



# Clarence A. Barnes

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**C**larence A. Barnes passed away in the loving presence of family members June 1 after a lengthy illness.

Graveside services for Clarence will be held Wednesday, June 3rd at 10 am at Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Longview, Texas.

Clarence was born December 28, 1919 in Rural Shades, Texas to Clarence and Ada Barnes and was the sixth of eight children. He was raised in East Texas where he formed strong ties throughout the community.

Clarence entered the United States Army in 1940 and a year later became the loving husband to Ellen Tucker Barnes, eventually becoming the father of two sons and one daughter.

During his military career, he took part in the Philippines Campaign of 1944 during World War II, in which he was gravely injured in the line of service. He was awarded the Military Order of the Purple Heart which he refused as he was "just doing his job" for his country. Later that year he was discharged from military and resumed civilian life as husband and father.

In addition to his distinguished service to his country, Clarence became self educated and held careers in multiple forums. He worked in the East Texas Oil Fields and later became employed by Presley Oil Company, retiring after 40 years of service. After his retirement, he became self employed, repairing electrical systems within the oil industry throughout the region.

He harbored a love of airplanes and flying and eventually started a second business of restoring, rebuilding and flying new and antique planes.

Clarence was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers; David Barnes, Arthur Barnes, Lloyd Barnes, and Wilfred Barnes, two sisters; Ethel Barnes Nerren and Willie Lee Barnes Pevey. Also



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preceding him in death, two sons; David Barnes and Franklin Barnes, one grandson; Charles Barnes and his son-in-law; Jerry Gibbs.

He is survived by his steadfast wife of 74 years, Ellen Tucker Barnes, his daughter Sandra Barnes Gibbs and her children, Jeff Gibbs and Wendi Gibbs and their children, Makenna and Jacob; Renee and Darin Bradshaw and their children, Garrett and Sarah; and Steven Clarence Gibbs. Surviving grandchildren include Heath Barnes, Michael Barnes, Christy Barnes Polke, Jason Barnes, Marty Barnes and Tiffany Barnes.

The family would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to Longview Cancer Center and Heartsway Hospice of Northeast Texas for their dedication and devotion.




# Events


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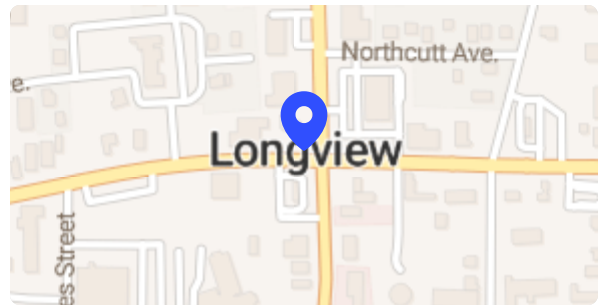
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## Graveside Service


 **Wednesday**, June 3, 2015

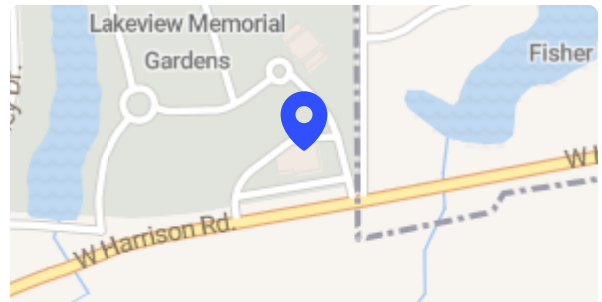
 10:00 AM CT

 **Lakeview Memorial Gardens**  
Longview TX



## Cemetery Details

 **Lakeview Memorial Gardens Cemetery**  
5000 W. Harrison Road, Longview TX





## Tribute Wall

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**Larry And Faith Seeds** lit a candle in honor of Clarence.

