

Grace Norris Barnes

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Grace Norris Barnes, 96, of Gilbert Barnes Rd., Boone, and Glenbridge Health & Rehabilitation, passed away Monday, March 11, 2013.

Born September 18, 1916 in Watauga County, she was a daughter of Bynum and Sarah Ragan Norris. Mrs. Barnes was a long time member of Oak Grove Baptist Church, a housewife and homemaker. Grace was devoted to her family, and her passions included quilting, cooking and tending her flower gardens. She spent the last eleven years at Glenbridge where she stayed busy hand stitching and sewing hundreds of pot holders to give to family, friends and visitors. Mrs. Barnes is survived by her children, Gilbert 'Sonny' Barnes, Jr. , and Frankie Bodenhamer and husband, John, all of Boone, and Jane Cornett and husband, Eddie, of Vilas; seven grandchildren, Kim Earp of Lenoir, Paul Barnes of Banner Elk, Jamie Barnes and wife, Amy, of Virginia, Julie Cornett of Boone, William Cornett of Wilmington, and Tabitha Taylor and husband, Brantley, and David Bodenhamer and wife, Brenda, all of Boone; eleven great-grandchildren, Matthew Barnes, Kaycee Gore, Wesley Farthing, Kortney and Wesley Bodenhamer, Daniel and Hannah Taylor, Kolby, Kolton and Kaylin Barnes, and Dalton Hicks; three great-great grandchildren; Gracie, Jessica and Sofia; four sisters, Bertha, Millie, Betty , Patsy and husband, George; and three brothers, Ronda, Frank and J.B.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Gilbert W. Barnes, Sr.; grandson, Chris Barnes; special sister-in-law, Betty Lou Norris; sisters, Reda and Verna; and brothers, Lon and Henry.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday morning, March 14, 2013, at 11 o'clock at the Austin & Barnes Funeral Home Chapel, officiated by Rev. Gary Lawrence. The family will receive friends from 10 until 11 o'clock, prior to services, at Austin & Barnes. Burial will follow at Mt. Lawn Memorial Park & Gardens.

The family respectfully requests no food and suggests memorials to the Gideon International, Boone Camp, PO Box 3602, Boone, NC 28607.

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Online condolences may be expressed at the website austinandbarnesfuneralhome.com

Austin & Barnes Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Barnes family.