



Rowland Franklin Barnes Sr.

February 5, 1935 - June 28, 2018

Rowland Franklin Barnes Sr., age 83, of Albia, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia, Iowa.

He was born on February 5, 1935 to Germain and Blodwen (Jones) Barnes in Lovilia, Iowa. He grew up and graduated from the Albia High School with the Class of 1952. On October 10, 1954 he was united in marriage to Mary Lou Johnson in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

He joined the United States Air Force in 1955 and served his country in Korea and Vietnam. He was a career military man and retired after 24 years of service. After retiring from the military, Rowland worked at Pamida for a short time before going to Chamberlains in Albia, he was a custodian at the Albia High School, helped work visitation and funeral services at funeral homes and worked as a volunteer coaching softball and little league baseball.

Rowland was a dedicated member of the Masons Astor Lodge No. 505. in Albia, serving as the treasurer for many years. He was a member of the American Legion Howard Cessna Post #136 and a past member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Rowland was a joyful person. He never knew a stranger and enjoyed talking and interacting with people, going to Hardees to have coffee time and enjoyed riding and looking at new vehicles. Above all else, he delighted in spending time with his family and friends.

Rowland is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary Lou Barnes of Albia, his children, Charles Barnes of Albia and Rowland F. Barnes Jr. of Albia; two grandchildren, Joshua Barnes and Jennifer (Joe) Sisler of Albia and a sister, Shirley Ann Argus.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Germain and Blodwen, a brother, Bob Barnes; his mother-in-law Mary Fern McMillan and father-in-law, Earl Johnson.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, July 2, 2018, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Rowland's family present from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., with Masonic Rites provided by Astor Lodge #505 will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 3, 2018, at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia with Pastor Roger Henry officiating. Burial with military rites provided by the American Legion of Albia, Melrose and Lovilia will follow services at Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

Memorials have been established to the family to be determined at a later date.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

JUL 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
1117 Benton Ave East
Albia, IA 52531

Tribute Wall



“ *Rowland Franklin Barnes Sr.*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Rowland Franklin Barnes Sr.*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *I met Rowland as a new member of Astor lodge 505. He was always helpful and I enjoyed meeting him on the streets and talking with him. He will be missed greatly by me. I apologize I did not attend his funeral, as I was out of town. May his family and friends heal from the loss of this great man. God bless all.*

John Edgren - July 12, 2018 at 09:58 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of Rowland's passing. He was always a good humored guy.*
John Nordstrom

John Nordstrom - July 06, 2018 at 11:50 AM



“ *Lee Roy, Nell, Darlene, and Rosemary purchased the Rose Romanesque Bouquet for the family of Rowland Franklin Barnes Sr..*



Lee Roy, Nell, Darlene, and Rosemary - July 03, 2018 at 04:32 PM

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“ So sorry to learn of Rowland’s passing. He was a christian man and was always very pleasant to associate with. When I was a teacher, Rowland was helpful and willing to jump right in when help was needed. He’ll be missed by many.

Bernie Allgood - July 03, 2018 at 08:05 AM

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“ A very nice man who cared about his community. I enjoyed working with him and will miss him.

Jay Andrews - June 30, 2018 at 06:43 PM