



## Cleo M Barnhart

August 24, 1922 - October 14, 2017

Cleo M. Barnhart passed away at Diversicare of Chanute on Saturday, October 14, 2017. She was born on August 24, 1922 to Dennis Daniel and Mary Elmira (Fluber) Kennedy in Walnut, KS.

She graduated from high school as valedictorian in St. Paul, KS in 1940. Cleo worked in manufacturing for many years building airplane parts. She married Ray Wesley Barnhart on March 25, 1941 in Walnut, KS. He preceded her in death on January 23, 1992. Cleo later married Edgar Kustanborter, who also preceded her in death.

Cleo was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. She loved her family above all else and was very proud of them. The family celebrated any and all occasions together, especially enjoying Cleo's Halloween costumes. She was a great friend and was known to spend her spare time volunteering in caregiving roles to many. Cleo also enjoyed fishing, camping, dancing, and playing cards. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Chanute, KS where she served on the Altar Society. Cleo was also involved with the V.F.W. Auxiliary.

Cleo is survived by:

Children:

Daniel (Wilma) Barnhart of Grove, OK

Charles (Leann) Barnhart of Lampe, MO

Larry (Dana) Barnhart of Wichita, KS

Chris (Sherry) Barnhart of Wichita, KS

Mary Haynes McNett of Piqua, KS

Patricia Barnhart of Grove, OK

Carol (Mike) Jordan of Chanute, KS

18 Grandchildren

35 Great-Grandchildren

13 Great Great-Grandchildren

Special Friend:

Pierre Heit

Cleo was preceded in death by her husbands, Ray Barnhart and Edgar Kustanborter; two brothers and a sister; daughter, Norma Neely; granddaughters, Pamela Haynes Miller and Krista Haynes; great-granddaughter, Shelby Haynes; great-great grandson, Isiah Brooks; and son-in-laws, Jerry Neely, Ron Haynes, and Cop McNett.

Rosary will be held Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Chanute, KS at 7:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2017. Interment will follow at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in Chanute. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidafh.com](http://www.countrysidafh.com). Memorials have been suggested to Harry Hynes Hospice and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 16 N. Forest, Chanute, KS 66720.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery - Chanute

926 W. 7th Street  
Chanute, KS

# Previous Events

## Rosary

OCT 18. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church - Chanute  
424 S. Central  
Chanute, KS

## Service

OCT 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church - Chanute  
424 S. Central  
Chanute, KS

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ They say grandma loved Halloween costumes. I think she got a kick out of this one.



Sara Barnhart - October 18, 2017 at 08:37 PM

GK

“ A special memory that I have is when Cleo came to Montrose Colorado for my 25th anniversary of priesthood. She wore a large hat and looked very classy and was so happy . On her funeral day I will have mass at the hospital in Pueblo where I will be working Keep her spirit of joy alive!!!! May God comfort your hearts

Gary Kennedy - October 18, 2017 at 09:53 AM



We love you Father Gary!

Pat Barnhart - October 18, 2017 at 11:07 AM



“ Cindy Adams-Harrison lit a candle in memory of Cleo M Barnhart



Cindy Adams-Harrison - October 17, 2017 at 08:36 PM



“ *Trish Bruce lit a candle in memory of Cleo M Barnhart*



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**Trish Bruce** - October 17, 2017 at 05:31 PM



“ *My Grandma Barnhart was always a Sassy woman. I remember I went to go see her and the nurse at the nursing home wanted to check her vitals and asked for one of her fingers to check her vitals. Well my grandma didn't understand what she wanted and I told her to give the nurse a finger. Well my grandma did just that! She gave her the finger! The nurse and I busted out laughing. I won't be able to be at the funeral due to being in Nursing School but I will be there in spirit. A bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck..I'll love you forever Grandma.*

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**Trish Bruce** - October 17, 2017 at 04:43 PM

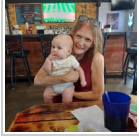


“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cleo M Barnhart.*



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October 17, 2017 at 10:31 AM



“ *Donna Dye lit a candle in memory of Cleo M Barnhart*



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**Donna Dye** - October 17, 2017 at 12:42 AM

SS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Thinking of all of you.*

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**Stan & Francie Simmons** - October 16, 2017 at 10:44 PM

JH

“ *My memories of Cleo, and of Ray are to numerous and fond to single out any one. The cookouts, the camping, fishing trips, the gatherings of our families together, love abounded, She will always hold a special place in my heart.*

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**Jerry Hughes** - October 16, 2017 at 09:03 PM

AA

“ *I will always remember Cleo as my second mother spend lots of time at her house while growing up. Mary and I was always together as were Norma and my sister .She was always a caring person My heart goes out to the family ,she will be missed by many Sending prayers for comfort to all the family Love you all Ann & Larry Alexander*

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**Ann Alexander** - October 16, 2017 at 08:48 PM

Ashley  
White

“ Ashley White lit a candle in memory of Cleo M Barnhart



Ashley White - October 16, 2017 at 08:20 PM

Ashley  
White

“ I will miss you Granny Barnhart. You were the best great grandmother anybody could ever ask for. You were the highlight of all of our lives. You will forever be remembered. I love you Granny. Until I see you again, watch over us all and give us your guidance when we are feeling lost.



Ashley White - October 16, 2017 at 08:20 PM

MZ

Sorry, I wasn't able to attend Cleo funeral, was thinking of all the family and so sorry for your loss. Cleo was a great lady. She and my dad was first cousins. God bless the family.  
Mary Jean (Kanute) Zandler.

Mary Jean (Kanute) Zandler - October 19, 2017 at 06:17 PM