



James W. Barnes

October 31, 1979 - November 25, 2015

James Walter Barnes, "Jimmy", of Armada, Michigan, was 36 years old. He was at home when he went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, November 25, 2015.

Jimmy was born in East Ridge, Tennessee, on October 31, 1979 to Terry D. and Gwen G. Barnes. Jimmy had one sister, Sandra A. Barnes, and one brother, Daniel A. Barnes.

Jimmy lived in Ooltewah, Tn, East Detroit, Mi, Warren, Mi, Lenox Township, Mi and Armada, Mi.

Jimmy was born with a rare condition called microcephaly. He went to special classes at Macomb Intermediate School District from age 2-1/2 to age 26. He participated in Special Olympics where he won several awards. Jimmy loved to go fishing or to the park and loved to swing or play outside. He also loved to watch "The Price is Right", "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy". Jimmy loved to ride in cars and go for a ride, even more so in trucks, trains and firetrucks, and even more if it was a really fast car with the top down. Jimmy loved apples and could eat a peck a day. He also loved green peppers and cooked or raw zucchini and summer squash. He also loved "chicken and cunklings", coffee with lots of cream, hot chocolate, ice cream, candy canes and chewing gum. All good food was "alicious" to him. Most of all, he loved Jesus and anything, especially music, that was "about God".

Jimmy is survived by his parents, Terry and Gwen Barnes of Armada, MI., his sister, Sandra Barnes of Richmond, Mi, his brother, Daniel and Kristal Barnes

of Memphis, Mi., and one nephew, Teagan Daniel Barnes. Jimmy is also survived by his grandmother, Dollie Barnes, of Clinton Township, Mi. Jimmy is also survived by Aunt Judy (Robert) Durham of Detroit, MI., Uncle Bruce Warren of Flat Lick, Ky, and Uncle Ted (Rhonda) Warren of Lenox Township, MI. Jimmy is also survived by numerous cousins and extended family.

Jimmy was predeceased by grandparents, Kermit and Mildred Warren and Ralph Barnes, Aunts Phyllis Orlando and Janice Duvall and Uncles Claude Duvall, Andy Orlando and Dehnen Martin.

His parents, with his family. will receive friends on Tuesday, December 1 from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Sons Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd., Utica, Mi 48317. Jimmy will lie in state at the North Auburn Hills Baptist Church, 3889 North Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, Michigan on Wednesday December 2nd, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of his Funeral Services at 11:00 a.m., with Dr. John Marine officiating.

Pallbearers are Daniel Barnes, Justin Raimondo, Rual Norris, Ted, Mitchell and Zachary Warren, Michael Orlando, Ryan Hoover, Terry Norris and Tommy Strauss. Honorary pallbearers are Kolton Ryan Hoover and Teagan Daniel Barnes.

Burial will be on Thursday, December 3 at 11:00 am at Willow Grove Cemetery in Richmond Township, MI

Memorial contributions can be made to Jimmy's church - North Auburn Hills Baptist Church, 3889 N. Squirrel Rd., Auburn Hills, Mi 48326.

Cemetery Details

Willow Grove Cemetery

Richmond Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

In State at Church

DEC 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

North Aburn Hills Baptist Church
3889 North Squirrel Road
Auburn Hills, MI 48236

Funeral Services

DEC 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

North Aburn Hills Baptist Church
3889 North Squirrel Road
Auburn Hills, MI 48236

Burial

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Willow Grove Cemetery
Richmond Township, MI

Tribute Wall

JW

“ *Gwen, Terry and family,
We were so sorry to hear about your precious son. We were unable to attend the funeral. Just wanted to let you know our prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time.*

Love, Ralph and Judy Warren.

Judy Warren - December 02, 2015 at 11:20 AM

PS

“ *Our deepest sympathy to you, Terry and Gwen. We met Jimmy just a few short years ago, but his love for life and family was evident in his countenance. Thank you for your unfailing care for him; for instilling in him a love for God. Some would consider it too much of a cross to bear; you took it up and carried it to the finish line. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Your family is precious to us.*

*Love,
Pam & Chris Staub*

Pamela Staub - December 02, 2015 at 05:18 AM

WA

“ *To the family of James Barnes: Please accept my sincere sympathy for the loss of your loved one. While we don't know one another, experiencing the devastation of losing a loved one is something we all face in our lives. The Bible promises a time when "death will be no more" (Rev 21:3.4) and assures us that God hears our prayers (Ps 55:22). I hope this brings you some peace during this difficult time.*

Wanda - December 01, 2015 at 10:07 AM

RO

“ *RUBY ONEILL sent a virtual gift in memory of James W. Barnes*



RUBY ONEILL - December 01, 2015 at 02:26 AM

RO

“ *SWEET JIMMY...HEAVEN IS SWEETER NOW THAT YOU ARE THERE. I KNOW THAT YOUR GRANDPARENTS AND UNCLES WERE GLAD TO SEE YOU. WHEN YOU GET THEM CAUGHT UP WITH ALL THE NEWS...GIVE THEM MY LOVE. LITTLE COUSIN YOU WILL BE MISSED...BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN. REST WITH JESUS...I LOVE YOU. RUBY*

RUBY ONEILL - December 01, 2015 at 02:25 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James W. Barnes .*