Ellen,Sandra, and family, we are so sorry for your loss. We so enjoyed being able to know Clarence.Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We all had a lot of good times. I bet he is flying one of his planes right now and Happy.Larry and Faith Seeds



June 2 at 11:35 AM



**Joe Knox** posted:

Debbie and I enjoyed he and Ellen as neighbors for several years at Lake Cherokee ,,,, I have many fond memories ,,, Joe and Debbie Knox

June 2 at 10:58 AM



**Joshua** shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



June 2 at 8:35 AM



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**Charlie Boucher** posted:

Where does a man start? I had the pleasure of having Clarence Barnes in my life growing up, I was drawn to men like him as a young man, mechanical things & rusty metal that could be made usable again.. I was drawn in like a magnet to steel, but little did I know then that I was starting an amazing journey with such a great man & friend. I listened to his stories of his boyhood, him walking Ellen home after church, that is the first time he met her, his marriage to Ellen, his sons & daughter, his war years, the hours of flying airplanes & the rebuilding of the yak & Stearman, & Cub airplanes... His gas station, jobs he has had or done. His hunting & fishing trips... riding around East Texas with him & him pointing out where something was years before & telling me all about it. We spent time together at tractor shows, air shows,..... He taught me a lot, he is responsible for something very special to me, I had a dream one night.. my grandfather came to me in the dream and asked me " Charlie what are you going to do with your life?" & I woke up, the next day Clarence pulls up in his pickup just like he did nearly every day, he got out walked up to me in my shop & said "Charlie what are you going to do with yourself to make a better living" I nearly fell on the floor. He went on and said you should work on boats, there is a big lake right here & it's full of boats..... I put up a sign for boat repair & service the next day & have never looked back. Clarence Barnes was a profit sent to push me in the right direction, it will be very hard for me to see or hear an old airplane flying overhead, but if I look past it & into the clouds I will see him pointing me in the right direction. Ellen we love you very much, Clarence was like a second grandfather to me, my shadow will never be as big as his, I am very proud to have been able to love him & you. With Love, Respect, & a never ending friendship and a wonderful memory Charlie, April, Devin, Natalie, & MaKayla Boucher

June 1 at 8:24 AM

TB

**Teresa Barnes** posted:

It was Papaw who came and helped me get ready for physical therapy, after my accident. He would say, "Stand tall like John Wayne." I caught my first fish on an artificial lure with Papaw when I was six years old. Also, he taught me how to tie the knot that I still use today (to tie my baits on). I hope you are fishing on the Crystal Sea, now. I have and will always love you. Jason C. Barnes, grandson.

June 1 at 1:37 PM



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**Sam & Sonja Adams** posted:

Clarence, Ellen & Family, Thank you all for allowing Sonja and I to be a part of your life's journey. Clarence was a very unique man and definitely a member of the "Greatest Generation"! It was always a Blessing to interact with your Family each and every time the occasion allowed. We loved and laughed together and enjoyed our time with you this past Christmas although we could see that Clarence was weaker and really not his usual chipper self. We prayed with you while Clarence was confined to the Hospital and rejoiced with you when he was released to home care although we knew our time with our friend was to be limited. Although our hearts are broken for having lost him as we have, our tears rain down upon a smile for having had his company along our way. Clarence was "one of "us"... "one of mine"...and it was good having him alongside us on our journey! My Brother, whom I loved and have have lost, Cydney W. Adams ( 1949-2005 ) wrote this about our Father whom we lost in 1998, and I share it with you now because it reminds me a great deal of Clarence's work ethic and his endomitable human spirit:" It can't pass away, something you Love. It's part of you; it clings, like the lingering odor of smoke in your shirt after a day's brush burning. People you Love are that way, too. They lurk in the shadows around your your eyelids, phantoms of every current opera, their voices not even whispered, but always more than heard; something rather listened for, like noon whistles or the crickets that signal quitting time. You are one of those, one of mine; I'll never see sunrise but I'll have your light, never stack my tools but in your shadow. Where I go, you will go. And it's good to have your company." Tonight, though we have lost you, we hold your memory Dear; and with a boundless love and deep humility we offer our hearts for healing to the perfect Master whose firm grasp and gentle hand continues to guide our destiny. Once again God has demonstrated His precision timing coupled with perfect mercy and healing peace and there can be no more fitting conclusion." Death is not extinguishing the light, rather it is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come." With Love, Respect, Sadness & Joy! Sam & Sonja Adams

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## Media

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Clarence Barnes Visit to Rural Shade, Texas on April 17th 2013



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## **Memories only last if you share them**

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