



## Eva Annabelle Taylor Barnett

November 30, 1915 - June 17, 2016

Eva Annabelle Taylor Barnett, age 100, passed away Friday, June 17, 2016. Eva Annabelle Taylor was born November 30, 1915, in the Fairmount Community, to John and Mattie (Twiggs) Taylor. She attended the Gentry schools for 12 years, graduating from Gentry High School in 1933. Eva and Ervie Barnett were married November 9, 1934. They lived on their farm near Gentry until Ervie was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942. Eva traveled with him to various Army bases and towns during the first year of his tenure in the military. Just before Christmas, in 1943, Ervie was shipped to England where his unit was trained and prepared for what would become known as D-Day, June 6, 1944. He landed on Normandy's Omaha Beach. Eva lived and worked in Tulsa the two years Ervie was in Europe.

At the end of World War II, the Barnetts returned to the Gentry area. Ervie owned and operated a sawmill with his brother-in-law, B.C. Wiles until 1949. From 1950-1956, Ervie and Eva operated the Dairy Queen franchise in Siloam Springs.

Eva was the accountant/bookkeeper/office manager for Dodson's 5&10 in downtown Siloam Springs for 15 years, 1945-1960. She also attended John Brown University during this time, majoring in Business. Eva loved music and was a pianist. Ervie and Eva were great encouragers, with total involvement in every way possible, to their daughter's music education.

In 1957, after deciding to build their own drive-in restaurant business, the Barnetts purchased a house and land at the corner of West Tulsa Street and South Wright Street in Siloam Springs, moving the house to the north side of the property and building the business on the south side of the property. Barnett's Dairyette was opened on June 4, 1957.

Eva and Ervie were members of First Baptist Church in Gentry for many years. Eva served several years in the role as Training Union Director. Upon their move to Siloam Springs, they joined the Siloam Springs First Baptist Church on December 16, 1947, where she has been a member for 69 years. Eva taught Sunday School for 25 years to the girls who were 11th graders in high school. She served as church clerk for many years. Eva was a member of the adult choir, and, as a senior adult, sang with the JOY choir. She also founded the first-ever Home Bound Ministry in this church. Ervie and Eva spent 30 years serving actively as youth teachers, leaders and youth sponsors in First Baptist Church, Siloam Springs.

In 1975, Eva became a licensed realtor in the State of Arkansas. She was the founding leader of the Brownie Troop 6 for two years. Eva is a former longtime member of the Siloam Springs Hospital Auxiliary, serving several terms as an officer in the auxiliary. She is a member of the West Point (Community) Study Club. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Upon their retirement, Ervie and Eva traveled extensively with friends and family, in particular their daughter and grandsons.

Eva is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 65+ years, Ervie (April 7, 2000). She is also predeceased by three brothers, Bert, Frank and Roy Taylor; five sisters Grace Ratcliff, Lena Parker, Jewell Harrison, Ruth Wasson and Norma Wiles, two nieces, Matta Jean McDonald and Doris Zaharie; two nephews, Charles Ratcliff and Dave Wiles, and great-nephews Lew Harp, Eric

Wiles and Timothy Wiles.

Ervie and Eva Barnett are also preceded in death by their dear, forever-friends, Keith and Irene Ware.

Eva is survived by their daughter, Janice Elaine and her husband, Steve Low, three grandsons, Joshua and his wife, Jennifer Harper, Siloam Springs, Luke and Elizabeth Harper, Bartlett, Tennessee, and Jake and Robin Harper, Bentonville; six great grandchildren, Haley, Macy, Boston, Caleb, Emily, and Hallie Harper, with one great-grandchild due this Fall.

Other family members include nephews John Wasson, Clinton Wiles, and Bruce Wiles; nieces Betty Harp and Jane Treat and their families.

