

## **Mrs. Louise Barnes Duval**

Mrs. Louise Barnes Duvall, 89, a longtime resident of Damascus, died Friday, March 12, 2010, at Collingswood Nursing Center in Rockville. She was the wife of the late Brandon W. Duvall. At the time of his death in 2005, they had been married for 64 1/2 years.

She was one of four daughters, born on the family farm in Browningsville, March 23, 1920, to the late Herbert D. and Rosa May Lewis Barnes.

Louise was born into a very musical family. From the time she was a child, she and her sisters sang at various church and community events. In the 1930s she, along with her sister Vivian, Alma Burdette and Evelyn Walker sang on Sunday afternoon on radio station WFMD in Frederick. In the 1980s, Louise, her sisters, and cousin Marian Walker, formed the singing group "The Barnes Sisters," performing at area senior centers and also on local cable television channels.

Louise was a graduate of Damascus High School. She was a homemaker, loving mother and a much loved and respected substitute school teacher in the Damascus area schools for nearly 30 years.

She was a continuously active member, for more than 50 years, of Damascus United Methodist Church, serving as a Sunday school teacher, helping with preparation of foods for church dinners and various other capacities of the church. Louise was also a founding member of the Family Community Garden Club in Damascus.

Surviving her are three children, Jerry Duvall and his wife, Karen, of Damascus, Jeanette MacKusick and her husband, Meredith, of Rockville, and Herbert Duvall and his wife, Iris, of Virginia Beach; five grandchildren, Christopher Duvall, Alice Aaron, Brandon Duvall, Elizabeth DeJager and Matthew MacKusick; four great-grandchildren, Cheyanna Harrington, Cameron Aaron, Kaitlyn Duvall and Brandon Duvall; and one sister, Dorothy B. Burdette of Damascus. She will also be remembered by her many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Duvall was preceded in death by two sisters, Mazie Rebert and Vivian Browning.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at Molesworth-Williams, P.A., Funeral Home, 26401 Ridge Road, Damascus. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 19, at Damascus United Methodist Church, 9700 New Church St., Damascus, MD 20872, with the Rev. Walter Edmonds officiating. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

The family suggests that expressions of sympathy be in the form of memorial contributions to the Damascus United Methodist Church, at the above address; or the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department, 26334 Ridge Road, Damascus, MD 20872.