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## 1304 Transsexual Back At Prison

VACAVILLE—The state prison system's first transsexual bride, wed a week ago to inmate Robert (Lonnie) Barnes here, returned to the California Medical Facility this week, this time to join a funeral procession to services for the bridegroom's father, who died the day after the prison wedding.

Katherine Ann Marlowe Barnes, 50, dressed all in black and wearing a black veil in contrast to the ivory lace wedding gown she wore a week earlier, brought a suit for her husband, Barnes, 29, in prison for the past nine years for murder, to wear to the funeral.

"Kate hopes that her marriage will not stay this black," she wrote Times-Herald reporter Barbara Hunter. "But it sure got off to tears both in wedding and funerals." She cried at the wedding in the prison administration conference room.

The father, Robert L. Barnes, 56, died June 30 of natural causes at his Sacramento home. He was a cook for eight years at the Clunie Hotel in Sacramento.

The son was allowed out of prison on a temporary community release for the funeral service, held at the

N.G. Culjis and Son Funeral Home in Sacramento. Burial was in Veterans Cemetery, Sacramento.

Kate, as she prefers to be called, was known as Kenneth Marlowe until sex-change surgery at Stanford Medical Center in 1973.

Correctional Sgt. James Black gave up his day off to act as one-man prison escort for Barnes, a minimum custody prisoner, for the noon departure from CMF, while Kate was to ride in a second car with three sisters of Barnes, Mrs. Linda Dunn, Mrs. Wanda Clabouth and Mrs. Cheryl Moore.

They were due back at the prison at 6 p.m. Kate said the temporary release was arranged in less than three hours with the approval of Thomas A. Gross, correctional counselor in the stress assessment unit.

Kate said she was going to have dinner with Barnes and Sgt. Black, the first time the newlyweds were together off the prison grounds.

The funeral marked the first time for the relatives to meet her and the first time many have seen the son since he began his prison term, which included a stay on Death Row.