



Dr. Jerry Lamoin Barnes

January 9, 1931 - January 5, 2017

The Reverend Doctor Jerry Lamoin Barnes, 85, passed away surrounded by family in his Miami, Oklahoma home on Thursday, January 5, 2017. He played many roles throughout his life, each to the fullest. He was a decorated war-veteran in the US Army, Golden Gloves Boxer, dedicated Baptist minister, and loving husband, father, grandfather, and family man.

Jerry was born on January 9, 1931 to Joseph Porter Barnes and Lucy Cordelia (Martin) Barnes in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Following his primary education, he joined the US Army and served in the Korean War as a paratrooper medic in the 187th Regimental Combat Team, where he was a two-time Purple Heart recipient. Upon returning from war, Jerry met the love of his life Bobby M. Mills in Ada, Oklahoma, and the two were married on May 28, 1955. They were together for 62 years and had three children.

In 1956, Jerry proudly graduated from Baylor University with his Bachelor's degree, and continued pursuing his love of education with post-graduate studies at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, as well as Midwestern and Southern Seminaries, finally completing his Doctorate of Divinity at Vanderbilt University.

Following his formal education, Jerry eagerly embarked his life's calling as a Baptist minister, where he was steadfast in serving God, his community, and

walking in Christ's footsteps. After 50 years in ministry, Jerry retired to a life surrounded by his friends and family where he enjoyed traveling, fishing, reading, playing with his grandchildren, and telling his childhood stories. He was lovingly described by a family friend as a "lion with a tender heart," and will forever be remembered as a man of God, family, and many words.

Jerry is preceded in death by his loving parents, two brothers Eudel and Stanley Barnes, and one sister, Wyonna Brannon. He is survived by his brothers Shelby, Derral and Aaron Barnes, wife Bobby Barnes, children Joni Hawkins, Joel Barnes, and Leslie Swan, grandchildren Tiffany Pittman, Cailin Werner, Elizabeth Stingley and Hannah, Hailey and Audrey Swan, and great grandchildren Josiah, Garrett, Emma Pittman and Colten and Cyler Werner.

A memorial service for Rev. Dr. Barnes will be held at 2 PM on Monday, January 9, 2017 at the First Presbyterian Church in Miami, Oklahoma. All who wish to attend are welcome. Services have been placed in the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Miami.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Dr. Barnes' Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church-Miami
1410 NE Veterans BLVD
Miami, OK 74354

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Jerry Lamoin Barnes*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - January 08, 2017 at 12:57 PM



“ *Dear Bobby and family,*

It is with sorrow that I just heard of the passing of Dr. Barnes. He served as a visiting professor (along with Bobby who was a lecturer in Christian Education at the same time) at Acadia Divinity College in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada, from 1988-1996, and I was so privileged to have him as one of my teachers and mentors. In fact, I regularly share one of his powerful illustrations in my own classes at the college.

He was a dear, wise, and faithful servant of Christ, who made a significant impact on my life and thought.

Dr. Carol Anne Janzen, Acadia Divinity College

Carol Anne Janzen - March 31, 2017 at 02:50 PM

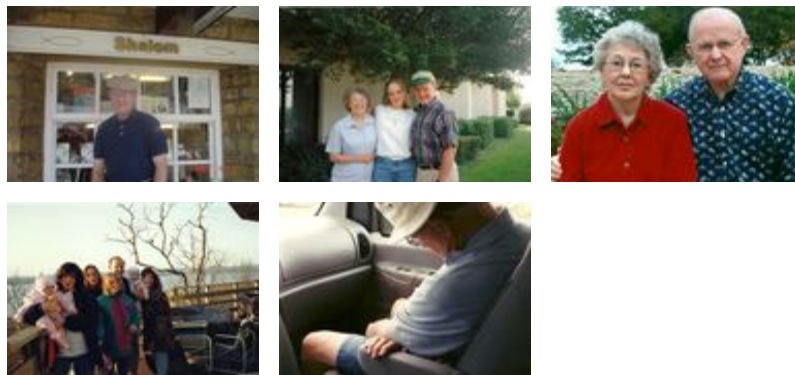
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“ *My prayers are with you as you learn to live without this wonderful man. He is greatly loved. Love you all, Donna Moon Bobier*

Donna Moon Bobier - January 09, 2017 at 08:14 PM



“ *180 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - January 08, 2017 at 12:27 PM

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“ *From Joel's Wednesday Night Dinner Group friends, we would all like to extend our condolences to the entire Barnes family. Our thoughts are with you in this difficult time of loss. Please know, Joel, that our hearts are with you and your family. As a group we would love to make a donation of \$100 to an organization of your choice. Again, we all send warm hugs, though we won't be there physically, our hearts will be with you.*

The Wednesday Night Dinner Group

Damon Roberts - January 08, 2017 at 10:47 AM

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“ Grace Goodeagle lit a candle in memory of
Dr. Jerry Lamoin Barnes



Grace Goodeagle - January 07, 2017 at 09:58 AM