



## Betty Eileen (Alcorn) Barney

June 28, 1935 - January 2, 2015

Betty E. Barney, 79, of Chanute, Kan. passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by loved ones Friday, January 2, 2015, after bravely confronting a battle with lung cancer.

Her grandchildren affectionately nick named her “firecracker” she was beautiful, smart, sassy, witty, and admired for her strength and determination. She was able to keep up with the best on the dance floor too. At age three, she softened the gloom of The Depression-era as Betty and her mother graced the cover of a postcard as they were featured in an advertisement while strolling along the storefronts in Pittsburg, Kan. She had many great friends and neighbors throughout her lifetime, she gave us all priceless memories.

Betty was born June 28, 1935 in Arcadia, Kan. to Roland Sylvester and Phoebe (Foster) Alcorn. She grew up in Pittsburg, Kan. where she attended and graduated from Pittsburg High School.

In 1951 she married Paul Dee Kennedy together having three children. Later they divorced.

Betty and Thomas Clair Spence were married in 1961 and raised three more children together. He preceded her in death on April, 27, 1989.

In 1990 Betty married John Henry Barney. He preceded her in death on

December, 15, 2002.

Early on Betty was employed by Burlington Overall Factory before establishing a career in electronics as a quality control technician for Kustom Signals and Key's Electronics. She later retired from New Standard Printing Co. in 1990.

Betty enjoyed gardening, golf, travel, spending time with family and attending grandchildren's activities. She also had a lot of fun and fellowship together with John as they attended many Shriners functions together.

She is survived by: 5 Children, 12 Grandchildren and 16 Great-Grandchildren  
Gina Carlson (daughter) and husband Rick of Chanute, KS - Mitch Carlson,  
Michelle Kepley, Ginger Reichert, Katie Carlson.

Teresa Collins (daughter) of Chanute, KS – Justin Spurrier

Deena Martin (daughter) and husband Roscoe of Tulsa, OK – Victoria  
Santagata, Jamie Hultz, Jennifer Despotovic, James C. Taylor III (Jimbo)  
Sherrie (daughter) and Husband John Hyer of Florida – Matt Buetow and  
Angie Buetow

Tommy Kennedy (son) of Florida – Andy Case

She is preceded in death by her parents; Roland and Phoebe (Foster) Alcorn,  
one brother Jimmy Alcorn, Son; Shawn Thomas Spence and Great Grandson;  
Leo Michael Reichert.

Family will gladly receive friends January 9, 2015 from 6 to 7:30 pm at the  
Countryside Funeral Home, Gibson Chapel. Memorial Service will be January  
10, 2015 10 a.m. at the First Christian Church. Burial will follow in Leanna  
Cemetery, East of Chanute.

Memorials may go to Shriners Hospitals for Children, American Lung

Association or FireEscape Coffeehouse and may be sent in care of  
Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland Chanute, KS 66720.

Countryside Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences  
may be left at [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Leanna Cemetery

2402 Alabama Rd.  
Savonburg, KS 66772

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **9**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Gibson Chapel  
16 N. Forest  
Chanute, KS 66720  
(620) 431-2660  
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

## Service

JAN **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

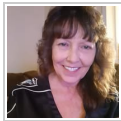
First Christian Church of Chanute  
102 N. Grant  
Chanute, KS 66720  
(620) 431-3758

# Tribute Wall

SU

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy. I am very sorry for your loss and would like to share a Scripture for comfort. Psalm 37:11 says, "But the meek will possess the earth, And they will find exquisite delight in the abundance of peace." May you continue to love and support one another especially during this time.

s. ukenta - January 12, 2015 at 08:56 PM



Thank you.

Teresa Collins - January 14, 2015 at 01:08 PM

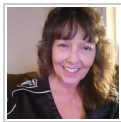
SR

“ Gina, Teresa and family,  
So sorry to learn of your Mother's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.  
Please know my thoughts are with you even if belated in recognition.



Sandy Redburn~Curtis

Sandy Redburn-Curtis - January 11, 2015 at 02:21 PM



Thank you Sandy.

Teresa Collins - January 14, 2015 at 06:53 AM

DM

“ *Deena Martin lit a candle in memory of Betty Eileen (Alcorn) Barney*



Deena Martin - January 10, 2015 at 05:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Eileen (Alcorn) Barney.*



January 07, 2015 at 12:50 PM

JW

“ *So sorry to hear of your Moms passing. I have lots of good memories of her. My prayers are with all your family. I am unable to be at her service but I will I will remember her in my prayers.*

Judy Walters - January 07, 2015 at 08:48 AM

JH

“ *Julie Hasler lit a candle in memory of Betty Eileen (Alcorn) Barney*



julie hasler - January 06, 2015 at 03:30 PM

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**julie hasler** - January 06, 2015 at 03:30 PM

TC

*Thank you Julie.*

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**Teresa Spence Collins** - January 07, 2015 at 11:16 AM

TC

*Thank you Julie.*

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**Teresa Spence Collins** - January 07, 2015 at 02:56 PM

JB

“ *So sorry for your loss. Love and prayers sent your way, Jeannine Branfort.*

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**Jeannine Branfort** - January 06, 2015 at 11:19 AM

DD

“ *Donna Dye lit a candle in memory of Betty Eileen (Alcorn) Barney*



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**Donna Dye** - January 06, 2015 at 01:13 AM

TC

*Thank You Donna <3*

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**Teresa (SPENCE) Collins** - January 06, 2015 at 12:24 PM