



Larry Barnes

August 8, 1946 - December 21, 2024

Larry M. Barnes, 78, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Saturday, December 21, 2024.

Larry was born August 8, 1946, in North Topeka, Kansas, the son of Virgil N. and Hazel M. Devlin Barnes. He was proud of his North Topeka roots and his childhood spent in the Little Russia neighborhood and Fire Station No. 1. He was active in Boy Scouting and participated enthusiastically in activities. He attended St. Joseph Grade School and graduated from Hayden High School in 1964. He was a lifelong member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Larry was a Marine Corps Combat Wounded Veteran of the Vietnam War. Corporal Larry Merle Barnes served honorably from March of 1966 through April of 1968. A decorated veteran, Larry proudly wore the Purple Heart, a testament to his bravery in the line of duty.

He was employed by the Veterans Administration Hospital and retired in 2012.

Larry loved his home and treated it as a castle for everyone to admire. He spent countless hours tending to his home and yard with his loving wife, Jana, and faithful dog, JoJo, by his side. He loved playing golf and he and Jana loved relaxing on the back patio enjoying the flowers and plants together and watching KU and the Chiefs.

Larry loved helping everyone in any way he could. He was a generous man who always thought of others before himself. He cherished his role of Papa to all of his grandchildren and loved his wife and family fiercely.

Survivors include his devoted wife, Jana; his children, Heather Barnes of Topeka, Larry Barnes (Theresa) of Olathe KS, Amanda Anderson (Justin) of Tecumseh KS; seven grandchildren, Marissa DeHart (Alex Measmer), Cianna Graves, Bennett Barnes, Emerson Barnes, Gabriella Anderson, Nolan Anderson, Hazel Barnes; and one great-granddaughter, Mia Mae Measmer; former wife, Linda H. Barnes; his siblings, Linda M. Barnes and Jackie Carlson (David); several in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews and a host of wonderful friends who loved him with all their hearts. He was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil and Hazel Barnes.

The rosary will be prayed at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 29, at St. Joseph Catholic Church followed by visitation until 4 p.m. at the Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at the Church. Burial, with military honors, will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Ronald McDonald House, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Rosary

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
227 SW Van Buren Street
Topeka, KS 66603

Visitation

DEC **29**. 2:20 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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227 SW Van Buren Street
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Mass of Christian Burial

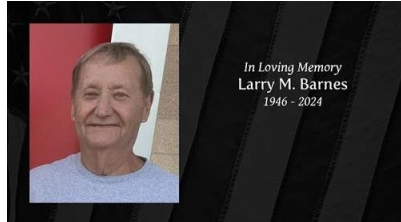
DEC **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
227 SW Van Buren Street
Topeka, KS 66603

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry Barnes



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - December 27, 2024 at 01:36 PM

MR

Linda & the kids I was so sorry to read of Larry's passing. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Linda it was good talking with you the other day and sharing memories of days gone by. Always your friend Mary Ramirez

Mary Ramirez - December 28, 2024 at 07:41 AM

DB

*I am so sorry for the loss of your dad, Larry, I have been praying for him daily since I found out about his illness, and he has been on our parish's prayer list just as long. Prayers are never wasted, someday we will find out how Our Lord used them in his and your family's behalf, when the time is right for us to know. Prayer is like gold, so is suffering, as Ven. Fulton Sheen reminded us, and he told us to never waste suffering. I know that you and your sisters suffer a great deal in losing your dad, such suffering can be offered for the repose of his soul 🌹. Eternal rest grant unto Larry Barnes Sr., O Lord, and may Perpetual Light shine upon him. May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. 🙏
God bless and heal you, Doris and Robert Bond*

Doris and Robert Bond - December 30, 2024 at 12:18 AM

BA

“ Dear Heather , Larry and family ~ I am so saddened to learn of the passing of your dear dad. Please know that I hold you and the entire Barnes family closely in my heart...always have AND ALWAYS WILL !

My love and prayers to you all.

Barb Bowen

Barb - January 08, 2025 at 10:53 PM

JL

“ Larry & family, We want to express our deepest sympathy on the passing of your father. We recall how involved your dad was in all the PACE activities at Hayden. He had a perpetual smile that just said, "I'm so glad to see you." Your dad and all of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jerry & Anna Marie Lammers - December 29, 2024 at 10:53 AM

TI

“ The Kansas Health Institute purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Larry Barnes.



The Kansas Health Institute - December 28, 2024 at 07:16 PM

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“ The Kansas Health Institute planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Barnes.

The Kansas Health Institute - December 28, 2024 at 07:16 PM

TF

“ *The Pittz Family purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Larry Barnes.*



The Pittz Family - December 28, 2024 at 05:59 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Larry Barnes.*



December 27, 2024 at 03:44 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry Barnes.*

December 27, 2024 at 03:44 PM

AA

“ *Our thoughts are with you Jana and Larry's family. What a kind lovely person your Larry was to our mom. She adored him. And my Ken rarely talks at family gathers, but with Larry he was so comfortable, the two of them talked for a solid hour! It was a joy to meet your Larry.*

Anna Apitz - December 27, 2024 at 09:16 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry Barnes.



December 27, 2024 at 01:57 AM



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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry Barnes.



December 27, 2024 at 12:19 AM



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December 26, 2024 at 09:29 AM

GL

“ My condolences and prayers to Jana and the rest of Larry's family. He was a wonderful, giving and supportive friend. I am thankful our lives connected in different ways for almost 70 years, as St Joseph grade school students, boy scouts, co-workers and neighbors. Rest in peace Larry.

Greg Laird - December 26, 2024 at 09:25 AM

BG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all the Barnes family

Bob Grace - December 25, 2024 at 09:59 AM

PH

“ Amanda and family, we are so sorry for your loss. From one daddy's girl to another, I can't imagine the immediate void this has placed in your everyday. All the years of being in the same softball complex, I can't ever remember your dad without a smile. We are thinking of you all during this very difficult time. With so much love, Piper, Aaron, Zolie, and Poppy 🍀

Piper Hower - December 25, 2024 at 09:59 AM

TF

“ The Krentz Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Larry Barnes.



The Krentz Family - December 25, 2024 at 04:36 AM

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MB

“ I knew Larry for a short time. We bonded over KU and the Chiefs. Jana is devoted wife and his little dog were fun. I feel deeply sorry for the family.

Michael Bouska - December 24, 2024 at 03:42 PM

RS

“ Larry and I were classmates, traded our work skills had fun on the golf courses, great guy and friend, will miss you at StJoseph mass also, Praying for you and your family,

Rich Schiefelbein - December 24, 2024 at 02:54 PM

DH

“ I went to school with Larry thru high school. He was a really great human being. I saw him not long ago serving at a funeral dinner. Always had the oinery grin on his face. Loved him so much. May God carry the family through this most difficult time. And may the angels lead him safely to his heavenly home with Our Lord. A friend,
Donnie Beasley Harrington

Donysia Harrington - December 24, 2024 at 02:29 PM

RH

“ Larry Barnes was a classmate of mine and we graduated from Hayden High in 1964. My condolences to his family and friends.
RoseMary Custenborder Henley-Palmer

RoseMary Custenborder Henley-Palmer - December 24, 2024 at 02:02 PM

BB

My deepest condolences.

Feel very lucky to have been a friend of Larry and crew, many grand memories. He will be missed but never forgotten. Gods speed Larry

Bob Baer - December 26, 2024 at 01:41 PM