



John R. Barnes

December 22, 1972 - October 12, 2018

John Robert Barnes, of Evansville, loving husband and father of four children, passed away Friday, October 12, 2018 at the age of 45.

John was born into the large and loving family of Leo V. and Doris (Elpers) Barnes on December 22, 1972 in Evansville. John attended St. James Grade School, was a 1991 graduate of Mater Dei High School and a graduate of Indiana State University, where he was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. At Mater Dei, John excelled academically and athletically, as a leader in both football and wrestling. John grew up with a love of God, his country and his family. He was an Eagle Scout, a captain in the Air Force and a dedicated family man. A true outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and hiking. He loved to travel to see new things and make new memories. His friends and family will miss his fun loving spirit; vivid stories and his shoulder to lean on. John loved nothing more than being with his children.

Surviving John are his wife of 8 years, Claire (Salzer) Barnes; two daughters, Anna Barnes and Catherine Barnes; two sons, Ethan Barnes and Shepherd Barnes; his mother, Doris (Elpers) Barnes of Evansville; sisters, Kathy (Tony) Weis, Bev (Tom) Tison and Lisa (Keith) Reising; three brothers, Steve (Carleen) Barnes, Joseph (Tina) Barnes and Keith (Katie) Barnes and many nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his father, Leo V. Barnes in 2016 and by two infant brothers, Ronnie and Donnie Barnes.

There will be a Memorial Mass held at 11:00 AM on Friday, October 19, 2018 at St. James Catholic Church in Haubstadt, Rev. Kenneth Betz officiating. Burial will follow in St. James Church Cemetery, where the Vanderburgh County Retired Veterans Memorial Club will conduct military rites.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 until 8:00 PM on Thursday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 10:00 AM until service time on Friday at St. James Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Visitation

OCT 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
12300 South 50 West
Haubstadt, IN 47639

funeral

OCT 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

St James Church Cemetery
12300 South 50 West
Haubstadt, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John R. Barnes*



Pierre Funeral Home - October 18, 2018 at 12:20 PM



“ *John R. Barnes*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *My deepest Sympathies to the Family of John Barnes.....Jim Arendt*



James Arendt - October 19, 2018 at 12:28 PM



“ *Becky Doshier lit a candle in memory of John R. Barnes*



Becky Doshier - October 19, 2018 at 09:52 AM

BD

I remember John from his high school years. He was a wonderful man. My sincere sympathy, Becky

Becky Doshier - October 19, 2018 at 09:53 AM

YS

“ Your Friends at at Carolina Sportscare Bft, SC purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John R. Barnes.



Your Friends at at Carolina Sportscare Bft, SC - October 18, 2018 at 02:38 PM

RA

*“ We were very privileged to know John. He was a great guy and we always enjoyed the times when he would stop by to chat. He will be sadly missed.
With deep sympathy...Robin and Cheryl Ammon*

Robin and Cheryl Ammon - October 18, 2018 at 12:05 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John R. Barnes.



October 18, 2018 at 11:08 AM

K.

“ So sorry for your loss.

Kelly .Garrett - October 17, 2018 at 08:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John R. Barnes.*



October 17, 2018 at 08:26 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



bill price - October 17, 2018 at 07:30 PM



“ *Bill, Cyndee, Rip and Taylor Price purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John R. Barnes.*



Bill, Cyndee, Rip and Taylor Price - October 17, 2018 at 05:16 PM



“ 110 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - October 17, 2018 at 02:31 PM



“ *Anna Z. and Nate G. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of John R. Barnes.*



Anna Z. and Nate G. - October 17, 2018 at 02:00 PM

PM

“ *HIS TIME AT INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY*

At many universities you will find a clock tower that will tell the time, but for many years at Indiana State, we had John Barnes. He resided at Sandison Hall. Every morning echoing across campus you would hear "GOOD MORNING I-S-U! IT IS EIGHT A-M! TIME TO WAKE UP! IT IS A GREAT DAY!" It would always bring a smile to my face as from across campus I would be leaving the School of Business and hear John's booming voice. If he happen to see you down below he would add a "HELLO" to a friend or classmate.

John was big, bold, loud, lively, and passionate. He will be missed, but we all are fortunate to have known such a person.

-Your dear friend, P.T. McEwen

P.T. McEwen - October 17, 2018 at 11:14 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of John R. Barnes.*



October 17, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John R. Barnes.*



October 17, 2018 at 09:24 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of John R. Barnes.*



October 16, 2018 at 10:30 PM



“ *Steve
I just want to say that I'm so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers.
May God hold your brother in the palm of his hand! 💙
Love
Teresa Roth Reitz*

Teresa Roth Reitz - October 16, 2018 at 10:01 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of John R. Barnes.*



October 16, 2018 at 05:26 PM



“ *Steve, sending prayers and heartfelt condolences for the loss of your brother.
With love, Robin and Pam Damm*

Robin And Pam Damm - October 16, 2018 at 10:12 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of John R. Barnes.*



October 15, 2018 at 11:13 PM



“ *John was truly a special soul. He was a dear friend to so many and one who you could always count on. His heart and smile was as big as his shoulders and I am so sorry for hisfamily, wife and dear children. I have so many fun memories of John. Thank you for always putting a smile on my face and I'm sure he is doing that for so many in God's Kingdom now. RIP Big John. ~Stephanie Helfrich Freeman*

stephanie freeman - October 15, 2018 at 06:40 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John R. Barnes.*



October 15, 2018 at 05:09 PM