

## Virginia Blankenbaker, 94

Virginia Lee Carey Blankenbaker, 94, of Boonville, Mo., died Sunday, August 7, 2005 at the Ashley Manor Care Center in Boonville. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2005 at the Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Boonville with Rev. Roger Metscher officiating. Friends may call after 2 p.m. Wednesday at the William Wood Funeral Home in Boonville. Burial will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Blankenbaker was born November 14, 1910 near Prairie Home, Mo., the daughter of Robert and Kathryn Niederwimmer Carey. She was a member of the Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Boonville. She had served as a pianist for the Clark's Chapel Church for many years. She was a member of the Boonville Chapter #419 O. E. S., Cooper County Area Retired Teachers, Retired Teachers Association of Missouri and the American Association of Retired Teachers.

She attended Central Methodist College at Fayette, Mo., where she received her B.S. degree. She began her teaching career in 1931, having taught one year in Moniteau County and the remainder in Cooper County, including Prairie Home and Boonville. She taught 26 years in the Boonville elementary schools and retired from teaching in May 1964.

She married Robert F. Blankenbaker on August 28, 1948. He preceded her in death on June 27, 1961. She was also preceded in death by one brother.

She is survived by one son, Robert Bryan of Prairie Home, Mo.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to the R. F. Blankenbaker Memorial Scholarship Fund in care of the William Wood Funeral Home.