and a former resident of rural Grantsburg, Illinois, passed away Sunday morning, November 23, 2025, at 1:37 A.M. at the Hillview Senior Living and Rehabilitation in Vienna.

Myrtle was born March 17, 1924 at the family home in Johnson County. She was the daughter of William Hight and Rilla Mae (Griffitt) Hight.

On November 1, 1941, Myrtle was united in marriage to Norman S. Choate in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He preceded her in death on March 24, 1993.

Myrtle is survived by: her children – Larry (Dianna) Choate of Grantsburg, Illinois, Karen Sue Choate of Anna, Illinois, Nancy (Jackie) Wright of St. Croix, Indiana, and Mary (John) Davidson of Alto Pass, Illinois; grandchildren – Don Choate, Jr., Aaron Choate, Josh Choate, Janna (Matt) Woodfall, Brianna (Daniel) Moore, Kasey (Derek) Mehling, and Abby Voss; 11 great

grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren; a daughter-in-law – Sandy Choate of Vienna; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Myrtle was preceded by an infant son– Danny Lee Choate; sons - Donald Choate, and Terry Choate; an infant grandson – William Eric Choate; 2 sisters – Rosemary Hight and Louise Zolper; and 3 brothers – Walton Hight, William Hight, and Robert Hight.

Myrtle was a faithful and devoted homemaker. During World War II, Myrtle resided in Evansville, Indiana and worked in a factory to assist in the war effort. She had also worked as a clerk at Williams Dime Store and the Vienna Drug Store. For a time, Myrtle was employed by the Good Luck Glove Factory in Vienna. She also served for approximately two years as the custodian at the Grantsburg Grade School. Myrtle and Norman also operated the Farmer's Café for a time, where Myrtle demonstrated her well-known cooking skills. In later years, she provided babysitting and child care in her home. Myrtle served as a Johnson County election judge for many years.

Myrtle is fondly remembered for the love and spirit of sacrifice she demonstrated to her family. She had a tireless work ethic and, along with her husband Norman, raised a large vegetable garden. They gave away produce to family, friends and neighbors. Myrtle took great pride in canning and preserving the bounty from their garden. She was also a skilled seamstress. Myrtle was self-taught in many areas, including knitting, crochet, arts, crafts, and had taught herself to upholster furniture. Myrtle was also a master quilt maker, as evidenced by her beautiful work of art creations. She also enjoyed working in her yard, especially raising all types and varieties of flowers.

Myrtle enjoyed visiting with her family and friends. She was a member of the Red Hat Society as well as the Pond Community Ladies Club. She worshipped at the First Baptist Church in Vienna, where she had been a

faithful volunteer in the annual Vacation Bible School programs and served on the kitchen committee.

She was such a treasure and always will be to those who knew and loved her.

A service honoring the life of Myrtle Mae Choate will be conducted Monday morning, December 1, 2025, at 11 A.M. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Mark Staton, Pastor Matt Woodfall (Myrtle's grandson-in-law) and Jackie Wright (Myrtle's son-in-law) will officiate. A eulogy will be shared by Abby Voss (a granddaughter).

Interment will follow in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Monday morning, December 1, 2025, from 9 A.M. until the funeral hour at 11 A.M.

Memorials may be made to the Heather Harper Treat Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 98, Vienna, Illinois 62995 or to the Vienna First Baptist Church (Food Pantry Ministry), P.O. Box 727, Vienna, Illinois 62995.

Cemetery Details

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Service

DEC 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Luncheon

DEC 1. 12:45 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
301 N. 7th Street
Vienna, IL 62995

Tribute Wall



“ Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Myrtle Mae Choate



Bailey Funeral Home - December 02, 2025 at 09:59 AM



“ James R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Myrtle Mae Choate.

James R. - December 11, 2025 at 01:09 PM

DJ

“ It is with sincere sympathy that we extend our condolences for your loss. We pray that you will find healing, comfort and peace through our Lord Jesus Christ who loves you beyond measure!

Death is something we will all encounter and if we don't make a decision now before we die, about giving our lives to Him, we will face serious consequences for rejecting Him and His love for us, after our departure from this world. Jesus paid a tremendous price for us by taking the wrath of God on the cross, on our behalf, for our sins and rebellion against God. God, being our Creator, sent Jesus, His Son, to lay down His life for us, so we would never have to face God's eternal judgement once we leave this earth. Death is not the end for any of us. We will all live on, but where is determined by whether or not we surrender our lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ who is the only way to God the Father and to our salvation from sin, death and destruction. Jesus is only a prayer away. A simple prayer like "Lord Jesus, I believe you are God's Son who He sent to pay the price for my mistakes, sins, and rebellion against God. Please forgive me for all I have done in rebelling against you, Lord.

