



## Florine Barham

June 10, 1925 - November 17, 2012

Florine Barham, 87, of Bolivar passed away Saturday, November 17, 2012 at her home. She was born at Dunnegan, Missouri the daughter of Franklin and Lula Mead Hopkins. Florine was a cheerleader for Fair Play High School and Rex Barham played basketball for Halfway High School. She told a friend "that's the man I'm going to marry". They were married April 24, 1943 and to this union was born one daughter, Carolyn. She was saved October 17, 1938 and was a member of Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church where she was a true prayer warrior. Florine worked right along with Rex in all their endeavors, but when they became involved with Fox Trot horses she found her true calling. She trained and rode until 2007 when her health no longer permitted her to ride. She still attended many shows and loved to watch her grandson, Vance, train and show. She started a youth club in the Missouri Fox Trot Association and taught many young riders to ride and show their horses. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Ben and Ted Hopkins; and two infant grandsons, Troy Wayne Vahle and Benjamin Rex Vahle. Survivors include her husband Rex of the home; daughter Carolyn Wakefield and her husband Richard; grandsons Vance Vahle, Shannon Vahle and his wife Madison; great-grandchildren Payton and Madelynn Vahle all of Bolivar, and Andrea Andrews of Springfield. She is also survived by step-granddaughters Tammy Herbert and her husband Danny and their children Tony, C.J. and wife Leeanne, and Lacey; Tracy Hillenburg and her husband Tim and their children, Taylor and Ty; one step-great great granddaughter

Layla Herbert; sister Jean Quillin of Fair Play and a host of nieces and nephews. Most of her family live in and around Bolivar. Funeral services for Florine Barham will be held 11:00 AM Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at the Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church near Bolivar officiated by Bro. Doyle Mayfield and Bro. Gary Campbell with burial immediately following at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 6-8 PM Monday, November 19, 2012 at Murray Funeral Home, Bolivar. Online condolences may be submitted to [www.murrayfuneralhomes.com](http://www.murrayfuneralhomes.com).

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Florine Barham*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Florine Barham*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *My thoughts & prayers are with you all.*

**MariBeth Ruckman** - November 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Florine was great lady and will be missed by everyone. Praying for you Rex and your Family.*

**Missy Morgan Oaks** - November 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss.*

**Linda K. Daugherty** - November 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Florine will be remembered as a true warrior and strong force in the Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association. She spent many hours sharing her knowledge and skills with others. She will be missed by all her fox trotter family. Prayers to her family.*

**Joyce Graening** - November 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Uncle Rex, Carolyn, Richard and family, My heart goes out to all of you at this time. I will always remember Aunt Florine as a sweet, kind person who had a distinct voice and laugh. God bless you all, Kim

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**Kim Hopkins-Will** - November 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Carolyn, Our Hearts and Prayers go out to you and your family.

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**Danny & Trish Hall** - November 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JQ

“ Florine was a wonderful Aunt and we will miss her..may God give you comfort in your time of loss.

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**Jack & Sam Quillin** - November 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JQ

“ Uncle Rex, Carolyn and Family, So sorry to hear of aunt Florine's passing. Just wanted to say you are in our thoughts and prayers and that we love you. May God Bless and Comfort You, Joe

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**joe quillin** - November 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM