



## Verla Emma (Barton) Cookson

April 22, 1942 - February 21, 2017

Verla Emma (Barton) Cookson was born on April 22, 1942 in Bixby, Missouri to the late Alex and Elsie (Sumpter) Barton and entered into rest Tuesday, February 21, 2017 in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 74.

Miss Barton was united in marriage to the love of her life Mr. Bonnie Cookson on March 20, 1965 in St. Louis, Missouri at the Second United Baptist Church, and to this union two children were born. Verla was an amazing caregiver, not only for her family but also for her church and her community. She shared her loving for baking and quilting with many. She also shared the love of St. Louis Cardinal baseball with her sister. She was a faithful member of the Freewill Baptist Church in Viburnum for 50 years. She was a very loving lady and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Verla is survived by her husband Bonnie Cookson of the home; children, Bryan Cookson and wife December of Villa Ridge, Missouri, Tonya Tanner and husband Rickie of Clarksville, Tennessee; sisters, Dema Martin of Boss, Missouri, Mabel Hedrick of Salem, Missouri, Maxine Lowe and husband Paul Dean of Salem, Missouri; grandchildren, Hayley Gillen (Justin), Brooke

Cookson (Josh Short), Kate Cookson, Baillie Tanner, Alexis Cookson, Rhett Tanner; great-grandson, Shawn Gillen; many nieces and nephews that loved her very much. In addition to her parents, Alex & Elsie, Verla was preceded in death by her brothers, Raymond Barton, Ray Barton, Clyde Barton, Everett Barton; sisters, Alma Stewart, Bernice Berry, Marie Brooks, Velma White; granddaughter, Neely Tanner.

Funeral services for Verla E. Cookson will be held 11:00AM Saturday, February 25, 2017 at the Salem Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary. A visitation for family and friends will be held from 5:00PM - 8:00PM Friday, February 24, 2017 at the Chapel. Interment will be held in the Barton Cemetery in Oates, Missouri.

# Cemetery Details

## Barton Cemetery

Oats, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **24**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem  
103 West Center  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-3117  
jgsalemmo@hotmail.com  
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

## Service

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Verla Emma (Barton) Cookson

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ Verla Emma (Barton) Cookson

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ Stephanie & Terry Woods purchased the Peaceful / White Lilies Basket for the family of Verla Emma (Barton) Cookson.



Stephanie & Terry Woods - February 23, 2017 at 04:53 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Verla Emma (Barton) Cookson.



February 23, 2017 at 04:37 PM

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“ *Annette Clark, Crystal Norris, Denise Bubsey, purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Verla Emma (Barton) Cookson.*



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**Annette Clark, Crystal Norris, Denise Bubsey**, - February 23, 2017 at 10:54 AM



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February 23, 2017 at 10:12 AM