



David William Barnes

February 18, 1954 - May 28, 2024

David William Barnes, 70, of Salisbury, NC, passed away on May 28, 2024, at his home after courageously battling cancer. He was born in Rochester, NY on February 18, 1954, son of Donald and Mary Barnes. He is survived by his parents, Mary Barnes and Donald Barnes, stepmother Brenda Barnes, his loving spouse Donna Lynn Barnes, and his mother-in-law Eleanor Metcalfe. He was predeceased by Jim and Helen Metcalfe, his in-laws. He is also survived by his two sons, Bryan Barnes (Holly), and Bobby Barnes (Kristina), his siblings: brother Danny, sister Donna Geary (Rick), and step brother Kent Strege (Katie), three grandchildren: Cordelia, Chase, and Ciena Barnes, and three step-grandchildren: Ava, Ronan, and Meara Wells. He is also survived by brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Bob Metcalfe (Donna), James Metcalfe (Darcy), Doug Metcalfe (Brian), Tracey Allchin (Mike), Tom Metcalfe (Elva), Jimmy Metcalfe (Amy), and several nieces and nephews.

He married his high school sweetheart on October 5, 1974, and Dave and Donna were celebrating their 50th year of marriage together this year. In the 1980's, the Metcalfe/Barnes family helped revive an abandoned drag race track in Leicester, NY. In August 1986, Motorcity Raceway and ¼ Mile Pit Stop opened for business. The race track hosted IHRA National Events in the late 1980's and early 1990's, of which David was an integral part.

During his lifetime, David worked at Rochester Products, a division of GM, for over 10 years and he also drove tractor trailers for over 10 years. In 2008, he started his own plumbing business here in Salisbury, NC, called David Barnes

Plumbing and Repairs. He remained in business till April 2023. He was voted Runner Up Best Plumber in 2010's Best Rowan Magazine and had many loyal customers.

He was mechanically gifted. He could fix anything and was always willing to lend a hand to help. He loved his family and especially loved being a Papa to his grandchildren. He was a member of Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church in Salisbury.

Visitation will be held Saturday, June 8, 2024, from 11:30 am - 12:45 pm at Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church. Memorial service will follow in the church at 1 pm.

Memorial Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Mayo Clinic.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Barnes family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of David William Barnes.*



June 07, 2024 at 06:35 AM



“ *Love, Doug, Brian, Helen and Sara planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David William Barnes.*

Love, Doug, Brian, Helen and Sara - June 07, 2024 at 06:35 AM



“ *Love, Kent, Katie, Colton & Kody purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David William Barnes.*



Love, Kent, Katie, Colton & Kody - June 05, 2024 at 09:12 PM



“ *Love, Kent, Katie, Colton & Kody planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David William Barnes.*

Love, Kent, Katie, Colton & Kody - June 05, 2024 at 09:12 PM



“ Stars in the Sky - Elements Angel was purchased for the family of David William Barnes.



June 03, 2024 at 09:44 PM



“ Ava Wells planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David William Barnes.

Ava Wells - June 03, 2024 at 09:44 PM



“ Dave and Donna have been wonderful friends of mine for 20 years. I will always cherish all of our get togethers forever. I will never forget the time that my kitchen sink was leaking and I didn't have anyone I knew that did plumbing except for Dave but living in Gastonia at the time was a long way from Salisbury! But Dave being the awesome friend he was, wouldn't take no for an answer when he said that he would come and repair the leak and this was after his normal workday! I never had a problem with it since.. I'm so glad Ron and I were able to attend his 70th Birthday 🎉 Just a couple of weeks ago, I ran into Food Lion here in Rock Hill and was so surprised to see Donna leaving, she said Dave was with her and they had come down to go to their Son's house.. I told her I wanted to walk out with her to see Dave and I'm so thankful now that I did.. That was my last memory of him.. Donna, I'm am so sorry of Dave's passing but now he has no more pain or suffering. We will truly miss him but we will always have our wonderful memories. We love you, Marcella and Ron

Marcella Gregory and Ron Skinner - June 02, 2024 at 11:18 AM

MK

“ Dear Donna, Bryan, Bobby, and family,
My most sincere condolences.
I was only acquainted with Dave for a few years, but during that
time I witnessed the wonderfully caring, helpful, loving man known
by so many!
Many fond memories remain, and hopefully these memories can
help comfort you all during this difficult time.
Love to you all,
Martha (Keyes)

Martha Keyes - June 01, 2024 at 02:42 PM

PS

“ Dave was one our nearest and dearest friends. I will cherish the
times we were together. I know your resting peacefully in Jesus
arms. We love you Dave

Pam and Jamie Steinmetz - May 31, 2024 at 10:27 AM

AF

“ All of us at Simply Good Natural Foods enjoyed waiting on Mr.
Barnes when he came into the store. He was always so nice and
courteous and it was always a pleasure to wait on him. He will be
greatly missed!

Amanda Fallin - May 31, 2024 at 10:03 AM

TW

“ Donna, Brian, Bobby, Ellie and families,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Dave. He was a good guy.
Such wonderful memories of all of us years, and years ago at the
race track. Such good times, fun times. My thoughts are with all of
you during this difficult time.
Sending you love.

Tricia (Wardwell) White

Tricia White - May 31, 2024 at 07:47 AM

KR

“ Ken and Jill Rufty purchased the Sympathy Gift V
intage Wind Chime - "I Have You In My Heart"
for the family of David William Barnes.



Ken and Jill Rufty - May 31, 2024 at 07:43 AM

JA

“ Dave will be missed dearly by our Family, He leaves a huge
absence in our very close Family. My earliest/ first memory of Dave
is November 1972 when we moved from Henrietta to Nunda, NY.
Dave was dating Donna, we loaded lamps and boxes into his very
cool car for the 45 mile trip, he didn't know what he was getting
himself into LOL! Dave was meticulous and a master at whatever he
put his mind to, you always wanted his advise or help with a project.
So many great memories involving cars, racing, the farm, friends &
family, bonfires & beer and the lake(both of them)! I've known Dave
for more than 52 years, I will miss him greatly! My Blessings and
Heart go out to Donna, Bryan & Bobby and their families, We'll see
you soon, We Love you!
Jamie & Darcy

Jamie - May 30, 2024 at 03:11 PM

LO

Dave and Donna have been dear friends of ours for 45 years....our children grew up together...Dave was always there for us whenever we needed anything fixed...he always had a smile on his face and always had a funny remark to make...he will be sadly missed...fly high dear friend, until we meet again...our hearts go out to Donna,, Bryan,, Bobby and the rest of the family...find comfort in all the cherished memories...love Stan and Linda

Linda orlowski - June 04, 2024 at 02:08 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of David William Barnes.*



May 30, 2024 at 12:43 PM