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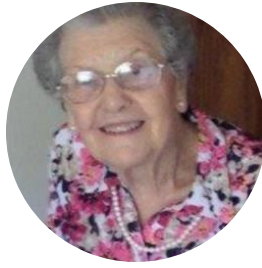
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Helen Berniece Hays Coppage was born on a farm near Geary, Oklahoma on August 10, 1929 to parents Arthur Carl Hays and Bertie Dromgoole Hays. She was also welcomed by two older brothers Wilber and Hershel. Her family grew and added another brother Richard and two sisters Mary and Carol. She attended Pleasant Ridge and Richland schools. She got married at age 16 and was unable to finish high school but got her GED many years later. She was very proud of that. She attended church at Pleasant Ridge and joined the church at age 12.

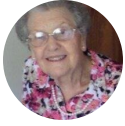
She was married to Dorman Edgar Coppage on July 7, 1945. They moved to the Coppage family place where they worked the farm and manufactured and sold brooms. All three of their children, Nina Elaine, Dorman Neal, and Carl Milton were born while living there.

In 1952 they moved to southern California where Dorman did carpentry work. In 1957 they moved to a farm outside of Bolivar and remained there until all of the children were out of school in 1969. During that time she became a member of Mt. Gilead Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School and Bible School. She also was heavily involved with 4-H for many years.

After that they spent some time in Collins, Missouri where they owned and ran a grocery store and feed mill, but ended up in Humansville for thirty years where Dorman had a gun shop, raised cattle and hogs, and Berniece worked at Teters before retiring. They were also members of the Humansville Methodist Church where they were deeply involved with all aspects of the church. They had many happy years here with family and friends.

After Dorman's passing, Berniece moved back to Bolivar. She rejoined Mt. Gilead Methodist Church and was able to spend time with children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Dorman Neal, her husband, Dorman Edgar, her mother and father Carl and Bertie Hays, her brothers Wilber, Hershel, Richard and a sister Mary Gann.



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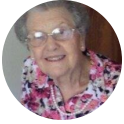
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She is survived by her daughter and husband, Elaine and George Williams, son and wife, Carl and Debra Coppage, daughter-in-law and husband, Vickie and Bill Fowler, her sister Carol Baldwin, sister-in-law, Clio Coppage and several nieces and nephews. She is also survived by three grandchildren and their spouses, Christopher Fugitt and Chandra Irving, Darrin and Annette Fugitt, and Aubrey and Shane Hampton. She has 7 great-grandchildren: Paige Mashtare, Alena Fugitt, Chase Hampton, Hunter Fugitt, Holden Music, Darrin Fugitt, Grace Hampton, and Genevieve Fugitt. She also has a great-great-grandchild, Siena Mashtare.

Services for Helen will be 11:00 AM Friday, March 22, 2019 at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO. Visitation will take place 10:00- 11:00 AM at the Funeral Home. Burial will take place in the Mt. Gilead Cemetery.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Berniece Coppage please visit our Sympathy Store.






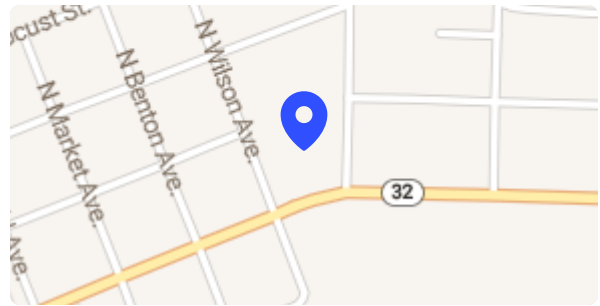
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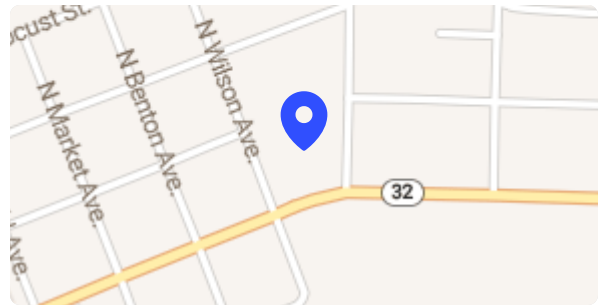
Visitation

-  **Friday**, March 22, 2019
-  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
-  **Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar**
407 East Broadway, Bolivar MO 65613




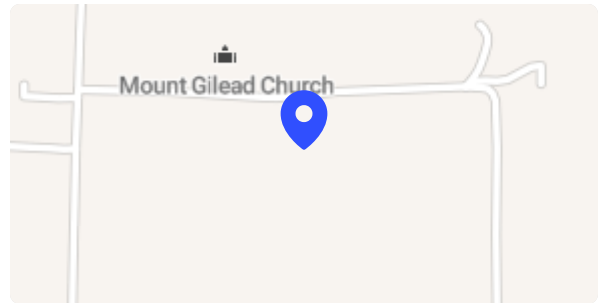
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Cemetery Details

-  **Mt. Gilead Cemetery**
1416 E. 464th Rd, Bolivar MO 65613





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