



Jr. Barnes

January 23, 1941 - July 14, 2014

On Monday, July 14th, Joshua E. Barnes Jr. of Versailles, Missouri, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by family.

Jr. was born on January 23, 1941. He grew up in Old Camp Bagnell on the Osage River. He and his older brother Donald spent many days fishing, exploring, and doing anything else that involved the outdoors. Jr. always remembered the time when he and his brother received a bicycle for Christmas. Donald, being the older of the two, rode the bicycle most of the time, while Jr. would run along beside him, happy just to be outdoors and spending time with his older brother.

At age 27, Jr. purchased Hubbard Abstract in Versailles. When he opened the company, he was the only employee. He worked tirelessly to make the company a success, all the while maintaining his enthusiasm and passion.

At the time, Hubbard Abstract was located directly across the street from its competitor Kavanaugh Abstract, which was stationed in the Morgan County Courthouse. There was a young lady who worked at Kavanaugh Abstract who always seemed to catch Jr's eye when he was in the building. Her name was Jo Ann Earnest. A little ways down the road, the two started dating. At the time, Jr. was still trying to get his company off the ground and running, so money was tight. In the spring of 1969, he had the option to either buy a

Thunderbird or instead, use the money to marry Jo Ann. Luckily, he made the right decision and he and Jo Ann tied the knot on July 10th, 1969. As many of you know, the Thunderbird would come later.

Later on, Jr. would go on to purchase Kavanaugh and combine the two companies to make Hubbard-Kavanaugh Abstract and Title. After working for 33 years and thousands of hours, Jr. sold Hubbard-Kavanaugh and retired in 2001. Thanks to his hard-work and dedication, Hubbard-Kavanaugh is still a thriving company today.

Over the years, Jr. found many ways to help out in the community. He served on the Versailles City Council for two years. He was secretary and later went on to become president of the Missouri Land and Title Association. He served on board of the Nutrition Site, the Morgan County Library, and the Citizen's Bank of Eldon & Versailles. Jr. was also an active member and usher at the Versailles United Methodist Church.

Jr. is survived by his wife Jo Ann, five children, Marty Pace and wife Angela, Chris Pace, Gary Pace and wife Kim, Lisa Hibdon and husband Donny, and Leslie Charlton, eight grandchildren, Derek Pace and wife Tamara, Justin Pace and wife Erin, Jennifer Pace, Joshua Klein, Kayla Charlton, Camryn Charlton, Maddy Hibdon, and Kathryn Charlton, and three great-grandchildren. Jr. is also survived by his brother Donald Barnes, sister-in-law Donna Barnes, and two nephews Donnie Barnes and Dale Barnes. Jr. is preceded in death by his parents Josh and Inez Barnes.

Jr. enjoyed mowing and taking care of his yard, fishing, mushroom hunting, reading, and spending time with his dogs Max and Molly. His greatest joy in life was his grandchildren. He will always be remembered for his positive attitude, his infectious smile, and his passion for life.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, July 18th, at the Versailles United Methodist Church with Pastor Dan Adkison officiating. Graveside services and interment will follow in the Versailles Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Versailles United Methodist Church. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. 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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Service

JUL 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

Versailles United Methodist Church
201 N. Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084

Tribute Wall

JH

“*JoAnn and family: Just heard about your loss, and wanted you to know how sorry I am for that loss. Jr.'s in a better place and those of us left mourn his passing. I considered Jr. a friend and will miss his contagious smile. JoAnn know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, and to the family; know that you had a marvelous man in your lives, who will be missed by many. God Bless!*

Jim and Bonny Hensley

Jim & Bonny Hensley - July 25, 2014 at 09:11 AM

DO

“*JoAnn, I just learned of the passing of Jr. I have an empty place in my heart as I have always counted you and he as my good friends.*

I am so sorry for your loss and we will keep you in our prayers and thoughts.


