

Atchison, KS



Wilma Elaine (Barnes) Tittsworth, 92, was born in Atchison, KS on February 25, 1928 to William and Gladys Barnes. She was the third of four children. She accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

She attended Lincoln School, Atchison High School and went on to graduate from Mt. Saint Scholastica College with a degree in Education.

On August 5, 1951, Elaine united in marriage with R.D. Tittsworth at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atchison.

Elaine and R.D moved to Topeka, KS then later the family relocated to Des Moines, IA where she united with Corinthian Baptist Church.

Elaine & R.D. were blessed with one son, Ricki Duane Tittsworth.

Elaine worked at The Principal Life Insurance Company in Des Moines, IA where she held a lead position. Upon retirement, she moved back to Atchison and reunited with Ebenezer Baptist Church. She served faithfully as a Sunday School Teacher, Deaconess, Trustee and other positions.

She was always willing to step in wherever and whenever needed. Her love for God and family was evident in all that she did. Elaine was an active member of the community as evidenced in her work with the Lincoln School Alumni Association, The Historical Society, The Boys and Girls Club, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, among other things.

She was an avid walker, enjoyed bowling and took pride in maintaining her beautiful yard. Preceding her in her journey to heaven were her parents, husband, son, sister (Frances Snoddy) and brother (William Barnes, Jr.).

She leaves to cherish her memory, a brother (Ronald Barnes), grandsons (Ricki Jackson, Michael Jackson, Aric Pickett and Rion Pickett), great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces,

nephews, other relatives and friends.