



W. Newton Barnes

November 25, 1920 - October 23, 2016

W. Newton Barnes, a third generation Texan, born November 25, 1920 to W.H. Frank Barnes and attorney, and Lola La Verna Barnes, a homemaker, in Miami, Texas, died on October 23, 2016 in Dallas, Texas at age 95.

Mr. Barnes spent his formative years in Terrell, Texas graduating with honors from Terrell High School at age 16 in 1937 where he lettered in four sports captaining the basketball and tennis teams. He attended the University of Texas at Austin for four years commencing in 1937, lettering in tennis and gaining honors at University of Texas at Austin Law School his first year before joining the U.S. Army Air Force in 1942, which he served with honors for 3 and a half years. While at the University of Texas, he joined Kappa Alpha Order, serving as Vice President his junior year and as President-Elect at the time he went into the service.

In 1946, Mr. Barnes entered Southern Methodist University Law School graduating in 1948 with honors. He entered law practice in Terrell with his father in 1948 and also served as city attorney of Terrell from 1951-1954. In 1955, he was appointed Assistant Secretary of State of Texas by Governor Allen Shivers, a position he filled for two years. He was Secretary of State for an interim period in 1956 and 1957.

He later entered into a law position in Houston from 1958 to 1960, at which time he relocated to Dallas where he practiced law as an individual in a limited partnership until 1986, when he retired to devote his time to managing the

family farm and varied businesses in East Texas.

He married the former Martha Corley of Terrell, Texas in 1948. Two sons, Corley R. Barnes of Austin, TX and Steve M. Barnes of Dallas, TX were born to said union, each of whom survive Mr. Barnes.

Mr. Barnes continued his interest in social and competitive tennis into his 80s. Through the years, he enjoyed membership to several social and sports clubs. A memorial service will be held to commemorate his life at 11:00am, Friday, October 28, 2016 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with a private interment at a later date.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *W. Newton Barnes*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Newton was both a good friend and tennis player. We had a lot of good tennis matches along with Harry Brownlee. Newton was a man of honor and integrity. He will be missed. Tommy Caughran*

Tommy Caughran - October 27, 2016 at 03:50 PM



“ *I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to your family. As Psalms 90:10 says, he was truly blessed with strength to have lived such a long life. In your time of sorrow, may God comfort your hearts. 2 Thessalonians 2:16,17*

Camille Lewis - October 27, 2016 at 11:18 AM



“ *My condolences and prayers to Steve and Corley. He was always smile that I remember and was a wonderful man. He had a great long life. When I visited Steve and his father came home from playing tennis and he was good looking guy with tennis uniform with full of his smile that I never forget. He will be always remembered for Barnes family. Love, Virginia Byrd of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma \m/-*



Virginia Byrd of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma - October 25, 2016 at 06:26 PM

UE

“ *Dear to the Family*

Sorry for the lost of your dear love one. There is hope, the Bible says that there will be a resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous.

Act 24:15

Ursula Ervin - October 24, 2016 at 09:11 AM

KH

My joy to have known the Barnes family. Steve and Corley, God is with you thru this sadness and joy. Katie Hearne

Katie Hearne - October 27, 2016 at 08:57 AM

LM

Mr Barnes was a great neighbor and role model to our family. He was a wonderful lawyer. Our prayers are with Stephen and Corley in this most difficult time.

The McMahan Family

Lewis McMahan - October 27, 2016 at 08:48 PM

HB

Cecile and I both want to send our condolences to Corley and Steve. Your Dad was one of the most loyal men I have ever met. My days of playing tennis with Newton were the best, along with all the wonderful talks afterwards. God Bless both of You, Cecile and Harry Brownlee

Harry Brownlee - October 28, 2016 at 09:01 PM