



Milton Darwin Barnett

October 3, 1930 - May 19, 2007

Milton Darwin Barnett was born on October 3, 1930 in Robertson County (Edge, TX) to parents Ruby Blackstone Barnett and Matthew Abraham Barnett. He passed from this life on May 16, 2007. The youngest of six children, he lost his father in a tragic accident at the age of 5. His older siblings rallied around Darwin and his mother after their loss and forged a bond that is still very strong today. At age 13, he and his mother moved to Huntsville, Texas where he graduated from Huntsville High School in 1948. While attending high school, he excelled at many things including (playing) football as a Huntsville Hornet. Continuing his education in Huntsville, he achieved a Bachelors Degree in Education, from Sam Houston State University in just 3 years. Later, he completed his Masters Degree and attained his (school and vocational) counseling certification. Darwin moved to Texas City at age 21 to begin his 34 year career as an educator in the Texas City Independent School District. He began as an Industrial Arts teacher at Levi Fry Junior High School (and TCHS wood shop). Later, he was promoted to Assistant Principal of Texas City High School and ultimately retired as the Principal of Roosevelt(-Wilson) Elementary School. Administrators (and the teachers, and staff respected him greatly for his leadership, support and friendship. During summer breaks and weekends, he sold insurance for South Coast Life Insurance Company and received awards for top sales for several years. He participated in the Texas City Little League and Softball League. Darwin was a committed and active member of the following organizations:

Texas City Masonic Lodge 1118 Past Master, El Mina Shrine Galveston, Shrine Burn Corp of Transportation Galveston, Arabia Shrine Houston, Forest Lodge 19 Past Master Huntsville, Sam Houston Shrine Club Huntsville, San Jacinto Masonic Lodge Willis 106, Lions Club Huntsville, and the First Methodist Church of Huntsville. These organizations were his true passions and he gave freely of his time and energy in many capacities. For example, he served as Webmaster for the Texas City Masonic Lodge, Willis Masonic Lodge, Sam Houston Shrine Club and the Lions club. He also assisted with the First Methodist Church's web site. He spent many hours teaching other men their Masonic work and acting as their mentor. Anyone who knew Darwin respected and admired his commitment to God, to family and community. He is survived by wife, Barbara, of 25 years; Children: Reda DeVries (daughter) and husband Tommy, Reggie Barnett (son) and wife Sabrina, Russell Barnett (son), Cynthia Hunt (daughter), Angela Epperly (daughter), Robert Morris (son) and wife Alicia, and Richard Morris (son) and wife Anna Maria. Grandchildren: Matthew and Ashley Barnett, Jake Brittain, Julie and Per Ekre, Kelli Coy, Meagan Wright, Norman Wright II, Rachel Epperly, Rebecca Epperly, Derek Hunt, Alanah Hunt, Christine Morris, and Stephanie Morris. Great grandchildren: Jaylin Thomas, Christian Barnett, Collin Barnett, Carson Barnett, Rylee Wright, Skylar Coy and Noah Hunt. Brother and wife: Hugh and Margaret Barnett Sisters: Marie and Judd Cope, Gladys Sanders, and Ennie LaGrone. Numerous nieces and nephews. Life long friend of 76 years: Duane Ryclick of Bryan, TX. Preceded in death by his eldest sister, Dorothy Bolton. All who knew him will miss him dearly. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Milton Darwin Barnett*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I will miss Drawin and his quiet, gentle spirit. I will also miss his firm handshake every week as I walk into the Lion's Club meeting. It is men like Darwin that strong communities are built upon. Huntsville was a much better place because of Darwin's presence. Rest well, my brother, and enjoy the rewards of a life well lived.*

Kent Lucas - May 19, 2007 at 01:18 PM



“ *A memorial thought for Darwin*

In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit. ___Albert Schweitzer

*From a '48 classmate,
Carol (McCrorry) Lane
Kennebunkport, Maine*

CArol Lane - May 19, 2007 at 12:25 PM

BL

“ *Reda, Reggie, and Russell,
My heart goes out to you in the loss of your dad. I loved him like a father, and have many wonderful memories of our families and all the fun times we had growing up together. Darwin was so kind and generous, and such a great father to you all.
It was so special to see him at mother and dad's fiftieth wedding anniversary. I will treasure that visit and how much we laughed about memories of us when we were kids. I think of you often, even though we have not visited in years. My heart and prayers go out to you in this time of sorrow. I wish I could be with you today. Love to each of you and your families. Brenda*

