



Marion Jay Barnes

May 10, 1952 - January 23, 2026

Marion Jay Barnes, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully at the age of 73 on January 23, 2026, at Duke Health Lake Norman Hospital in Mooresville, NC. Born on May 10, 1952, in Boone, NC, Marion was the cherished son of the late Marion John Wesley Barnes and Retta Mae Greer Barnes.

Marion is survived by his loving wife, Sabrina Witherspoon Barnes, who stood by his side through life's many journeys. He leaves behind a legacy of love in his children-Justin Barnes (Rachael), Heather Sevilla, Joshua Davis (Julie), Daniel Davis (Kelly), and Thomas Davis. His heart will forever be remembered by his grandchildren-Kaleb and Elijah Sevilla; Sunday, Josiah, and Fiona Barnes; Kaleb and Hannah France; Noah and Gracen Davis; and Jakob and Kaylee Davis; and Maverick Acevedo. Marion also shared precious moments with his sisters, Frances Dotson (David), Linda Evans, and Kaye Overcash, along with his brother-in-law, RD Wilcox.

He was preceded in death by cherished grandchildren, Haddi and Angel baby Davis and Baby Barnes; a sister, Anne Wilcox; and a brother-in-law, Bob Evans. Marion's journey on this earth may have come to an end, but the love he shared will continue to resonate in the hearts of those he touched.

Marion spent over 30 years as a dedicated heavy equipment operator for Phifer I Johnson Bulldozing, where his hard work and commitment were admired by many. He enjoyed visits from his children and grandchildren. He took pride in keeping his community clean and providing a place for everyone to enjoy. He was the honorary mayor of the Mill Hill which he spent many hours beautifying the community from his wheelchair. Over the years he enjoyed riding motorcycles and hanging out with friends. His greatest mission was to spread the love and message of Jesus to everyone he met.

A memorial service will be held at Whitman Park Baptist Church in Mooresville on January 31st at 11 am with Rev. Jesse Clubb and Jacob Davis officiating. Family and friends will gather one hour prior to the service to celebrate Marion's life and the memories they hold dear.

In honor of his life, the family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, P.O. Box 977, Mooresville, NC 28115, to assist the family with funeral expenses. For those wishing to express their condolences, please visit www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

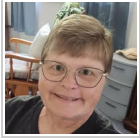
Whitman Park Baptist Church
188 Whitman Circle
Mooresville, NC 28115

Memorial Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jaylene Fultz Hinson lit a candle in memory of Marion Jay Barnes



Jaylene Fultz Hinson - January 31 at 10:12 AM

TB

“ Terri Broome planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marion Jay Barnes.

Terri Broome - January 30 at 07:13 AM

TB

“ Terri Broome purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Marion Jay Barnes.



Terri Broome - January 30 at 07:13 AM

JW

“ Justin Waldo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marion Jay Barnes.

Justin Waldo - January 29 at 06:45 PM

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Justin Waldo - January 29 at 06:45 PM

DM

“ Donna McDaniels lit a candle in memory of Marion Jay Barnes



Donna McDaniels - January 29 at 06:40 PM

SB

“ Going to miss you, Marion. So many great childhood memories, spending weekends with you and Justin. I'll always remember, we weren't allowed to go out and play until the house was CLEAN and you could bounce a quarter off the bed! I know you can rest now, you were a good man, Marion!

Scott Brotherton - January 28 at 10:19 PM

BP

“ Marion was conscious of the way our street looked like. He was out with his grabber and bucket picking up things people discarded passing by. We always enjoyed chatting with him and often joked with him asking if he had already received his check from the Town of Mooresville. With that, he would smile big and laugh and continue in. He will be missed . Our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Barbara D Pintinio - January 28 at 07:32 PM

LB

“ *Lisa Martin And Tony Beeker lit a candle in memory of Marion Jay Barnes*



Lisa Martin and Tony Beeker - January 28 at 09:11 AM

KP

“ *Karen. Rogers Patterson lit a candle in memory of Marion Jay Barnes*



Karen. Rogers Patterson - January 27 at 12:13 AM

SD

“ *Schvonnah Dugan lit a candle in memory of Marion Jay Barnes*



Schvonnah Dugan - January 26 at 07:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marion Jay Barnes.*



January 26 at 04:42 PM

WI

“ Prayers 4 all, RIP MY FRIEND!

WilliamBumgarner - January 26 at 04:28 PM

Leila
Hobbs

“ Leila Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Marion Jay Barnes



Leila Hobbs - January 26 at 12:33 PM

TT

“ The Barnes Family, I am so sorry to hear of Marion's passing. Marion would always greet you with a smile and a hello, no matter how he was feeling or what he was going through. Marion loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and I know he is celebrating in Heaven now. Continued prayers for Family and Friends for comfort and peace during this difficult time. 🙏🙏❤️



Teresa Thompson - January 26 at 12:26 PM

DF

“ Doug And Randy Fuller lit a candle in memory of Marion Jay Barnes



Doug and Randy Fuller - January 26 at 11:21 AM

RB

“ Marion was the best father-in-law ever. He immediately embraced me with open arms. No judgment. He called me his daughter and that meant the world to me. He and Sabrina were always there for us when we needed them and at life's special moments. I'll never forget him and Sabrina visiting with me in the hospital when I was in the antepartum unit with Fiona. He held my hand and prayed over me and I'll cherish that forever. I can't wait to see him again in heaven. I know he's worshipping Jesus and so happy right now. He gets to meet our baby before anyone else and that makes me so happy. He loved our kids so much and prayed over them every day. Will see you again soon Marion. Love you. Until then, we'll watch over Sabrina for you.

Rachael Barnes - January 25 at 10:47 PM

DC

“ very sorry to hear of marions passing away. he was a good guy.i remember marion took great care of his motorcycle.he always kept it so clean you could not find a speck of dirt or water. he really enjoyed riding and going on weekend trips to many diff places and back roads,rip marion.thoughts to his wife and family. sorry i cant be their for his service as im still in bangkok thailand. dave cook

dave cook - January 25 at 08:48 PM