



Emilia Milonga Cline

November 29, 1921 - January 10, 2026

Emilia (Milonga) Cline, age 104, passed on to a better place on January 10, 2026.

Emilia was born in Los Angeles, California on November 29, 1921. She was one of ten children born to Mariano and Emilia Escalante of the famous Escalante Brothers Circus. As a child, Emilia toured with her family circus. Later she went on to tour with various circuses. While touring with the Clyde Beatty Circus, she met her future husband, John H. Cline II.

In the summer of 1971, they moved from California to Lakeland. Emilia retired from show business to pursue her life-long ambition of becoming a school teacher. She worked in the Polk County School District as a bilingual aide while pursuing her degree in education, and later as an elementary school teacher.

Emilia is predeceased by her spouse, John H. Cline II; her son, Phillip J. Cline; and her daughter-in-law, Rebecca Cline (John).

She is survived by her daughter Kathleen Huebing (Gary); son, John H. Cline, III; daughter-in-law, Brenda Cline (Phillip), 4 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews. A graveside service will be held at Oak Hill Burial Park on Friday, January 16, 2026 at 1pm.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Burial Park

4620 US Highway 98 S
Lakeland, FL 33812

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *My Condolences and Prayers to the family. Kathy years back when I met your mom, I thought she reminded me of the husband and wife painters on Green Acres. She so resembled the Mrs. Painter. Obviously I don't remember their name on the show. Lol*

Debra Alsip - January 24 at 04:56 PM



“ *Camelia E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emilia Milonga Cline.*

Camelia E. - January 16 at 01:11 PM