A celebration of Eva's life will be held Tuesday, June 21, 2016, at 11:00 am, in the chapel of Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that memorials be made In Honor of Ervie and Eva Barnett to the  
Gentry Fire Department  
c/o Vester Cripps  
521 West Third Street  
Gentry, AR 72734

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home

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# Tribute Wall

LS

“ *LaWanna Shelley lit a candle in memory of Eva Annabelle Taylor Barnett*



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**LaWanna Shelley** - June 25, 2016 at 11:42 PM

GM

“ *Janice, your parents must be so proud of the legacy you carry on - of love, praise and Love of God and family and friends. God bless you through these difficult times . . . May lovely memories fill your heart.*  
*With loving thoughts and prayers.*  
*Glenda Myrick*

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**Glenda Myrick** - June 21, 2016 at 11:04 PM

DP

“ *May God comfort your hearts with beautiful memories of a lovely woman.*

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**David and Donna Pickle** - June 21, 2016 at 11:25 AM

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**Wasson Funeral Home** - June 21, 2016 at 08:30 AM

JB

“ Joe & Cheryl Burns lit a candle in memory of  
Eva Annabelle Taylor Barnett

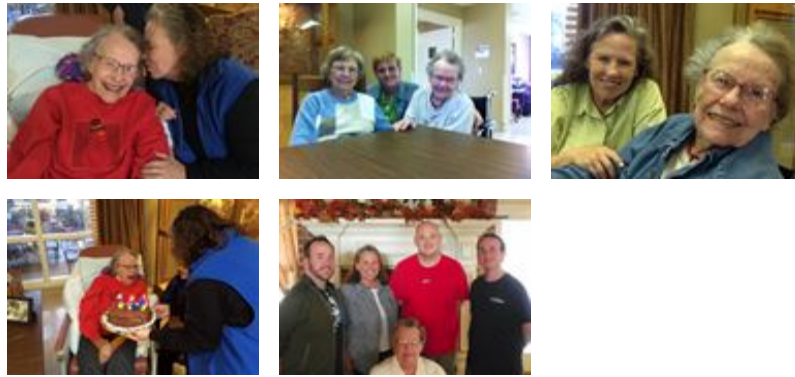


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**Joe & Cheryl Burns** - June 20, 2016 at 09:37 PM

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**Wasson Funeral Home** - June 20, 2016 at 05:34 PM

KB

“ Sure did love Miss Eva and Mr Ervie! I always enjoyed visiting with them. I know Wayne was especially fond of them and loved them very much.

*Love you Janice and family and praying for comfort and peace!*

*Kathy Trammell Brown*

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**Kathryn Brown** - June 20, 2016 at 03:43 PM

RV

“ *Such a lovely, kind Lady, Mr Ervie's beloved partner in Life". Our condolences to Ms Janice, Steve and their families. May God comfort you all, we love you. Randy Joe & Ms Connie Vohs*

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**randy joe vohs** - June 20, 2016 at 02:38 PM

SM

“ *All I can think is a quote from Dave Wiles... "my beautiful Aunt Eva!" He loved his Uncle Ervie and Aunt Eva. Prayers for the loved ones left behind!*  
*Love always,*  
*Donnie and Sandy Millsap*

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**Sandy Millsap** - June 20, 2016 at 02:36 PM

JM

“ *Aunt Eva always made you feel welcome when you dropped by. It was as though she knew you were coming. As a kid of a certain age it was pretty cool to have a great aunt and great uncle that owned the Dairyette.*

*A special lady, the last of 9, fond memories always.*

*Jean Ann Moles  
Benton, Arkansas*

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**Jean Ann Moles** - June 20, 2016 at 01:09 PM

HR

“ *Our deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. May God give you the peace that you seek. Love Always, Bruce and Heather Rutherford*

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**Heather Rutherford** - June 20, 2016 at 09:56 AM

GA

“ *Heaven has another angel because this wonderful lady has gone home. Going to miss her so very much! Janice, you are in my every thoughts and prayers. Love ya Cuz and wish I was there! She was one of the best, no doubt about it!!!!*

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**Gayle** - June 20, 2016 at 07:42 AM

MT

“ *Sorry to hear about your loss. Praying for you and your family.*  
*Mary Thomas*

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**Mary Thomas** - June 19, 2016 at 08:28 PM