

It was a cold and stormy night on February 23, 1926, when Zora Iolla Barry was born to George and Zilvia (Walthall) Harwood at her home in Elm Springs, her twin sister, Zella, was born and then to her mother's surprise, 20 minutes later, Zora was born.

She grew up on a family farm in Elm Springs where she attended grade school and like all farm kids, her days were filled with going to school and chores. On Sundays, the family attended church in Elm Springs and then enjoyed numerous Sunday afternoons at the Belle Fourche River fishing which was one of her passions.

In the summertime her parents sent her and her siblings to Bible School. One afternoon after a good study on salvation, she was on her way down the hill to get a pail of water she thought, I must repent of my sins and ask the Lord Jesus to come into my heart so right there, halfway to the well, she stopped and prayed the salvation prayer. Zora said, "How good to know the Lord and what He can do if we will just let Jesus have control."

Zora attended high school in Wasta and graduated second in her class. After graduation, she attended Cadet Nursing Training.

After her schooling, Zora taught at the Hope School, and Pleasant Valley School, and then worked in Sturgis at a café on Main Street.

After many requests from Clyde Barry, Zora agreed to a date. (Her parents didn't really want her to date one of those wild Barry boys!) During their short courtship, Clyde (also a twin) would fly from Hay Draw to Sturgis in his Piper PA-11 Cub Special for a date with Zora. They married on July 11, 1952, and then lived on the ranch at Hay Draw where they raised their children: Iolla, Robert "Bob", Jeanette "Jean", and Albert. Zora always raised a very large garden and produced and canned much of her family's food. She also loved to fish, sew, knit, crochet, making and decorating cakes for special occasions, and did we mention fishing! All of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren have something that Zora knitted or crocheted. Zora loved to go to her children's, grandchildren's, and great-grandchildren's sporting events. She could be found setting on a hard bleacher videoing their games, wrestling matches, track meets, etc. She even attended a football and volleyball game this fall!

Zora was an active member of the Union Center Community Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and always made sure that her children attended church, church gatherings, and any other church activities. She was also active in the ABC Club, Missions Circle, and Sewing Circle.

Zora loved to write, so much of this information was taken from Zora's written memories.

After Clyde passed away, Zora remained on the family ranch until she moved to an apartment in Rapid City, Foothills in Sturgis, and Good Samaritan's in New Underwood where on December 30, 2023, at the age of 97, she left this earth to spend eternity with her Heavenly Father.

She is survived by her children: Iolla Houchin, Rapid City, SD, Robert "Bob" (Yvonne) Barry, Hay Draw, SD, Jeanette "Jean" (Steve) Morris, Pierre, SD, and Albert (Jeri) Barry of Rapid City, SD; nine grandchildren: Amy (Josh) Morrison, Stacy (Charlie) Hunt, Kyle (Kassi) Barry, Troy (Amanda) Barry, Kerri (Brad) Richards, Brian (Brittney) Barry, Carl Morris, Kevin Barry, and James (Kimberlin) Morris; nineteen great-grandchildren; four step grandchildren: John (Melanie) Cammack, Valorie (Dustin) Seaman, Amanda (Chad) Westendorf, Calvin (Kristi) Cammack; eleven step great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Donna Cammack, who called Zora every evening for many years which meant a lot to Zora and her family.

Zora was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Clyde, siblings, Alvin, Virgil, Zella, Irma, George, and Wilma, daughter-in-law, Joan Barry, and infant grandson.

Memorial has been established to Union Center Community Baptist Church, and Boneita Springs Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch,  
in the basement at the church, following the service.  
Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

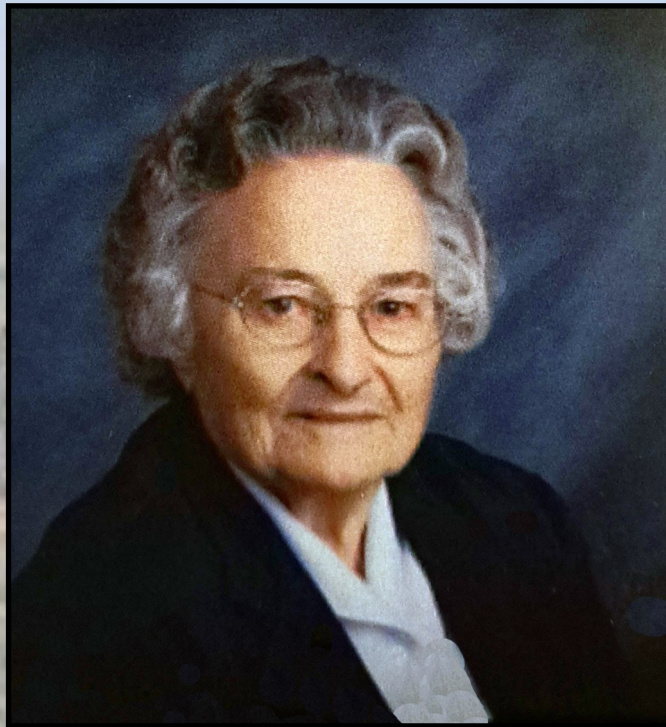
## *Celebration of Life*



***Zora Iolla Barry***

***February 23, 1926 ~ December 30, 2023***





*A Celebration Of Life*  
***Zora Iolla Barry***

***Born***

February 23, 1926  
Elm Springs, South Dakota

***Died***

December 30, 2023  
New Underwood, South Dakota

***Funeral Service***

Saturday, January 6, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.  
Union Center Community Baptist Church  
Union Center, South Dakota

***Officiant***

Pastor Jake Julson

***Musicians***

Sylvia Rhoden  
Men's Quartet:  
John Rhoden, Larry Rhoden, Dennis Hall, Caden Smiley

***Special Music***

"In The Garden"  
"When We All Get to Heaven" Congregational  
"How Great Thou Art"

***Pallbearers***

Amy Morrison Stacy Hunt Kyle Barry Troy Barry  
Kerri Richards Brian Barry Carl Morris Kevin Barry James Morris

***Final Resting Place***

Boneita Springs Cemetery  
Enning, South Dakota

***PSALM 121***

*I will lift up mine eyes to the hills, from whence cometh my help?*

*My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.*

*He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will  
not slumber.*

*Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

*The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon the right hand.*

*The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.*

*The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy  
soul.*

*The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this  
time forth, and even for evermore.*