

Mary Barnard, 94

Sept. 8, 1906 – March 16, 2001

HUXLEY – Mary Elizabeth Barnard, daughter of Van and Margaret (Dwyer) Wilson, was born Sept. 8, 1906, on her family's farm near Hubbard. Her family moved to Carroll, and later to Boone, and this is where she graduated from high school. After school, Mary worked at Woolworths in Boone.

In May of 1932, she married Ronald "Stub" Barnard in Bethany, MO. Two children were born to this union. She worked keeping the books for her husband's freight transfer and moving company. The couple made their home in Ames, and later Stub and Mary built a home in Huxley, where together they ran the Dairy Sweet. They worked together for several years until Stub's death in 1971. After the death of her husband, she began to babysit several children of local school teachers and friends. She continued to live at her home in Huxley until 1998, when due to a neck injury she moved in with her daughter in Jacksonville. She underwent therapy at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, for a few weeks and returned to her daughter's home. In December of 2000, she became a resident of the Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan. She was a past member of the First Methodist Church in Ames, and currently a member of the Trinity Methodist Church in Huxley. She died March 16, 2001, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 94 years, six months and eight days.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Wilvan and Sadie, who died in infancy, and her son, Ronald Barnard. She is survived by her daughter, Marcia (Lowell) Harper of Jacksonville, eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 19, 2001, at Trinity Methodist Church in Huxley, with Rev. H.D. Mitchell officiating. Burial was held in the Ames Municipal Cemetery with Jeff Scott, Vicki Harper, Jeff Mohr, Ron Buck, Denny Usher and Ron Yockey honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Beth Buck, Mary Jane Mohr, Karen Scott, Steve Harper, Rick Barnard, Nancy Yockey, Marti Usher and Jodi Barnard. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.