



William Henry Barnwell

July 15, 1946 - July 8, 2024

William (Billy) Henry Barnwell was born on July 15, 1946 and passed into eternity on July 8, 2024. He is survived by his wife Sandra, his three sons Michael (Tammy), William (Lorie) and Edward, and his grandchildren: Michael, Matthew, Rachael, Courtney, Jackson (great-grandchild), William, David, and Allison, as well as many nieces as nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter Cheri Lynn, his parents William and Vivian, his brother Richard, and his sister Marlene.

Billy, as he was known to most, grew up and attended school in Detroit. He was a baseball player who was once scouted by major league teams. He was also a boxer and boxing trainer as a young adult. He worked as a Millwright for many years and eventually became a Business Agent and Director for the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights. He later was elected to the Warren City Council and served as a councilman. His accomplishments included fighting for a prevailing wage and helping establish a new City Hall and Community Center. In both his careers in organized labor and elected office he was known as a champion of the "little guy." He spent his career and life helping other people.

He was very outgoing and known to many as the life of the party and enjoyed having a good time with his friends. Countless people have fun and engaging stories with Billy. He most treasured time with his family. He enjoyed spending

time with his children and grandchildren. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He won many "Big Buck" hunting contests over the years and enjoyed hosting friends and family at his hunting property. He enjoyed sports, public service, and spending time with people.

He spent over 50 years with his beloved wife Sandra. He was always very proud of all of his children. He was a member of Royal Oak Church and in 2022 accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized at the church. After a long battle with kidney failure, he is now free from pain and is at rest and reunited with his daughter.

Visitation will be held at Royal Oak Church, located at 411 E. 11 Mile Rd. Royal Oak, MI 48067 on Friday July 12, 2024 at 9:30am until 11:00am. A funeral service will immediately follow at 11:00am.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to Royal Oak Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Royal Oak Church
411 E. 11 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Funeral Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MJ

“ Michael J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Henry Barnwell.

Michael J. - July 11, 2024 at 10:31 PM

JP

“ I am already missing my Buddy Billy, something awful. Though my heart aches at the reality of not having him around physically, I am grateful he is with God and his daughter and no longer in pain. I am so grateful and honored to be lucky enough to be known as his "pal". I pray the dear Lord wrap's his arm"s around his beautiful wife Sandra, and his loving children as they go through this difficult time, forever in my heart...❤️

Joanne Pisani - July 11, 2024 at 01:16 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William Henry Barnwell.



July 11, 2024 at 12:58 PM

LF

“ Love the Frattaroli Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of William Henry Barnwell.



Love the Frattaroli Family - July 11, 2024 at 08:21 AM

JT

“ Joseph M Tocco planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Henry Barnwell.

Joseph M Tocco - July 11, 2024 at 01:47 AM

JT

“ Joseph M Tocco purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William Henry Barnwell.



Joseph M Tocco - July 11, 2024 at 01:47 AM

WF

“ Warren Professional Firefighters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Henry Barnwell.

Warren Professional Firefighters - July 10, 2024 at 03:59 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of William Henry Barnwell.



July 10, 2024 at 03:59 PM

DR

“ Darrell and Lisa Robertson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Henry Barnwell.

Darrell and Lisa Robertson - July 10, 2024 at 02:33 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Henry Barnwell.



July 10, 2024 at 02:33 PM

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“ --The Buck's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Henry Barnwell.

--The Buck's - July 10, 2024 at 12:55 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Henry Barnwell.



July 10, 2024 at 12:55 PM

KP

“ Kurt Prock planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Henry Barnwell.

Kurt Prock - July 10, 2024 at 11:45 AM

KP

“ Kurt Prock purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Henry Barnwell.



Kurt Prock - July 10, 2024 at 11:45 AM

KS

“ Kristy and Kristopher Smith purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of William Henry Barnwell.



Kristy and Kristopher Smith - July 10, 2024 at 11:42 AM

FI

“ From Your Friends at BeneSys, Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Henry Barnwell.

From Your Friends at BeneSys, Inc. - July 09, 2024 at 01:06 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Henry Barnwell.*



July 09, 2024 at 01:06 PM



“ *Aleta & Michael planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Henry Barnwell.*

Aleta & Michael - July 09, 2024 at 10:54 AM