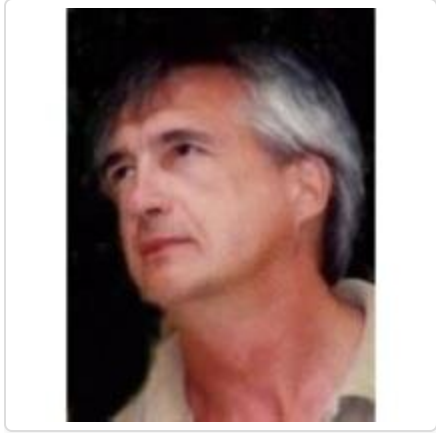




Robert Michael Barnes

August 26, 1948 - August 15, 2008

Robert M. Barnes, 59, of Syracuse, New York died in Los Angeles, California. Mr. Barnes was a self-employed artist who loved to draw and also worked as a printer and photographer. Mr. Barnes was a graduate of Buffalo State College. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving in Vietnam as a U.S. Army Signal Corp photographer from February 26, 1968 to February 22, 1969. He was honorably discharged as a Specialist 5 and was the recipient of five service medals including the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Surviving are four brothers, George Barnes and James Barnes both of Onondaga Hill, New York, Joseph (Cheryl) Barnes of Glenmont, New York and Paul Barnes of Syracuse, New York; two sisters, Shirley Barnes of Syracuse, New York and Sharon (Ronald) Company of Easton, Pennsylvania; his sister-in-law, Ann Barnes; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services: Friday, September 12, 2008, 10:00 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York.

Private Burial: Onondaga Valley Cemetery, 2500 Valley Drive, Syracuse, New York.

Calling Hours: Thursday, September 11, 2008, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Ballweg &

Lunsford Funeral Home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York.

Contributions: Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, National Processing Center,
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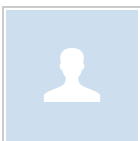
Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Michael Barnes*

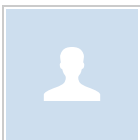


Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - August 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *its now 2014.... you would have turned 65 yesterday....Miss you Carol*

August 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am in shock to learn of Rob's passing... 4 years later. He was my art buddy out here on the West Coast. I will remember the rascal in him...his playful spirit, his kindness and generosity and his love of art, painting and drawing. I am so glad that we did a painting together when he visited me in San Diego. I treasure it and think of Rob often...I know that he is at peace now which is comforting..but I still miss him. He made me laugh... It stunned me to think that we had spoken only 8 days before he left us. I will carry those memories in my heart always.*

October 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ One of my favorite memories is of Christmas Eve at Grandma's when all of us kids were watching the ""Burning Down the House"" video and you tried to bum a cigarette from us...like we would have admitted it if we did smoke! And then you got my dad to smoke (and not a Winston) with you...That cracked me up!! (and will continue to be a good way to bust my dad's chops for years to come!) I'm sure I'll be talking, laughing, and arguing with you again one day! I know you're in a better place.

September 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I will cherish the painting u did for my Dad, now I will look at it and not only think of him but u will be there also. I will always think of u and have great laughter and for that I Thank You uncle Robbie...

September 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you opening up new ways to view the world. You will be missed. Love, Scott

September 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I am glad you are at peace-we had a wonderful time of fellowship before,during andafter your service. You have many faithful,loving friends-and lots of stories I had noheard were shared! You will be greatly missed. Ron and llight a candle to you..Love.

September 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I loved you more than I ever thought I could love - and never expect to love that way again - it was a once in a lifetime. I wouldn't have missed that roller coaster ride for anything - I felt alive with you.

September 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ we express our deepest sympathy to the barnes family for your loss.

September 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM



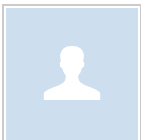
“ Rob, Your comedy routine was unparalleled and equaled by none. You will truly be missed. Love always. Jeremy

September 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



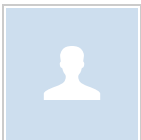
“ May you rest in peace and let Grandma and my father greet you in heaven.

September 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Please know that we're thinking of you Shirley but don't worry because Aunt Deb will welcome him to heaven.

September 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ You once told me "We are all soldiers in this life" So march on my brother your battle is over and won.. Remembering the good times and the laughs you shared with me.. You will always live in my heart.. Farewell. Shirley

September 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Robert Barnes honored us with his service in protecting our freedoms. We can do no less than honor him at this most difficult time for his family. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Barnes family. Sharing fond memories of our loved ones help us navigate the days before us. Days that are filled with the joy and strength of having them in our lives for the brief period that we did. I am sorry for their loss.

September 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Welcome Home - No ticker tape parade today. No cheers. No crowds. No sound. A small procession makes its way across the quiet town. He never thought he'd live this long, way back in Sixty-nine. God, forty years, where have they gone since Vietnam's front lines? He kept his Service to himself. The jeers, the spit, hurt bad. His medals boxed upon a shelf. No "grateful nation" had. The things he saw. That awful fight, forever in his mind. He never really slept at night, that would have been too kind. The dreams now gone, his conscience still, they place him in the ground. Soon bugles' Taps we sweetly hear... ..the few of us around. At Heaven's Gate now millions stand, applauding his life done. They only cease when God Most High cries, "Welcome home, my son."

September 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM