



Gary Dean Barnard

September 30, 1936 - June 18, 2026

Gary Dean Barnard, age 89, of Versailles, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born September 30, 1936, in Kansas City, Missouri, son of the late Chester Lee and Lorraine (Bowman) Barnard.

Gary devoted over thirty years to educating and mentoring students at Versailles High School, where he taught English, coached football and track and served as the athletic director. While coaching football, he lived for his boys and wanted them to be men of character. An Eagle Scout, he carried the values of service, leadership and integrity throughout his life. A lifelong sports enthusiast, he enjoyed watching, coaching, attending and umpiring sporting events. He was known for his delicious smoked ribs. He was also the king of trivia, impressing family and friends with his remarkable knowledge and ability to recall facts on just about any subject. Though humble in nature, his dry sense of humor brought smiles to those around him.

Above all, his faith, church and family were the foundation of his life. He loved his family unconditionally, and each of them felt the depth of his support, encouragement and love. His legacy of faith, kindness and devotion will be cherished by all who knew him.

He was a member of the Versailles United Methodist Church.

Gary is survived by his wife of 67 years, Barbara; his children, Cindy Baker, Jeff Barnard, Jacquie Gentry (David) and Carolyn Johnston (Bill); twelve grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; sisters, Linda Coulter and Kathy Townly and many other relatives and friends.

Graveside services and inurnment will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 24th, in the Versailles Cemetery with Pastor Ryan Westmoreland officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Versailles United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road
Versailles, MO 65084

Upcoming Events

Graveside Service

JUN 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

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