



Elbert Horton Barnes

November 21, 1935 - August 14, 2017

Elbert Horton Barnes, Auditor

Elbert Horton Barnes, 81, passed away August 14, 2017, in Bushnell, Florida, just 9 days before his 59th wedding anniversary. Born November 21, 1935, in Montevallo, Alabama, he grew up in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, graduated from Tuscaloosa High School and then received a B.S. Degree in Accounting from the University of Alabama. As an internal auditor he worked for: Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Delaware; Juice Corporation, Lakeland, Florida; City of Bartow, Bartow, Florida; and Lee County School District, Ft. Myers, Florida.

While in Bartow, he was active in Dixie Youth League Baseball. In Ft. Myers, he was a volunteer football coach at Ft. Myers High School and Cypress Lake High School. He also was involved with the Lee County YMCA Swim Team. His favorite pastime while in that area was salt water fishing.

Horton and Marilyn retired to Bushnell in 1996. He enjoyed fishing, camping and traveling, but most of all he enjoyed time spent with his family and friends. Horton was active in the Tri-County Fire Association, the Sumter County Zoning Board, the Sumter County Retired Educators as well as the Florida Retired Educators Association. He was active with the South Sumter High School sports programs as clock operator and booster until the last two years.

He was active as a deacon and a Budget Committee member of the First Baptist Church of Bushnell, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his father, Elbert Plato Barnes, his mother, Ruth Horton Barnes, and his brother, Ned. He is survived by his wife Marilyn Bracknell Barnes; son, Bert (Cathy) Barnes of New Port Richey, Florida; son, John (Linda) Barnes of Daphne, Alabama; sister, Francis Jordan of Las Lunas, New Mexico; grandsons: Austin of Montgomery, Alabama; Andrew of Daphne, Alabama; granddaughters: Alexia of Long Beach, California; Corinne of New Port Richey, Florida.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church Bushnell building fund, South Sumter High School Booster Club, or the Sumter County Retired Educators Scholarship Fund (P.O. Box 100, Bushnell, FL 33513).

Arrangements are entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory in Bushnell, Florida, with a funeral service to be held on Saturday, August 19 at 11:00 a.m. with a visitation prior to the service from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Purcell Chapel at Beyers Funeral Home, Bushnell.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Marilyn & Barnes Family,

I want to give my condolences to you and your family for the loss of this dear one. The account found at John 11:39-44 brings me great comfort by what Jesus did for Lazarus. Christ promised to do the same for others at John 5:28,29. My prayer is that God gives you the same comfort by means of His word and promises. I am very sorry.

Winter Gainey - August 23, 2017 at 06:58 PM

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“ *I was saddened to read in today's News Press of Horton's death. He was a dear friend to my father. He helped me further my education and I will always be indebted to him. He will be missed.*

Marilyn, I fondly remember the days that we taught in adjacent (math term) rooms. Stay strong. May God bless you and your family - Ted Ferreira

Ted Ferreira - August 18, 2017 at 09:32 AM

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“ *Our love and prayers are with you all.*



Kimby and Nan - August 17, 2017 at 02:07 PM

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“ John,

Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. My sincere condolences. I hope find comfort in all of your father's loving memories.

*Sincerely,
Ziba Roumi*

Ziba Roumi - August 17, 2017 at 09:29 AM

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“ *Marilyn, Bert and John; I am so sorry to hear of Horton's passing.*

DERYL FIDLER - August 16, 2017 at 07:37 PM

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“ *Horton was a great boss and an even better friend. While he taught me how to put into use at work my Accounting Degree, he also included me into his family. I was often invited along for camping trips with Marilyn, Bert and John and I got to watch Bert and John grow up. He and I spent many hours over the years crabbing at night and chasing fish all around the Ft Myers area on the weekends. He was the best friend I ever had and I'm sorry we lost touch when they moved from from Ft Myers.*

DERYL FIDLER - August 16, 2017 at 07:29 PM

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“ *My condolences to the Barnes family.
Mr Barnes was my boss, in the Finance Dept, at the School District of Lee County.
Elaine C Gridley
Fort Myers FL*

Elaine C Gridley - August 16, 2017 at 04:59 PM