



Willie B Barnes

July 5, 1937 - June 18, 2019

Willie B Barnes was born on July 5, 1937 at Grady Hospital in Atlanta, Ga. to the late Spencer and Rosa Lee Barnes. The family moved from Atlanta to Munford, Alabama where he spent his early childhood and started his life's journey. He received his early education from the Talladega County School System and attended Jennifer High School in Jennifer, Alabama. He later moved to Central Florida and joined the Army.

SFC Willie Barnes entered the Army on August 15, 1961. He was honorably discharged after serving 17 years of active and Reserve duty. He gained employment with Superior GMC and Heintzelman Ford Companies. Later he became a local truck driver for Ryder Trucks.

Mr. Barnes later moved to Memphis, Tennessee and opened his own record shop, where he worked for quite a while. Due to his great love of gospel music, he was a member of the singing group "Gospel Soul Revivals." He soon became a truck driver statewide for over 25 years before retiring and moving back to Orlando, Florida. As an Amvets member, Mr. Barnes ran for office and won the title of Commander of Amvets Post 30 serving two terms. Mr. Barnes was the President of the Homeowners Association in Malibu Groves for several years.

He also was the Historian for the Barnes/Dixon Connection Family and

headed all of the Family Reunions until 2016. "Living a Good Life", is a title that fit him because that is what he did. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with all of them. Most of his time was spent telling stories and participating in some interesting conversations at McDonald's hanging out with his buddies.

John 16:22 "Now is the time of your grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy "

On August 20, 2000, Mr. Barnes joined Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of his oldest son, Rev. Willie C Barnes, where he worshipped faithfully until his demise.

On June 17, 2019, without a warning, without goodbyes, Mr. Barnes, a loving and caring father and grandfather, quietly left this earthly home to be with the Lord. Willie B was preceded in death by his parents, Spencer and Rosa Lee, son, Roake, siblings, Spencer, Marilyn, Carretha Davis, and George Lewis; and grandson, Antonio (Tony).

He leaves to cherish his memories: wife, Mary Ann, Arizona; Children, Pastor Willie C. Barnes (Anita), Thomas Whitley, Sr. (Judy), Bruce, Emma, Spencer (Pam), Rochelle Moore, Todd (Rhonda), Victor Carter (Nora), Valerie Davis (Benet), Pamela Barnes (all of Orlando), Josh Lay (Tamiko) Columbus, OH, Tehya Barnes, Orlando, Joslyn Hayes (Antonio) Memphis, TN, Phyllis Reddix (Mike), Theresa Brown (Greg), Chris Miller (Michelle) all from Arizona; Sister, Juanita Curry (Phoenix City, Alabama); Sister/Cousin, Dorothy Mae Floyd; Grandchildren, Roderick Barnes, Orlando, Vincent Thomas, Hampton, GA, Kimberly Barnes, Houston, TX, Tonya and Sonya Barnes, Latisha McFarland, all of Orlando, Anissa Mack (Howard), Dallas, TX, Octavia Barnes, Thomas Whitley Jr. (Cynthia), Stacie Whitley, Natalie Jones (Neal), Tavares Barnes (Elisha), Sharala Barnes, Taryn Barnes all of Orlando, Lily and Jaidah Deeter,

Columbus, OH, Tyesha Barnes, Deek, Boy, Jamie, Brandon, all of Orlando, Tramaine, Lamar, Memphis, TN; Kei Carter, Patricia Murphy, Kandice, Von, Pierre, Dream and Cherry Carter, Greg Davis, PJ, Courtney Davis, Porsha Nelson (Quinton), Rawshelle Walker and Miracle Miller all of Orlando; and 40 Great - grandchildren, nine Great- Great Grandchildren: a special cousin, Dorothy Mae and a host of cousins, relatives, and friends.

His legacy will be honored and continued by his loving family and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
412 E. Kennedy Blvd.
Eatonville, FL 32751

Service

JUN 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Florida National Cemetery Burial

JUL 2. 11:30 AM (ET)

Florida National Cemetery
6502 S.W. 102nd Ave,
Bushnell, FL 33513

Tribute Wall



“ *Willie B Barnes*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Hi grandad...I miss you love you*

Brandon Barnes - September 10, 2020 at 02:51 PM



I love you Grandad I miss you

Brandon - April 18, 2021 at 11:57 PM



Hi grandad...it's been a while...the world has gone mad and life's just been tough but I've been trying and getting by...I miss you.. You was my best friend..I wish I was there with you when you left...but I'ma keep going and make you proud...I love you grandad...see you soon.

Brandon - September 10, 2021 at 02:46 PM



“ *Daffine Mims Clavier lit a candle in memory of Willie B Barnes*



Daffine Mims Clavier - July 16, 2019 at 03:14 AM

DN

“ My deepest sympathy to Pastor Barnes and his family for the loss of your father. I am praying for you and your family to have continued strength during this difficult time. Be encouraged and lean on one another. God is with you.

Deb

Deborah Neal-Love - June 28, 2019 at 01:24 PM

DN

“ My deepest sympathy to Pastor Barnes and his family for the loss of your father. I am praying for you and your family to have continued strength during this difficult time. Be encouraged and lean on another. God is with you.

Deb Neal-Love

Deborah Neal-Love - June 28, 2019 at 01:23 PM

JA

“ My Deepest Heartfelt Condolences to Pastor Barnes Family and Friends.



Jackie - June 27, 2019 at 09:42 PM

JA

“ Jackie sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie B Barnes



Jackie - June 27, 2019 at 09:40 PM

JA

“ Jackie lit a candle in memory of Willie B Barnes



Jackie - June 27, 2019 at 09:40 PM

EJ

“ With a heavy heart I send you greetings from your friends and family of Malibu Groves...Know that we mourn with you. It will get better bye & bye.

Eddie Johnson

Edward Johnson - June 27, 2019 at 10:02 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Willie B Barnes.



June 26, 2019 at 02:34 PM



“ Emma Barnes lit a candle in memory of Willie B Barnes



Emma Barnes - June 26, 2019 at 12:22 PM

MY

“ To our beloved Pastor, Willie C Barnes and family,
We send our sincere condolences to you all and pray your strength
and peace in the Lord. Please know we are here for whatever you
may need, do not hesitate to call! We love you and are praying for
you all.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

- Matthew 5:4

Min. Calvin & Yu'Vette Young

Min. Calvin & Yu'Vette Young - June 26, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Willie B Barnes.



June 25, 2019 at 07:20 PM

DC

“ Diane T Coleman lit a candle in memory of
Willie B Barnes



Diane T Coleman - June 24, 2019 at 12:33 AM

YV

“ Pastor Barnes and Family,
We pray the Lord gives you all peace and comfort for your loss.

Yvonne and Louise Turner

Yvonne - June 23, 2019 at 10:07 PM

TH

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. May the God of comfort provide peace to your family during this difficult time. 2 Thessalonians 2:16, 17 says that God, our Father, gives comfort and hope to our hearts. May He and his son Jesus be with your family, granting you peace and hope.

TH - June 23, 2019 at 10:18 AM

DN

“ Dot Newsome lit a candle in memory of Willie B. Barnes



Dot Newsome - June 20, 2019 at 03:27 PM

PW

“ Pastor Fernando And Gladys West sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie B Barnes



Pastor Fernando and Gladys West - June 19, 2019 at 10:10 PM