



Michael Ray Barnes

July 13, 1954 - May 30, 2024

Michael Ray Barnes peacefully met his Lord and Savior on May 30, 2024, surrounded by his family at the age of 69. Michael was born to Mrs. Ruth “Naomi” (DeWitt) Barnes and the late Mr. John Barnes in St. Louis Missouri on July 13, 1954.

After graduating high school, he continued his studies by taking a few college courses before finding employment in the Law Enforcement field. Michael loved this line of work and it showed in the way he honored not only his duties as an officer, but also around the community that he served. Throughout his years as an officer he served at the Phelps County Sheriff's office, Missouri S & T, which was the former University of Missouri Rolla, and later as a bailiff for the Phelps County.

Michael married the love of his life, Miss Jackie Jackson on August 1, 1971. This union was blessed with three children, Kristina, Lori, and Scott. A man of faith he knew that his family was the greatest gift the Lord had given him. As time went on and the children grew, blessings continued to pour forth as sons-in-law and a daughter-in-law were welcomed into the family, with grandchildren following. Michael and Jackie counted their blessings God had provided them and cherished every moment big and small they spent with their loved ones.

Although a hard worker and a man of many talents he loved to fish and hunt, especially turkey hunting. It may have been a planned hunt with friends, or family, or maybe a quick outing with his loyal companion Max, the family dog.

Michael also enjoyed coon hunting, showing gated horses, and was a Mason, and a Shriner. In his busy life, he always made sure to find time to lead bible study at the local nursing homes for those that were no longer to make Sunday services.

He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend, his finest quality was his patience, an inherent ability to listen, to absorb and to offer a point of view based on quiet, measured wisdom. Finally, every day of his 52 years of marriage, he taught his children, and grandchildren what it meant to be a great husband. He married his sweetheart, he adored her, he laughed with her and cried with her, and was dedicated to her totally. We bid farewell as we mourn the loss of a lively, and dignified soul, a soul that brought joy and fulfillment to many, and whose legacy will live forever.

Michael is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Jackie Barnes of Rolla MO; children, Kristina (Cory) Bradshaw of Lee Summitt MO, Lori (Brad) Woods of Rolla MO, Scott (Brandy) of Rolla MO; mother, Ruth "Naomi" Barnes of Rolla MO; sisters, Beverly Stewart of Rolla MO, and Patty (Clay) Howlett of Rolla MO; brothers, Mark Barnes of Rolla MO, and Kenny (Lisa) Barnes of Rolla MO; grandchildren Audrey (Carter) Schnarr, Collin (Haley) Woods, Haylee Barnes, and Kaleb Barnes. In addition to his father John Barnes, he was preceded in death by his mother-in-law and father-in-law Wilmer and Ollie Jackson.

Funeral services for Michael will be held on Saturday June 8, 2024, at 2:00 PM in the James and Gahr chapel of Rolla MO, with interment following at Ozark Memorial Gardens in Rolla MO. Visitation for family and friends will be held at the Chapel prior to the service on Saturday from 11 am until service time. Memorials are suggested to Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Cards are available at all James and Gahr locations. All arrangements are under the direction of the James and Gahr Mortuary of Rolla MO.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Val Crader family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Ray Barnes.*



The Val Crader family - June 06, 2024 at 08:59 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Michael Ray Barnes.*



June 06, 2024 at 02:36 PM



“ *James and Carrie (Gerischer) Weber planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Ray Barnes.*

James and Carrie (Gerischer) Weber - June 05, 2024 at 07:53 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Ray Barnes.*



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“ *Bob and Lori Nance purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael Ray Barnes.*



Bob and Lori Nance - June 05, 2024 at 01:04 PM