



## Elbert Joseph "EJ" Barnes Jr.

September 12, 1937 - June 4, 2019

Elbert Joseph "EJ" Barnes, Jr. of Afton passed away at Freeman Health System in Joplin on Tuesday, May 4, 2019 at the age of eighty-one. EJ was born on September 12, 1937 in Afton to EJ "Dobin" Barnes, Sr. and Elsie Mae (Wilmoth) Barnes. He graduated with the Class of 1955 from Afton High School, he went on to NEO A&M College where he gained his Associate of Arts in 1957, then went to NSU where he earned his Bachelors' Degree in Education in 1959, he then finished his education with a Master's Degree from NSU in 1962. Mr. Barnes went on to teach for a few years before taking a job at Continental Oil. EJ made a career change he started working at the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office in 1972. He moved over to the Grove Police Department in 1977 until his retirement in 1995. At the time of his retirement his rank was Captain. Mr. Barnes is preceded in passing by his parents EJ and Elsie Barnes and a brother Dale Whitmire.

Survivors include his nephew Dan Whitmire and his family, an aunt Dorene Markes along with a host of cousins and other relatives.

Visitation will be from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Afton on Saturday, June 8, 2019.

Services for Mr. Barnes will be on Saturday at 11:00 AM at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Services Chapel in Afton.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing

EJ's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Hope Cemetery of Afton

Afton, OK

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service (Afton)  
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## Celebration of Life

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