

# Last Rites For Grandmother Barton

Josephine Barton was born January 29, 1859 in Pontotoc, Miss., and departed this life July 24, 1951 at the age of 92 years, 5 months and 25 days.

When a small girl, she moved with her parents to Coryell County, Texas, where she grew to young womanhood. She became a Christian and joined the church when a young girl, and at the time of her death was a member of the First Baptist Church of Follett, Texas.

On December 19, 1878, she was united in marriage to J. W. Williamson. To this union was born one daughter, Ethel. When the daughter was still a small girl, she was left a widow, her husband having passed on.

In August 1902, she was married to C. E. Barton. They moved to Lipscomb County, four miles north of Follett where they lived until her husband's death in 1935. Since that time, she has lived in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joe Barton.

She leaves behind, her daughter, Mrs. Joe Barton, three step-son's, Tom, of Gatesville, Texas, Bob and Joe of Follett, 19 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great-grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

Although "Grandma Barton" has been closely confined to her home for many years, it was a joy to her friends to visit her and she was always glad to have them.

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It is so natural that we fall  
asleep

Like tired children when the  
day is done,

That I would question why the  
living weep

When Death has kissed the lau-  
ghing lips of one.

We do not sigh when golden  
skies have donned

The purple shadows and the  
gray of night,

Because we know the morning  
lies beyond,

And we must wait a little while  
for night.

So when, grown weary with the  
care and strife,

Our loved ones find in sleep, the  
peace they crave,

We should not weep, but learn  
to count this life

A prelude to one beyond the  
grave;

And thus be happy for them,  
not distressed,

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