Helen J. Barkell, BSEd 1919, MS 1933

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Mrs. Barkell was born Sept. 15, 1897, in Macon County, Mo., the daughter of William S. and Anna Graham Smith. She came to Pittsburg as a child and attended Pittsburg schools, graduating from Pittsburg High School. She received her bachelor of art and masters degrees from Kansas State Teachers College, now Pittsburg State University.

She married Fred A. Barkell in 1920. He preceded her in death in 1949. Mrs. Barkell taught school for many years in Cherokee before her marriage and in later years in Webb City, Mo., Lamar, Mo., and Nevada, Mo.

Membership was in the First Christian Church where she belonged for 70 years and also taught secondary and adult Sunday School classes. She was a Gold Star Mother and was active in Chapter AQ, PEO for 60 years.

Survivors include one daughter, Patty Haderlein of Girard; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, a daughter, two sisters, one brother and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Brenner Chapel with Dr. Wayne Black of the First Christian Church officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Brenner Chapel. Friends may call at the chapel after 1 a.m. Tuesday. The Brenner Mortuary, 114 E. Fourth, is in charge of arrangements.
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