



Alene Barber

June 6, 1919 - February 6, 2009

Alene (Johnston) Barber, 89, of Bald Knob, died Friday, February 6, 2009 at the White County Medical Center in Searcy. She was born June 6, 1919 in Bald Knob to the late Douglas and LaVenita Susan Watson Johnston. She was an assistant to area dentist, Dr. George Alcott, for a number of years and a homemaker. She was an excellent mother and grandmother, a well known seamstress and quilt maker and known for her good works in the community. Mrs. Barber was a life-long member of the Velvet Ridge Church of Christ.

She is survived by her sons, Dewayne Barber (Paulette) of Bald Knob and Golden Barber (Paula) of Velvet Ridge; daughters, Helen Mae Barber of Bald Knob, Wilma Lynn McAlister (Henry) of Elizabethtown, KY., Willie Alene Millard (Bill) of Sandpoint, ID. and Joy Nell Grubbs (Bobby) of Early, TX.; 12 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clint Barber; a son, Riley Barber; sister, Lola Jones and a brother, Golden Johnston.

Services will be conducted on Monday, February 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Velvet Ridge Church of Christ with interment in Velvet Ridge Cemetery. Visitation will be on Sunday from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob. Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Homes. www.powellfuneralhome.net.

Tribute Wall



“ *My coldences to all of Alene's Family. I saw her several times at Doy & Marlene Mason's July Fish Frys and also at funerals. We first met at Lorene (Mason)Hayes funeral service in Bald Knob. Alene's grandmother Polly(Mason)Johnston was a sister to my grandmother, Alice(Mason)Fritts so we are 3rd cousins.Alene sent me a copy of an old photo of my Great Aunt Polly.I always enjoyed seeing & talkin with Alene. I have a photo of her with Hershel Mason when they were at Doyle's Fish Fry.I know she will be greatly missed.I'm sorry I could not attend her services.Prayerfully, Charlene(Fritts)Meredith at 301 East Line Rd.,Searcy,AR phone 501-279-2007*

February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Deana and Darren, I was so sad to hear that your grandmother had passed. She was an awesome lady who Grandma Gray always spoke so fondly of. Knowing you are missing her makes me sad for you. Your in my prayers along with Dewayne and Paulette and the rest of the family. Love you, Karla(Poteat) Evans*

February 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Some of my best childhood memories are those of visiting "Uncle Clint and Aunt Alene" during strawberry harvest time. While the adults were intense in the harvest I had the best runnin' with the cousins adventures and still look back on those times. Aunt Alene was the dearest sole and I never saw her without a smile and a pat on the heard or hug for us kids. It is true, and sad, that as we get older the families seem only to come together for funerals. I am so sorry to hear of her passing on and am filled with fond memories of our extended family.*

*Stanley (Glenn's middle son) and Jill Brown
Phoenix, AZ*

February 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Helen May, Wilma, Willie, Joy, Dewayne, Golden and families:*

I want to express my sadness on hearing of your mother's death. She was a great, lifelong friend to my mother. I remember spending time visiting at your childhood home both when you all were still there and later with my own family in tow. I always considered her another aunt and it was great to visit with her--she talked about the same people my mother talked about! When our Granny and Granddaddy Waller, dad and mother died, Alene was one of the first to come and offer assistance. Wish I lived closer in order to be as quick to offer my help to you now. Love to you all--Robin and Claudine Moss -- Bloomington, IL.

February 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Brooke, Brittany, Jacob, & Josh,

Sorry for your loss. We will be praying for you.

February 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We are sorry for your loss. You are all in our prayers.

February 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM