



Helen Lorene "Granny" Barton

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Helen Lorene "Granny" Barton, age 87, of Versailles, passed away Tuesday evening, February 14, 2006, at Golden Age Living Center in Stover. She was born July 18, 1918, in the Proctor Community south of Versailles, a daughter of the late Charles William "Bill" Chamberlain and Roxie Ellen Kennedy Chamberlain.

Lorene was united in marriage to Emmette "Art" Arthur Barton, Sr. on January 18, 1940 in Kansas City, Mo.; her home was home to many of her brothers and sisters where they lived in Kansas City until 1962 when they moved to Versailles. Art preceded her to Heaven on April 24, 1979.

She worked at Morgan County R-II Schools as a cook, first at Gravois old School then at Versailles for nearly 20 years. Upon her retirement she became very active in the OATS Bus as activity director and went on many trips. She was very active in the community faithfully working to collect dolls and toys for children for Christmas. She was active in Dolls and Things Doll Club and several other doll clubs. She donated several dolls for fundraising to buy new OATS buses, the Christmas Lighting at the Versailles Park, Relay For Life Cancer Walk, and others. She became known as "Granny" by nearly everyone in the community. She was a member of West Union Baptist Church

south of Versailles where she was Bible School director for many years and a Sunday school teacher.

She is survived by one son, Emmette A. "Butch" Barton and his wife Connie of Versailles, one daughter, Anna Maria Grider and her husband Rich of Versailles, one grandson, Barry Lee Grider and his wife Rachel, and one granddaughter Amanda Barton all of Versailles. She was preceded in death by eight sisters, Bessie Roe, Maude Miller, Cecile Coontz, Thelma Scott, Clara Waisner, her twin sister Ellen Irene Evans, Nellie Chamberlain, and Della Pifer, and four brothers, Emery Chamberlain, Floyd Chamberlain, Charlie Chamberlain and Arvil Chamberlain, and one grandson Steven Michael Barton that is with her in Heaven.

Highlights of Granny's life was making dolls and giving them away.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 18, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles, with Rev. Rod Campbell and Rev. Cap Chapman officiating. Interment will be in the Versailles Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. To send sympathy e-mails for the family visit www.kidwellgarber.com. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Golden Age Living Center in Stover. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.