November 30, 2015 at 06:56 PM

MN

“ My favorite memory of Jimmy is how he was swaying & grinning while Terry & I were singing one Sunday night at church. He swayed to the tempo of the music and didn't miss a beat. It blessed my heart to see him get a blessing from the song. I don't even remember which song it was. All I remember is his huge grin while he was swaying back & forth. As your family was leaving that night, I stopped you & told you how much Jimmy had blessed me. I know he understood because he grinned real big then too. The next Wednesday night I walked over to your table in the cafeteria, and he gave me such a big hug and grinned again. Without saying a word, he touched my heart. Here on earth, he could only hum the music; but now in Heaven, he is singing his heart out praising his Savior -- probably telling everyone what page to turn to in the hymnal. I pray that all of you will find many heart smiles in your cherished memories of your precious Jimmy. Sending you love & hugs!
Melinda

Melinda Norris - November 30, 2015 at 01:53 PM

KM

“ Jimmy,
You made me feel loved with your excitement to see me. Your hugs, smiles and unique way of saying my name, Kathy.....as if I was special to you. Your gentle childlike touch and tenderness was so different from everyone else. They were in a hurry and had no time to stop and touch my heart, you did. I loved how you yelled my name until Gwen allowed you to talk to me on the phone. You were truly a miracle that confused the doctors, a gift from GOD. You made this world a brighter place. I will miss you. I know that you are in the arms of Jesus and I will see you there my precious little cousin. I love you Jimmy.



Kathy Morris

Kathy Morris - November 30, 2015 at 01:06 AM

 Mary
Tackett

“ *Mary Tackett sent a virtual gift in memory of James W. Barnes*



Mary Tackett - November 29, 2015 at 11:02 PM

 Mary
Tackett

“ *My dearest, Gwen, Terry, Sandra and David. Where does one begin when such a precious soul has made its way to God. I love all of you very much. Jimmy was such a kind soul, he loved everyone, and everyone loved him. I pray God will help you by his grace and help you through this most trying time. His body is gone, but he will always live in your hearts and memories. Much love and prayers, MaryAnn*

Mary Tackett - November 29, 2015 at 11:00 PM

MT

“ *MARYANN TACKETT sent a virtual gift in memory of James W. Barnes*



MARYANN TACKETT - November 29, 2015 at 10:48 PM

BJ

“Gwen, To you and your family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. This is not an easy one, this will never seem real I know this because I have had my journey with this as well. I pray for your family's comfort. Precious memories are so good and will comfort you as time goes on. God Bless Betty Jordan

Betty Jordan - November 29, 2015 at 07:35 PM

JS

“A couple of weeks ago, we were rehearsing our Christmas music on a Wednesday night. His Dad Terry was rehearsing the part he does so well. I was watching Jimmy. He was happy, talking to his Mom & smiling. Pastor came in and gave Jimmy a fist pump. Jimmy gave him a great bit smile. His Mom told me this morning that he had been so happy recently and was enjoying having a new baby in the family. It is so great that he was so happy before God took him Home. This was God's timing and God doesn't make mistakes. Thankful for Jimmy & the Barnes family and what they mean to our church family. Asking God to give you perfect peace as you continue your journey.

Joy Smit

Joy Smit - November 29, 2015 at 04:05 PM

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“ I can't express the loss I feel right now. Jimmy was my first nephew. He was a joy and blessing to me from the day he was born. He could brighten even the saddest of days. He had a wonderful sence of humor.

When my dear Dehnen was in the funeral home, Jimmy came and sat next to me. His Uncle Bruce was standing reading the cards on the flowers. Jimmy started giggeling and leaned in to me and said, "Uncle Bruce's hair". His Uncle Bruce had experienced a little shedding since he hast saw him. I said, "Yep, his hair said bye bye Bruce and ran off". He started laughing and just smiled and smiled for the longest. Then his Uncle Ted walked in and stood talking to someone. I whispered in his ear, "Look, at Ted's hair... I no more than got that out of my mouth when he jumped up and ran up behind his Uncle Ted and checked him out. Ted just said, "Hey Jimmy. How are you doing?" He was none the wiser. Jimmy came and sat down next to me again and he said, "Uncle Ted" He started laughing.

He made that day so much better just by being the sweet Jimmy that finds humor in the simplest things. Oh how I miss him already. I will love you forever my sweet boy. Can't wait to see you in Heaven.

Judy Martin-Durham (Aunt) - November 29, 2015 at 03:07 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of James W. Barnes .



November 29, 2015 at 02:55 PM



“ When we would all be hanging out and any joke was made, or a funny movie was on, Jimmy was always laughing right along with all of us lol his laugh could brighten and lift my spirits any day.

Justin Raimondo - November 29, 2015 at 02:03 PM



“ Anyone that met Jimmy has experienced true love. I can definitely say I've learned a lot from him through the years. He was full of joy, compassion and unconditional love. I'll never forget our beach trip and his love for riding in my car wherever we went! He will truly be missed!!! Much love and prayers to the entire family!!❤️

Bethany Cook - November 29, 2015 at 01:14 PM



“ His smile when watching our cantata practice! He glowed while watching the sign language to his dad's recitation (the names of God)! Jimmy, you will be missed! Love & Prayers, Leona

Leona Johnson - November 29, 2015 at 12:04 PM



“ I love you, Jimbo!

Your Sissy,
"Sanra"

Sandra Barnes - November 29, 2015 at 11:44 AM