



John Clyde Barnett

May 20, 1940 - October 19, 2023

John C. Barnett, age 83, passed away on October 19, 2023 in Tallahassee, Florida. He was born on May 20, 1940 to parents John and Evelyn Barnett in Columbus, Georgia. He graduated from Leon High School prior to serving in the United States Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He then continued his service in Tallahassee for many years with the United States Army National Guard. He loved fishing, dancing, metal detecting, playing poker as well as going to auctions and sales.

John built over 300 houses in Tallahassee, the first of which was featured in Southern Home Magazine. He also was a realtor and broker for over 40 years. After he retired from building, he started a concrete business which he moved on from in 2008 to join his wife Erin in the antiques industry and estate sales.

He will be remembered as wise, smart, generous, gracious, loving, loyal, patient and as the dearly loved husband of Erin; treasured father of Justin; step-dad to Jodie Whale, Pete Whale and Mark Fredric as well as the granddad to Macklin.

John was a legendary story teller and had the ability to make anyone laugh at any time. He was proud to be given the distinction of Honorary Deputy Sheriff by Leon County Sheriff's Office, twice. John was never one to give up; he

fought to the end with his wife at his side, with dignity and grace.

"That best portion of a good man's life: his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love."

– William Wordsworth

A brief military honors ceremony will be held at Bevis Funeral Home on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. to be immediately followed by a casual reception and gathering.

As a lover of animals, John would be thrilled that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to an animal shelter or adoption organization of your choice.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Honors Ceremony

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Reception

OCT **26**. 2:10 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CW

“ Erin, Larry and I just came across this sad news. We were blessed to have met you through our business, Resources Limited. We remember both of you as a couple who complimented each other as you worked so hard at your business and did it so well. May you find some peace and comfort knowing that our prayers are with you and John has gone home to be with the Lord.

Catherine Hemmer Welbon - November 19, 2023 at 10:51 AM

PW

“ John Barnett

I first met John back in 2005 at my own wedding to Jodie. Even though I had a lot on my plate and an awful lot of things to do and people to see at the time John stood out to me as a kind and thoughtful man who had the heart of a Lion. He was kind, respectful but importantly for me, someone I could tell that would love and care for Erin unconditionally. I could see it in his eyes back then and I knew from the first time I met him that he was a good man.

Over the years my first impressions of him have been confirmed and its with a heavy heart I write this.

I had the opportunity to go Bass fishing with John on Lake Jackson back in 2019 on our trip to the US, a first for me. John and I also shared a few rounds of Poker in Las Vegas at a casino which I know was always on his bucket list. Who would have thought I would ever have done that! Without meeting John, I could honestly say I never would have. I have a few fond memories of John that will always stay with me. I thank him for that.

He will be truly missed by us all and I will always think of him fondly. If things had been different and we were not on the other side of the planet I think John and I had a lot in common in some ways and would have got to know each other more but it was not the cards that we were dealt.

Where ever you are I wish you fair weather and light winds, sunny skies and plain sailing my friend.

Rest in peace ole fella and I'll catch ya on the flip side.

Peter Whale . NZ

Peter Whale - October 25, 2023 at 03:55 AM

JW

“ John Barnett,

your kindness, generosity and sense of humor truly spanned the globe and will be greatly missed even all the way from New Zealand.

We were so very honored and grateful you and Mum were able to travel and attend our wedding all those years ago in Arrowtown, New Zealand. We now understand what a mammoth trip across the world you both undertook for us. Our day wouldn't have been as magic without you both there to share our special time.

For the past 20 years you have become a part of our family watching Macklin come into this world and grow like a bean sprout before our eyes. We and Macklin are especially grateful for those memorable baby Croc's (shoes) you gifted him. To this day Croc's remain his favorite footwear! You were ahead of your time with choosing those super comfortable shoes!

We came over to visit in 2019 for our "family trip of a lifetime" in the USA. Your generous time, effort and relentless driving cemented that journey into our memories as truly the best trip ever! Those memories we have of us all together will last a lifetime. One of the more standout memories was enjoying your incredibly tasty "Spaghetti" watching an 8 year old devour an adult portion because it was so delicious was priceless.

This may sound a little silly but I actually think of you every time I am peeling vegetables for meals. As you introduced me to the expert Super Peeler. It has changed my world for the better, I love it. There is no other peeler like it in New Zealand. Just like you.... there isn't another expert special person like you on this planet.

*Thank you for just being you! Thank you also for all the love, joy and humor you have brought our family. We shall all miss you greatly!
Lots of love always, Jodie Whale, NZ*

Jodie Whale - October 25, 2023 at 03:37 AM

TB

“ Erin: Our hearts are so sad for your loss! You & John compliment each other in such a special way. We have been honored to be your friends and customer for many years! You are in our thoughts & prayers. Teresa & Tony Bajoczky

Teresa L Bajoczky - October 22, 2023 at 12:47 PM