



Clifford Orren Barnes

January 10, 1924 - January 5, 2019

Clifford Orren Barnes was born January 10, 1924, to Theron Nelson and Leota M. Barnes between Decatur and Gravette, Arkansas, just west of the tracks on Spavinaw Creek. He died January 5, 2019 at home on the farm. He attended school at Cottage Grove and then at Decatur. In 1941 he married Ruth Root and they bought a farm also on Spavinaw Creek.

Clifford was drafted into the US Army in 1944 during WW II. He was an infantry B.A.R. man. He fought in the battle of Okinawa, in the south Pacific, was wounded twice and received the Purple Heart. Surviving all of that he returned home where he and Ruth farmed. Clifford later became a butcher. He and Ruth raised 3 children, Ruth died in 2004. Clifford was a charter member of the Decatur VFW Post 9834, a life time member of the Sulpher Springs American Legion Post 35, and a member of the "40 and 8". He was proceeded in death by three sisters, Irene, Nina, and Bonnie.

Survivors include his sister Barbara McGarrah; three children, Mary Wilkins; Richard Varner; and Reuben Barnes and his wife Margo; 11 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; and 7 great great grandchildren; a number of nieces and nephews, along with his old buddy Orville Barrett, many friends, and his dog Ginger.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 10, 2019 at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Visitation will be 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. To sign the online guestbook, visit www.wassonfuneralho

me.com.

Cemetery Details

Word Cemetery

21774 W. Mountain Road
Gravette, AR 72736

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **9**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

BH

“ *Mr. Barnes made many trips to our farm for years. He was an expert butcher like none other. Our beef was always the greatest thanks to his expertise and the shop personnel. We are sorry for your loss. May you hold dearly his memory. God's blessings to each of you.*

Bill/Jean Hickman - January 24, 2019 at 03:06 PM

SA

“ *Our family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. Please accept our warmest condolences, we are deeply sorry for your loss.*

Orval, Kim, Sandy Barrett

Sandy - January 10, 2019 at 09:57 PM

RT

“ *Sending up prayers for peace and comfort during your time of loss. Lots of memories seeing Clifford go by our house headed out to someone's farm to butcher. Always a wave of greeting. Miss those days. Rob and Tami*

Rob and Tami - January 10, 2019 at 08:55 AM

AP

“ *Clifford was our butcher for years he spoiled my children by bringing them candy bars and he would take the eye balls out and they put them in a jar in the frig. Sometimes would forget that they were in there for a couple of weeks. What a wonderful man we made our way to his farm had a great visit.. the Parish Family from Noel, MO thought a lot of him and the family at the butcher shop*

Alesia Parish - January 09, 2019 at 09:23 PM



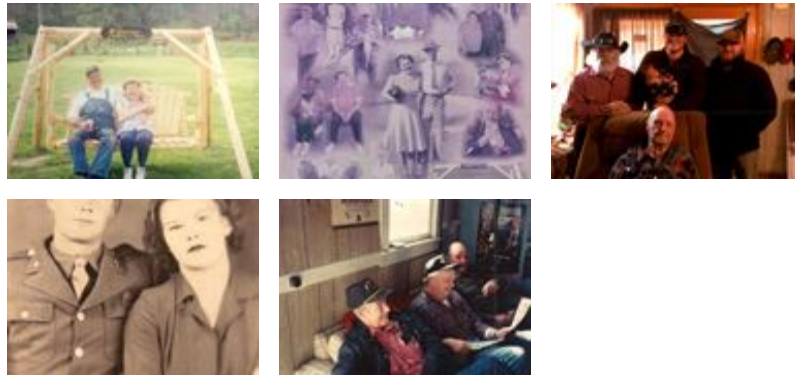
“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Clifford Orren Barnes.* ”



January 09, 2019 at 09:06 PM



“ *33 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Wasson Funeral Home - January 09, 2019 at 09:31 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Clifford Orren Barnes.* ”



January 09, 2019 at 09:27 AM

FL

“ So sorry for your loss.He was a great family friend for many years.Witched a well for us when we built our home and did some buterching too.Prayin for all of you at this time.

Frank and Donella Leeman - January 08, 2019 at 07:41 PM

SB

“ In the 1970s our family lived not far from Clifford. In the summers when my sister and I (Geiger Girls) were young we would set up a watermelon stand in front of our house. Clifford would always stop and buy watermelons from us. Such a kind man.

Sharon Geiger Bever - January 08, 2019 at 06:14 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Clifford Orren Barnes.



January 08, 2019 at 04:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clifford Orren Barnes.



January 08, 2019 at 03:04 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Clifford Orren Barnes.*



January 08, 2019 at 02:05 PM



“ *Prayers for the family and loved ones <3*

Brenda (Setser) Morriss



Brenda (Setser) Morriss - January 08, 2019 at 12:55 PM



“ *Love, John, Erin, Dannielle, and Ashleigh purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Clifford Orren Barnes.*



Love, John, Erin, Dannielle, and Ashleigh - January 08, 2019 at 09:29 AM



“ *So sorry for you loss George and Raye Deen Boyle*

Raye Deen Boyle - January 08, 2019 at 05:57 AM

PB

“ Clifford was a great man! When I was just a young girl, He would come to visit my Dad. He always called me Blondie girl. Later in years when He was 90 or 91, my friend, Polly asked Him if He remembered me and He told Her , Yes, my little Blondie girl! I was so amazed. Then of course He was a great Butcher. He was just an all around good guy! My thoughts and prayers to all the family. Patty (Holt) Boyle



Patty Boyle - January 07, 2019 at 08:05 PM

SB

“ Sammy & Charlotte Burrow purchased the Simpl y Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of Clifford Orren Barnes.



Sammy & Charlotte Burrow - January 07, 2019 at 06:08 PM