John K. 'Jack' Barber

John K. "Jack" Barber, 80, of Pittsburg, died at 5:37 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, 2003, at St. John's Regional Medical Center at Joplin, Mo.

He was born March 10, 1923, at Columbus, to Clyde Kimpton and Clela L. (Melville) Barber. He attended Pittsburg schools and was a 1940 graduate of Pittsburg High School. He was a graduate of Pittsburg State University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving during World War II as an Air Force pilot. In 1958, he moved from Columbus to Joplin.

He married Jean M. Martin on June 5, 1943, at Manhattan. She survives of the home.

Mr. Barber was in the grocery business for many years and owned and operated Karbe's Grocery stores.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Crestwood Country Club and the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity. He also was a Meals on Wheels volunteer for many years.

Additional survivors include four sons, Martin Barber of Pittsburg, John Barber of Bonner Springs, Peter Barber of Tulsa, Okla., and David Barber of Kansas City, Mo.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be 2 p.m. today at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Kathleen Owsley of First United Methodist Church officiating. Following the services, Mr. Barber's body will be cremated. Private burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Brenner Mortuary, 114 E. Fourth St.

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