

Pvt Gloria B. Barrett (Carver)

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The marine corps' newspaper at Paris Island, S. C., of March 24, paid tribute to the athletic ability of an Oshkosh girl, Pvt. Gloria Carver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Carver, Oshkosh. Nicknamed "Tiny" by the boot staff writer of the women's marine corps reserve, Gloria "rated" a picture and a full paragraph. The article read: "Tiny but with plenty of energy, blonde Gloria Carver, private in the MCWR, is a champion tennis swatter. She has played tennis since she was 8 . . . because the courts were across from her home in Oshkosh, Wis. She was amateur champ for one year and played in matches all over her home state. Standing by to begin a class of women reserve hopefuls, Gloria signs out equipment in the recreation hut. She gave up a job with the Curtiss-Wright Corporation in Buffalo to enter the service."

Gloria Belle "Carver" Barrett

Gloria passed on at her daughter's home in Prescott, AZ., the 21st of October 2004 at the age of 80. Gloria was born in Oshkosh on November 13 1923 to Paul C. and Belle (Wendel) Carver. She attended Longfellow school from kindergarden through 8th grade, graduating in 1937. She then graduated from Oshkosh High in 1941. Gloria's home at the time was 428 Merritt Street, which was across from the tennis courts in North Park. She became an accomplished tennis player tutored by George Labored and Brud Anger. Coupled with Connie Peters they won the state doubles championship. Living near the North Park bathing beach with lessons from Hank Jenson, she became an excellent swimmer.

Gloria spent time at the Oshkosh State Teachers College and then decided to join the U.S. Marines. She was sent to the University of Penn State for a time and then transferred to Paris Island Virginia. At the end of WWII she returned to



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Oshkosh.

She met her future husband Grant Barrett, who was in Oshkosh with his friend Oshkosh All Star (Clint Wager). Grant and Gloria went to UW Madison where she graduated with a B.S. in journalism. Gloria and Grant were married in 1948. They moved to the Carver plantation where Grant went into dairy farming. Two of their daughters were born on the plantation. They were Connie Belle Blair and Chris Kalman. While in Alabama, Gloria taught school in Seale, Alabama. Dairy farming didn't pan out and they left the Plantation in 1955. They moved to Grant's home town Winona, Minnesota where number three daughter Patti Oliver was born.

Gloria's parents passed on and the Barretts moved to Surprise Arizona where they lived out their lives. Grant died March 30, 2004 in Surprise Arizona.

Gloria is survived by brother John Carver of Knoxville, Tennessee, their 3 daughters and two cousins. Hugh W. and William H. Carver.

Gloria's daughters from Georgia and Arizona will have a gathering at George's Gaslight at 2:30 on the 13th of November for friends and relations.

Miss Gloria Carver has arrived from Buffalo, N. Y., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Carver. Miss Carver, who had been employed by the Curtis-Wright Aircraft Corporation in Buffalo, has enlisted in the women's reserve of the marine corps and will report for boot training at LeJeune, N. C., after the first of the year.