

Fairview, KS



Vauncille Margaret "Pooch" Barrett, 90, with family by her side, passed from her earthly life to her heavenly life, December 9, 2021 at her Fairview home.

Pooch, as she was known by family and friends, was born at Oneida, KS, August 16, 1931, one of five children born to Rudy and Margaret Strube Brunner and had lived in the northeast Kansas area her entire life. She grew up at Oneida where she attended schools and graduated high school. While in high school because of her height, she enjoyed and excelled at basketball, known as "two point Pooch."

Just out of high school she married Joseph Alfred Barrett, February 12, 1950, at . They established their home on a farm near Oneida where they started their family Wanda, Lewis, and Vikki. A few years later, they moved to Powhattan where she worked a short time for the apple barn at Horton. It was there where the rest of the family was born Diane, Dennis, David, and Doug. Pooch starting working for the Brown County Infirmary near Hiawatha as a medication aide until it closed then worked for Oak Ridge Acres. Even though she was busy with work, her family always came first!

While the family was making their home at Powhattan, they attended Zion Lutheran Church. In 1982, they moved to Fairview, then transferred their membership to St. Paul Lutheran where she was also a member of the Dorcas Society of the church. Joe died December 8, 1999. Pooch was also preceded in death by her parents, her son David in 2005, and a sister Jean Pardee.

Survivors include daughters: Wanda Barrett of Topeka, Vikki (Lyle) Broxterman of Fairview, Diane (Greg) Davis of Hiawatha, Louis (Rose) Barrett of Mayetta, Dennis (Evalyn) Barrett of Oneida, Doug Barrett of Fairview, 15 grandchildren, many great-great grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving are her sisters: Velma June Winger of August, KS, Patricia Nobis of Cincinnati, OH, and Janice Grubb of Fremont, NE. She also remained close with her brothers-in-law through the years.

A Celebration of Vauncille's Eternal Life is planned for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 14, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Fairview. Pastors Michael Dunaway and Ian Kinney will officiate.

Interment will follow at Isely Cemetery, Fairview.

Friends may call at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, Hiawatha, after 10 a.m. Monday, where the family will meet that evening from 6 until 8 p.m.

Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Paul Memorial Fund or Nemaha County Home Health and Hospice, sent in care of the funeral home, 124 S 7th St., 66434.

A note of thanks for the care and support of Pooch received by the Nemaha County Home Health & Hospice, Pastor Andy, and Pastors Mike & Ian.

A special message or note may be sent to the family at www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com