Doug Simmons

Dopug - July 25, 2014 at 09:03 AM

LP

“*JoAnn and family: We were surprised and saddened by hearing of Jr.'s death. It was a pleasure working with Jr. many times during Hubbard-Kavanaugh years, as well as seeing you both at Missouri Land Title functions. Our sincerest sympathies are with you and your family at this time. Larry and Lisa Peterson (Chalfant and Tompkins Title Agency, Inc., Camdenton)*

Larry Peterson - July 24, 2014 at 09:41 PM



Karolyn
Spears

“ *JoAnn and family, sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Bob and Karolyn Spears

Karolyn Spears - July 17, 2014 at 08:38 PM

WA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you so sorry for your loss Bob & Wanda Arnall*

Wanda Arnall - July 17, 2014 at 06:53 PM

BG

“ *My thoughts are with the entire family. Junior gave me my start and helpful guidance with real estate and title work in Morgan County. He was a true gentleman and friend to all. He was without a doubt the most talented knowledgeable man in Morgan County. Our memories of good times go back over 40 years and include some from the old river town of Bagnell. Rest in Peace my friend. Bob Gattermeir*

Bob Gattermeir - July 17, 2014 at 11:46 AM

BW

“ *So sorry to hear about Jr's passing! Although we didn't see much of each other, he was always such a wonderful, kind and considerate man. I am sure that he will be greatly missed by all those that knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with Jo Ann and the family!
Brenda (Koehler) Wieners, Lebanon, MO*

Brenda Wieners - July 17, 2014 at 10:58 AM

TH

“ Tammy Hester lit a candle in memory of Jr. Barnes



Tammy Hester - July 16, 2014 at 04:01 PM

GD

“ So sorry to hear of Jr.'s death.. My thoughts and prayers for JoAnn and all the family.

Gailya Dow - July 16, 2014 at 03:58 PM

MS

“ So sorry for your loss. Wonderful memories of Jr. Such a good person. A thoughtful considerate kind and gentle man. Always a gentleman. Many fond memories of our friendship of over 50+ years. He was so admired and respected. With heartfelt sympathy to each of you. Marilyn (Cooper) Gentry

Marilyn Sue(Cooper)Gentry - July 16, 2014 at 12:30 PM

SD

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers for the family.

Sharon Bias Dout - July 16, 2014 at 12:20 PM

CM

“ I was so sorry to hear about Jr. I came to know Jr when I worked for Bill Bolinger and always enjoyed him stopping by the office to chat. He was a hardworker and a great family man. My condolences to all the family.

Cheryl Morris - July 16, 2014 at 11:50 AM

TW

“ I have many fond memories of Jr. Shared much laughter and friendship as we worked side by side. He will be greatly missed. Condolences to the family. Theodore and Tommye Washburn

Theodore Washburn - July 16, 2014 at 10:29 AM

LT

“ JoAnn and family, so sorry to hear of Jr's passing. He was such a nice guy and I have fond memories of him. My thoughts and prayers to you all. Cherish your memories and know he will always be with you.

Love, Leona Trout

Leona Trout - July 16, 2014 at 09:17 AM

BW

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with each one of you in the family. Cherish the memories that you have! Bob and Karla Wenger.



Bob and Karla Wenger - July 16, 2014 at 09:08 AM

JM

“ JoAnn and children, Jr. was a wonderful man. I know you will miss him. I am glad that I was able to see you both several times when you opened your home to me. You know that I am thinking of you and praying for peace and comfort in your loss. I remember you and Jr. driving all the way to West Virginia for my wedding. Thank you for that friendship. Jeanie Malick

Jeanie Malick - July 16, 2014 at 06:38 AM

MD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mary Ellen Dunnaway - July 15, 2014 at 05:54 PM

NL

“ May each of you feel God's healing grace of peace and strength. Jr.'s humble spirit was such a gift to behold. He will be missed greatly. His life was truly a testament to me of what compassion, empathy and humility should be. Truly he will be missed.

Nita Loganbill - July 15, 2014 at 04:49 PM

AS

“ Sorry to hear of your loss...Jr. Was a very personable gentleman...I always enjoyed sitting and talking to him. I was very lucky to call him friend. RIP in peace Jr. Al Small and family

al small - July 15, 2014 at 04:31 PM