I now give and surrender my life to you and ask that you be my Lord and Savior. Thank you for saving me from God's eternal judgement and allowing me to now be a part of you and your royal family forever. In your name, I pray. Amen. " God bless you and keep you always during this hour of your grief. I pray you will realize that you're never alone when you're in Christ Jesus. His Word guarantees us He will never leave or forsake us.

DJ - December 11, 2025 at 11:31 AM

DA

“ *Donna Mescher Austin*



Donna Mescher Austin - December 04, 2025 at 10:28 PM

JT

“ *Janis Tapley lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Mae Choate*



Janis Tapley - December 04, 2025 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Tamri Huckelberry lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Mae Choate*



Tamri Huckelberry - November 30, 2025 at 03:14 PM

KS

“ *Kelly Shires lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Mae Choate*



Kelly Shires - November 28, 2025 at 08:45 AM

TR

“ *I was privileged to care for Myrtle at Hillview.
Always the lady, she will be missed.*



Tina Raper - November 27, 2025 at 02:02 PM

TA

“ *Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of
Myrtle Mae Choate*



Teresa Anderson - November 26, 2025 at 12:10 PM

RW

“ *Robin Wetherell lit a candle in memory of
Myrtle Mae Choate*



Robin Wetherell - November 25, 2025 at 07:25 PM

AB

“ *April B purchased the Arrive in Style for the family
of Myrtle Mae Choate.*



April B - November 25, 2025 at 02:13 PM



“ *Carol Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Myrtle Mae Choate*



Carol Bryant - November 25, 2025 at 09:52 AM



Ms Myrtle was an amazing kind hearted, Loving soul. She always made Amanda & I Feel welcomed and loved. Our Heartfelt Love and Sympathy to all the family. We know she is with her loved ones in Heaven.

Carol Bryant - November 25, 2025 at 09:55 AM

HB

“ *Henry/Frances Bullock lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Mae Choate*



Henry/Frances Bullock - November 25, 2025 at 07:37 AM

SS

“ *Sue Johns Schaffer-Dodd lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Mae Choate*



Sue Johns Schaffer-Dodd - November 25, 2025 at 12:11 AM

BR

“ *Betty Ryan lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Mae Choate*



Betty Ryan - November 24, 2025 at 05:16 PM

LB

“ *Linda Simmons Biethman lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Mae Choate*



Linda Simmons Biethman - November 24, 2025 at 11:50 AM

KB

“ *Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Mae Choate*



Karen Brumley - November 24, 2025 at 10:51 AM

ES

“ *Elaina Scerena lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Mae Choate*



Elaina Scerena - November 24, 2025 at 09:24 AM

BR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss.*



Bobby Rentfro - November 24, 2025 at 04:40 AM

GH

“ *Gary & Janet Hacker lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Mae Choate*



Gary & Janet Hacker - November 23, 2025 at 11:45 PM

AW

“ *Myrtle was a lovely lady. My sincere condolences to the Choate family.*



Aleatha Wright - November 23, 2025 at 10:33 PM

PM

“ *Phyllis Myers lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Mae Choate*



Phyllis Myers - November 23, 2025 at 06:48 PM

KA

“ *My sympathy & prayers to all the family.*



Kathy(Black)Holt - November 23, 2025 at 04:57 PM

CT

“ *Carla Tapley lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Mae Choate*



Carla Tapley - November 23, 2025 at 04:45 PM

LT

“ *Lowell And Susie Trovillion lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Mae Choate*



Lowell and Susie Trovillion - November 23, 2025 at 03:35 PM

LK

“ *Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Mae Choate*



Linda Koehler - November 23, 2025 at 02:38 PM

LM

“ *Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Mae Choate*



Larry and Carolyn McGill - November 23, 2025 at 02:07 PM

BJ

“ *BARBARA JEFFRESS lit a candle in memory of Myrtle Mae Choate*



BARBARA JEFFRESS - November 23, 2025 at 02:04 PM

JM

“ *So sorry for your loss, she was a wonderful person!*



Jeannie McCall - November 23, 2025 at 01:43 PM

JS

“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Myrtle Mae Choate*



John Slack - November 23, 2025 at 01:29 PM

JS

A great lady, a lifelong friend, and our blessed angel is now singing with Heaven's angels and so many members of a wonderful family who departed before her. Life won't be the same for those many of us who loved her here on earth. My first thought was, how can I get along without our precious Myrtle Mae? With a heart full of beloved memories and the knowledge that she is happy for eternity, it gives me strength. I send love and prayers to all of her family and loved ones. She was the best.



John Slack - November 23, 2025 at 01:39 PM

DB

So sorry to hear about Myrtle Mae passing away. She was a sweet lady and I enjoyed getting to visit her every summer. Love and prayers for her family during this difficult time!! Love each one of you! David Balding

David Balding - November 23, 2025 at 02:04 PM