



Irene Finchum Barker

September 30, 1910 - May 23, 2009

Irene Finchum Barker, 98, of Newport, Tenn., died Saturday, May 23, 2009. Born in Blount County and raised in Knoxville, Mrs. Barker moved with her husband Walter to nearby Vonore, where he worked with Stokely Van Camp Canning Company. Eventually, his job brought the couple to Newport, where Mr. and Mrs. Barker, along with Wade and Louise Butcher, later operated Butcher & Barker Supply Company for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Barker were faithful, active members of First United Methodist Church, Newport. Mrs. Barker was preceded in death by her husband, Walter J. Barker; sister, Mary Nell Finchum; and brothers, Fred Finchum and A.D. Finchum. She is survived by niece Phyllis Finchum and husband Julian; niece Jane Love Finchum; other extended family; adopted family Love G. Shults, Bill and Odette Shults, Ellen Koutsky, Glen C. Shults, Linda Vespereny, Andrew Shults, Sarah Shults and Thomas Shults; and special friends Rosetta McCarter, Rita Cope Messer, and Brad and Yvonne Cox. A private burial will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery, Knoxville. A memorial service will be held Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 2 p.m. in the chapel of First United Methodist Church, Newport. The Rev. Rick Spell, Jr., will officiate.

Tribute Wall



“ Irene Finchum Barker

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ My deepest sympathy. My mother was her brother, A.D.'s daughter. If there is anything I can do to help, please let me know.

Astra Allen - June 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



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Diana Brewer and Family - May 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



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SS

“ You are in our thoughts & prayers. Evelyn Smith Jimmy & Sharon Styles

sharon styles - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Irene Finchum Barker

Jeff Kyker - May 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ Mrs. Barker was always so very nice to us and we remember her fondly.

Fletcher and Penny Ervin - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Ms. Love, Bill and Odette, Sorry to learn of your loss. If you should need anything please let me know. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers. Kim

Kim Gregg - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Irene Finchum Barker

Rob and Lisa Myers - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Dear Ikie, You will be missed. Knowing you was a blessing. Love Doc and Carole

Carole and George Modglin - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *May you find comfort in the many memories that live on in your heart. With Deepest Sympathy, Judy*

Judy Bowers - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Irene Finchum Barker*

Kathy, Shawn, and Elizabeth Hemsworth - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *Irene Finchum Barker*

Robert and Martha Pack - May 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Irene Finchum Barker*

Polly murray - May 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BL

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Bill & Charlotte Leibrock - May 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HK

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Hank & Louise Kilgore - May 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *I remember Mrs. Barker's hospitality and befriending a college friend I brought home one summer. She was such a dear lady and will be missed.*

Steve Strom - May 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Remembering Irene's kindness and friendship to my mother, Louise Shockley. Sincerely, Linda S.Dawson

Linda Dawson - May 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ Irene Finchum Barker

Wiley & Kate Morgan - May 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM