



James Wilbur Barnes Jr.

December 7, 1932 - August 25, 2018

James “Sonny/Jim” Wilbur Barnes Jr. was born on December 7th 1932 in Atlanta, Georgia. The eldest of seven sons (Jack, Lany, Walter, Dennis, Bob and Dan), to James Wilbur Barnes Sr. (deceased) and Jessie King Barnes (deceased).

He enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1951. He served three years during the Korean War as a gunner’s mate on the USCGC Blackhawk out of Charleston, SC.

James is survived by his devoted wife of 36 years, Anna Marie Paroby Barnes; nine children: Adrian Jeffrey Barnes, James Wilbur Barnes III, Joseph Joel Barnes, Samuel David Barnes, Victoria Ann Barnes Pledger, Christy Ann Guest Nickel, Faith Anna Barnes Ballard, Nathan Othniel Barnes, and Ethan Obadiah Barnes: He is also survived by fifteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Jim worked as an upholsterer, interior decorator, insurance salesman, music instructor, school bus driver, and as a seasonal employee for four summers in Yellowstone National Park. Jim worked most recently for Daryll Land at True Motor Car Collections and Graceland Portable Buildings in Crawfordville.

He served as a music director in churches in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. They included St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Pioneer Baptist Church, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Crawfordville.

Formerly from St. Petersburg, Florida, he moved to the Tallahassee and

Crawfordville area in 1993. He was a co-founder of the Wakulla Pregnancy Center, loved to play guitar (https://youtu.be/Qw1c_doPrcY) and piano and sing incessantly. He loved to talk about the Lord to everyone, and how often God answered his prayers. He loved to read the Bible, the Book of Mormon and the Wall Street Journal.

He died peacefully in his home, his family with him, on Saturday, August 25th, 2018 of congestive heart failure while under Covenant Care hospice.

He was a talented man of principle, a dedicated father and husband.

The viewing will be on Thursday, August 30th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm at Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey Young Chapel, 3106 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, FL 32327.

The funeral service will be on Friday, August 31st at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 3251 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, FL 32327.

The burial will be on Friday, August 31st at 1:00 p.m. at the Tallahassee National Cemetery, 5015 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32311.

David Conn of Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey Young Chapel in Crawfordville is assisting the family with arrangements. (850-926-3333 or www.bevisfh.com).

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home of Crawfordville
5 Shadeville Rd.
Crawfordville, FL 32327
(850) 926-3333

Service

AUG 31. 10:00 AM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
3251 Crawfordville Hwy
Crawfordville, FL 32327

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Anna, I am so sorry for your loss. Although I never met James I felt I knew him through your sweet stories of him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Love you, Sue Banks

Sue Luke Banks - August 30, 2018 at 07:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Wilbur Barnes Jr..

August 30, 2018 at 04:14 PM



CS

“ My wife and I send condolences with our heartfelt thoughts and prayers. Through the years as friends, Jim inspired us with his talent. What a joy to accompany his excellent lead guitar picking style and sit in with a country flat top guitar style rhythm - we'd play for hours singing our favorite gospel, country or rhythm and blues tunes. Jim also blessed all with his unique talent as a pianist. Many wonderful times at the Pioneer Baptist Church gatherings around the piano, joining Jim as he leads singing memorable songs of praise and classic gospel musical sing-a-longs tunes like "Amazing Grace". God Bless!

Charles Smith - August 30, 2018 at 12:02 PM

CM

“ I am so sorry for this wonderful family's great loss. Jim was a bright light here on Earth. I know he will be truly missed. Sending love to everyone at this time and always.

Caroline Mansfield - August 30, 2018 at 10:40 AM

RG

“ Richard and Lynn Garst purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Wilbur Barnes Jr..



Richard and Lynn Garst - August 30, 2018 at 12:03 AM

RG

“ We have only known James for a short time but we knew immediately that he loved the Lord, he loved his wife and family and he loved music. James was such a delight to speak with and there was never any doubt where he stood on a topic. We will miss him greatly, miss his insightful perspective about God's word and truly miss him playing the piano for us in class. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers through this difficult time.

Richard and Lynn Garst

Richard and Lynn Garst - August 29, 2018 at 11:10 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Bevis Funeral Home - August 29, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James Wilbur Barnes Jr..



August 28, 2018 at 02:38 PM