

Violette Barkley

(FRANCIS)

Violette Moffitt Barkley, 83, of Grinnell died Wednesday, Feb. 8, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. David R. Green, pastor of the Assembly of God Church, officiating. Organist was Alice Renaud, and soloist was Brenda Green.

Pallbearers were James, Michael, Dennis and Daniel Barkley, Jim Atkins III, Donald Walker, Stephen Morrish and Raul Santana. Honorary bearers were Linda Barkley, Debra Santana, Diana Morrish, Jamie Moffitt and Jodi Moffitt.

Burial was in Green Castle Cemetery, Green Castle, Mo.

The daughter of Elmer R. and Alpha O. Anderson Moffitt, she was born May 31, 1911, near Winigan in Sullivan County, Mo. She was a 1931 graduate of Green Castle High School and was honored as an all-star guard on the county basketball team.

She was married to Francis Barkley Aug. 19, 1931, in Green Castle. They lived there until 1934, then moved to the Collins and Maxwell area in Iowa. They moved to Newton in 1942, and she worked briefly as a machinist at Parsons Manufacturing. They moved to Grinnell in 1945 to manage the Grinnell Country Club. Mrs. Barkley also worked as a cook at the Monroe Hotel and as a clerk at Spurgeon's.

She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church and the Rebekah Lodge.

Surviving are her children, James of Wichita, Kan., Alpha Walker of Monrovia, Calif., Deborah Barkley of Grinnell and C.J. Moffitt of Cedar Rapids; four sisters, Rose Bunch of Green Castle, Lurah Smith of Lawson, Mo., Margie Bombard of Englewood, Colo., and Nikki Robinson of Littleton, Colo.; one brother, Joe Moffitt of Galena, Ill.; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and several foster children.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; an infant son, Francis Hugh; and three brothers, Clifford, James and Clinton Moffitt.

Memorial contributions in Mrs. Barkley's name may be made to the Grinnell Assembly of God Church or Grinnell Regional Medical Center Home Health Unit.

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