



## Virginia Arlene Barnes

August 14, 1929 - February 22, 2026

Virginia Arlene Barnes, aged 96, passed away after a period of declining health on February 22, 2026, in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. She was born on August 14, 1929, to Carl and Marie Butler in Webb City, OK.

Virginia grew up in the oil fields of northern Oklahoma. Her father, Carl, worked for the Prairie Oil Company, later the Sinclair Oil Company. The family moved from Webb City in 1931 to an oil camp west of Shidler, Oklahoma, and then to Little Chief in 1936. She attended Gray Horse and Fairfax Elementary and Fairfax High School, graduating in 1947.

She met her husband, Emery Gene Barnes, while living at the Naval Reserve. They were married on April 15, 1948, in Sand Springs, Oklahoma. Throughout their marriage, the couple relocated various times due to Gene's career with Phillips Petroleum Company. Virginia was employed by the First National Bank of Dewey, Converse County Hospital in Douglas,

Wyoming, and Phillips Petroleum Company, retiring in 1987.

Virginia was a deeply committed and active member of her community. She maintained a lifelong membership in the Order of the Eastern Star and the Dewey VFW Auxiliary, and participated in the Dewey Jaycees, Horseless Carriage Club, League of Women Voters, Dewey Dance Club, 55 Plus Center of Bartlesville, and Washington Senior Citizens Association. She attended the First Christian Church of Dewey, OK.

Her hobbies included reading, quilting, and embroidery. She loved to put puzzles together and playing Bingo with her friends. Virginia and Gene shared a passion for antiques and attending auctions. Virginia maintained numerous antique booths in the Bartlesville and Dewey area. She and Gene also enjoyed traveling together, taking numerous vacations and cruises around the world.

She is survived by her children, Carl Lee Barnes, wife Karen of Broken Arrow, OK, Neal Wane Barnes, wife Gail of Norman, OK, and Nina Marie Ropp and husband Richard of Collinsville, OK. Grandchildren Jason Barnes, wife Amy, and their children Tyler, Jared, Alesa, and Jessica; Andrea Shotton, husband Vince, and their children Jacob and Emma; Christopher Barnes, wife Elizabeth, and their children Joel and Evelyn; Cameron Barnes, wife Melissa,

and their children

Owen, Ethan, and Avery; Catina Lewis, husband Isaac, and their children Dylan and Paisley;

Annette Martin, husband Les, and their children Reid, Kade, and Sadie; and Adam Gene Ropp, wife Abigail, and their children Virginia and Jasper.

She is also survived by her siblings, David Butler, Gary Butler, and Linda Befort, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Gene Barnes, her parents Carl and Marie Butler, and her brother Carl Laco Butler.

Her memorial services will be held on Thursday, February 26, at 11:00 am at Stumpf Funeral Home in Bartlesville, OK. Visitation will be Wednesday at Stumpff Funeral Home from 9:00AM-5:00PM.

Virginia's kindness to all and devotion to her family will be dearly remembered and sorely missed.

# Cemetery Details

## Dewey Cemetery

Highway 75 & Road 1300  
Dewey, OK

# Previous Events

## Come & Go Visitation

FEB **25**. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory  
1600 SE Washington Blvd.  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
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## Chapel Service

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Paul and Karin Butler purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Virginia Arlene Barnes.*



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**Paul and Karin Butler** - February 24 at 03:12 PM