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MEARL BARNES

Mearl A. Barnes, a Guernsey native, died July 30 at Keystone Nursing Care Center, Keystone, at age 88. He had lived in Blairstown many years.

Barnes was born Oct. 31, 1899, at Guernsey, the son of William and Elizabeth Sauter Barnes.

On Nov. 29, 1932, he married Kathryn (Hetty) Mae Smothers at Marshalltown.

He was a Benton County road maintenance worker for 29 years, retiring in February, 1976.

Barnes was a member of Christ United Methodist Church of Belle Plaine, and the Modern Woodmen.

He is survived by his wife, Hetty, a step-daughter, Mrs. Vernon (Lena) McCulley of What Cheer; six step grandchildren; 14 step great grandchildren, and many step great great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a step-daughter, Mildred Morrow; a brother, Chester; six half-brothers; a sister, Rose, and one half-sister.

Russell Funeral Home, Belle Plaine, with the Rev. Robert Barnett officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Belle Plaine.

Casket bearers were Harold Doud, Paul Mittan, Rick Boss, Harold Flickinger, Marvin Sennern and Bert Garwood.