Brenda Lewis - May 19, 2007 at 11:20 AM

CL

“ *Dear Barbara, My prayers I send to you and your family at this time in your life. Darwin has a special place in Heaven for all the good he did on earth. He was always the same each time I saw him, friendly, smiling and a lot of the time had a camera with him. God bless you.
Carla*

Carla Lambright - May 19, 2007 at 10:05 AM

JM

“ *Reda We are so sorry to hear about your Dad. You and Tommy both mean so very much to us. We love you dearly and know the pain of losing a Dad. But we know that he is at peace now with the father. God Bless you both. Will call you soon*

Jesse and Rosa May - May 19, 2007 at 08:43 AM

DJ

“ *Reggie, we are very sorry to hear about your father. Even though we never met him, we feel that he must have been a great man to have reared children like you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

David & Helga Jackson - May 19, 2007 at 08:16 AM

RK

“ *Reda & Family,
So sorry to hear of your loss. May all your memories get you through the days ahead. I think of you & our days together in TCHS. You guys will diffently be in my prayers. Lean on God & he will get you through this. I lost my Mom in 05 & a son at the age of 28 in December 06.
love Ramona*

Ramona Carden, King - May 19, 2007 at 08:11 AM

DS

“ *To all the Darwin Family;
Gonna miss that friengly smile and greeting.
Darwin was principle when my three thildren went to Roosevelt Wilson. On the intrance at Roosevelt Wilson is a display with a brick with Darwin's name and years there. That is not the only stone he has left. He is remember & will be missed at his Masonic Lodge in Texas City. He is leaving some big shoes to fill. My families prayers are with you, just remember he is better off. He won this race.*

Dan Scott - May 18, 2007 at 07:56 PM

CL

“ Dear Reda, Reggie & Russell,
I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad was such a nice, generous man and a great friend to my parents. I know you will miss him greatly. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Connie

Connie Lewis - May 18, 2007 at 07:35 PM

MH

“ I want to send my deepest wishes for the loss of a great person. Darwin meant quite a lot to me. He was helpful when asking him about many things. He was a very great asset to our community. I know he was an outstanding Lion member and always in a friendly mood. I am going to miss him a lot. I know he is with God and not hurting, but it still hurts here. My prayers and thoughts are with all the family.

Marvin Hyvl - May 18, 2007 at 04:28 PM

BA

“ It took my breath away when I heard of Darwin's passing. One look at his empty chair in Lions Club made it a reality. He was at the top my list of favorite people. I'm so sorry for your loss...but I'm also sorry for MY loss...and the community's loss. He was wonderful!..and has left me with many wonderful memories! I thank God for the placing me in Darwin's path. It's been my pleasure.

Brooke Addams - May 18, 2007 at 03:57 PM

SW

“ Hey Reg...so sorry to hear of this. Stay strong and rest in God's peace okay? We love you and are praying for you and everyone suffering with the loss right now.

I know it sounds so cliché but you and I both know he is better off than in this cruel world. Just try and remember that.

Staci & Jason Wall - May 18, 2007 at 03:29 PM

BM

“ Reggie, so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Though I never knew him or met him, I know he must have been a wonderful person to have raised someone with your integrity and caring nature, and therefore his spirit certainly continues....

Bill Morehead - May 18, 2007 at 12:09 PM

BW

“ Reggie and Family,
So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing.
I know you were close to him.
May God comfort you in this time of mourning.
Many Hugs,
Brenda, Scott and Family

Brenda Williams - May 18, 2007 at 09:14 AM

JC

“ Dear Mrs. Barnett,

I truly am sorry to here of Darwin's passing. Though I did not know him for very long, I got to know him well enough to realize he was a kind and gentle person. May the Lord have his hand upon you and your family at this time of your bereavement.

John Cole-Member of the Huntsville Lions Club

John Cole - May 18, 2007 at 08:05 AM