



## Mary Joyce Barton

July 21, 1923 - January 30, 2015

Mary Joyce Barton formerly of Neavitt, MD, passed away on Friday, January 30, 2015, at Pines Genesis. She was 91.

On July 21, 1923, she was born in Neavitt, MD, to the late Edward and Lucy (Harrison) Neavitt. After graduating from St. Michaels High School, she married Kennard W. Hambleton who was a local waterman. As a young wife and mother, she mastered the art of picking crabs, making crab cakes, shucking oysters and making Maryland beaten biscuits. After the death of her husband, she met the Rev. Charles E. Barton, Jr., and they were married on January 20, 1958.

Being a United Methodist minister's wife meant moving around to serve local churches through the years, taking them to Concord, MD, Secretary, MD, Cheswold, DE, Elkton, MD, Seaford, DE, and Dover, DE, to then settle into their life-long home in Neavitt, MD.

Mary Joyce spent her life taking care of her family, serving the church and the community. She was a Sunday school teacher, a church organist, an active volunteer at Camp Pecometh and the Chesapeake Walk to Emmaus, and a lifelong member of the Neavitt United Methodist Church. While living in Seaford, Mary Joyce worked as a switchboard operator at the Methodist Manor House.

She is survived by her four children, Joanna Birch of Secretary, MD, Chuck Barton (Tammy) of Berlin, MD., Edward N. Barton (Angela) of Elkridge, MD, and Mollie Barton-Worob (John) of Easton, MD.; six grandchildren; Jesse Birch Mills, Tayler, Olivia, Adrianna, Alexandra and Evan Barton; and two great-grandchildren, Rachel Barnes and Gary Camper Jr.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Kennard W. Hambleton; her second husband, Rev. Charles E. Barton, Jr.; a brother, Edward Harrison Neavitt; a sister, Anna Oxenham, (recently deceased on January 29, 2015); and son-in-law, Paul R. Birch.

Friends may call on Thursday, February 5, 2015, from 6-8pm at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home P.A. Easton, MD.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, February 6, 2015, at 11am, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in St. Michaels, MD. Burial will follow in Neavitt Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Neavitt Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 163, Neavitt, MD 21652.

# Cemetery Details

**Neavitt Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Calling Hours

FEB 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location  
200 S Harrison St  
Easton, MD 21601  
(410) 822-3131  
info@fhnfuneralhome.com

### Service

FEB 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
304 S. Talbot Street  
St. Michaels, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Joyce Barton*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Mary Joyce Barton*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Mary Joyce Barton*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I can remember Mrs. Barton, as I was just only 12 years old, and their family, was just a couple doors down from where I lived on Main St, of Elkton Md. I can recall Mr.Barton being the Pastor for the United Methodist Church where I attended and sang in the choir. Mr.Barton was this soft spoken man and so was his wife. I was friends with Chuck, Eddie, Mollie Barton,the three of their children. I can only send my condolences to all of you. Please know that you are in my thoughts and my prayers.A friend, who only cares, JoyceWoodruffWelcher.*

**JoyceWoodruffWelcher** - February 11, 2015 at 10:05 PM

EM

“ *When the Barton Family was in Elkton at Elkton United Methodist Church Mary Joyce was inspirational in so many ways. She would go out of her way to help others and was such a caring lady. You were always welcomed at the Parsonage with open arms. Rev. Barton & Mary Joyce always made you a part of their family and I will never forget all the kindness they gave from their Hearts. She is now in Gods hands and I truly know that she has joined Rev. Barton and they are continuing what they did best here on Earth helping others. To the Children Her memories will live in your hearts forever.*

*God Bless  
Ed. Mckeown*

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**Ed. Mckeown** - February 05, 2015 at 02:27 AM

CL

“ *Mary Joyce was a dear mom to our family when they were at St. John's in Seaford. I can just picture her at the piano, she and Charlie and all of us belting out our favorites! "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" was one they always requested for Christmas Eve service. Later on, what a gift to continue to see each other through Conference and Emmaus. What an amazing, loving, joyful in the Lord woman! She was such a Proverbs 31 example to me. I wanted to be just like her when I grew up! Love and prayers to all of you, the joys of her life. So sad we cannot be at the services, but we will continue to lift you all in prayer. xxoo In His love, Carol Lynch*

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**Carol Lynch** - February 04, 2015 at 02:59 PM

BT

“ Mary Joyce was my second mom. She talked to me on the phone to keep me awake driving home from Baltimore many of nights. She loved her family...Church and her music. I can see her smiling now as she sat there playing the organ at Neavitt Church. She was truly a great lady and will be missed.



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**Bert Thamert** - February 04, 2015 at 01:59 AM

SK

“ Mary Joyce was such a gracious person all her life. Her home was always open and her heart as well. When our daughter, Caroline, was in Elkton Hospital on her first birthday (almost 40 years ago) Ed went to Mary Joyce and Charlie at the parsonage and asked if I could stop in there to rest when he relieved me at the hospital. Of course I was welcome and I did sleep there...and never forgot the gracious hospitality and care, nor her awesome canning from her garden.

Then when we moved to Seaford and Ed and I had to move to Wilmington before school was out, Carrie again stayed with the Bartons to finish out her 7th grade year.. We thank God for Mary Joyce, celebrate all that she is and know that she and her wonderful caring heart will live on in her children and grandchildren. And Charlie is overjoyed to have her with him again. Susan Keirn and Edward E. Kester

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**Susan Keirn Kester** - February 02, 2015 at 10:23 AM

PJ

“ On behalf of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference, please accept our deepest sympathies for your loss. May God's promise of eternal life and God's presence strengthen you today and in the days to come. Bishop Peggy A. Johnson

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**Peggy A. Johnson** - February 02, 2015 at 09:19 AM

CM

*Mary Joyce was a true "sister in Christ" and an inspiration....a very special lady.... loved by so many. How blessed you were to have had her for a mom and grandmother! In Christ's love, Cheryl & Jim Michael*

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**Cheryl Michael** - February 03, 2015 at 10:54 AM

PC

*I remember Mary Joyce when she worked at the Manor House in Seaford and would keep me updated with my mother's condition. Also when she and Charlie moved to the Bosman area, we met again because their daughter, Molly, sang in our choir at St. Lukes church. She always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. Those who want to remember good things in life, will remember this spiritual person.*

*Peggy Van Dyke Campbell*

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**Peggy Campbell** - February 03, 2015 at 11:44 AM

BK

*My husband and I had moved to Neavitt in 1997 and Mary Joyce was the person we talked to when we wanted to join the Neavitt Church. She was a very caring and most of all loving person who gave her all. We feel blessed having known her. Rest with God now. Amen*

*Bev and Burgess Kegan*

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**Bev Kegan** - February 04, 2015 at 08:23 AM

BH

*Dear Mollie and family, you mom was a dear and she will be missed. Your family has a history of loving and serving Christ and your parents were models for all of us. You remain in our thoughts and prayer. In Christ, Ken and Benita Harris*

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**Benita Harris** - February 05, 2015 at 02:52 PM