Dr. Eddice B. Barber

Dr. Eddice B. Barber, age 95, retired Mankato State University Professor, passed on May 3, 2016.

Memorial Service Celebrating Eddice's Life will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 14, 2016, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Mankato. Visitation will be one hour before the service. Interment will be in the Ohio Cemetery, Burlington Junction, Missouri. Mankato Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Eddice was born, October 26, 1920, to Alonzo Alfred and Hattie Eunice (Graves) Barber Maryville, Missouri. She attended Northwest Missouri State Teachers College for two years, taught in a rural school for two years, then returned to college to complete her BS in 1942. She then taught high school in Iowa until 1947. In 1948, she earned an MS at the University of Colorado and subsequently taught at college in Peru, Nebraska and Parsons, Kansas until joining the faculty at Mankato State University in 1956. She left MSU to earn her PhD at the University of Minnesota in 1972, and returned to MSU where she later chaired the English Department for six years, retiring in 1984. Eddice remained active with the retired faculty.

Eddice enjoyed travel and visited many countries including England, Spain, Japan, and Australia among others.

Eddice was a member of AAUW, Delta Kappa Gamma, the MSU Faculty Senate, the Minnesota Inter Faculty Assn., and co-founder of MSU for Seniors. She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Mankato.

Eddice was preceded in death by her parents, Alonzo and Hattie Barber; brother, John and wife, Ellen Francis, brother, Kent and wife, Ilda, and brother, Lee.

Eddice is survived by four nephews and their wives: Gary and Sharron Barber of Waunakee, WI, Alfred and Judy Barber of Omaha, NE, James and Linda Barber of Bethany, MO and Terry and Yvonne Barber of Jefferson City, MO; also surviving are six great nieces, three great nephews, and their children.

Memorials should be made to her church, First Congregational United Church of Christ, the Barber Scholarship at MSU, or the Alzheimer's Association.