

Marjorie Carter

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Marjorie Benner Carter, 100, died at 5:50 p.m. Thursday, September 15, 2011 at Rosewood Care Center in Alton. Born November 8, 1910 in Bunker Hill, Illinois, she was the daughter of Charles and Emma (Bauer) Benner. Her family moved to Alton where she attended the Alton Public Schools. Following graduation from Alton High School, she attended Shurtleff College in Alton where she received a Bachelor's Degree in 1931. Mrs. Carter started teaching high school at Staunton, Illinois. After one year, she moved to Brighton, Illinois where she taught high school for eight years. She was the oldest teacher who attended the Annual Brighton reunion. In 1939, she married Donald R. Carter and retired from teaching. In 1950, she returned to teaching at the Milton Elementary School and taught there until 1958. In 1958, she became Acting Principal and taught grade 4 at Garfield School. In 1962, she became Principal at Garfield and taught various grades until 1974.



While teaching school, she began her Master's Degree in Education at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. Her Master's thesis was on the topic of teaching academically talented students. In 1958, her program was introduced at Garfield School where she became a teaching Principal. In 1975, she became an Assistant Principal at Lewis and Clark and taught 5th grade. She retired on June 1, 1976. After her retirement, she was a substitute Teacher/ Principal from 1976 to 1982. Mrs. Carter did a great deal of traveling that included four trips to Europe, South America, the Orient, and Canada and throughout the United States. She devoted her retirement time to many civic activities including: the Eastern Star, White Shrine, Illinois and Alton Retired Teachers Association, the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Alton Woman's Council, the Delta Kappa Gamma and the Greater Alton Concert Association. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and sang in the choir. She is survived by her nephew,

Kenneth D. Benner and his wife, Barbara P. Benner; her niece, Helen Benner; her great nieces, Kathleen Benner Duble, Lauren Benner Romain, Mara Benner, Barbara Benner and Susan Benner; and caregiver and friend, Karen Gunter. She will be greatly missed by all those students whose lives she touched and by her many family and friends. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Reverend Brad Donoho will officiate. Burial will be at Upper Alton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Alton Museum of History and Art, 2809 College Avenue, Alton, IL 62002.

Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com