



## Melvin Barnes

July 9, 1931 - August 13, 2012

Melvin Earl Barnes, 81 of St. Peters, MO, formerly of Clarksville, MO, passed away Monday August 13, 2012. Visitation will be held Monday August 20 at Collier Funeral Home, Louisiana, MO from 4-8pm. Funeral services will be held at 10:00am on Tuesday August 21 at Collier Funeral Home with Rev. Mark Mehlig of Mid Rivers Calvary Church in St. Peters, MO officiating assisted by Rev Randall Cone of Louisiana, MO. Burial and graveside services will follow at 2:30pm at the Montgomery City Cemetery, Montgomery City, MO. Melvin was born July 9, 1931 to Fred McKinley Barnes and Pinky Mildred Atterberry Barnes in a log cabin in Audrian County, MO. After being raised on a farm in Montgomery City and graduating from Montgomery City School system, Melvin earned a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from the University of Missouri Columbia and began his career as a teacher in August 1949. He began his fifty-seven year teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse near Herman, MO. He later moved on to teach in Montgomery City, Bellflower, New Florence, Jonesburg, Louisiana, and Clarksville MO. Most recently he taught continuing education classes and children's art camp at St. Charles Community College as well as gave private art lessons. Melvin married Joann Adams of Delaware in 1963 in Montgomery City, MO. He is survived by his wife Joann, daughter Melfreya Findley, and husband Thomas, and granddaughter Kira Lynn of O'Fallon, MO; two nieces: Linda Smith and husband Sam, and their two daughters Laura and Rachel all of Irvington IL; Lisa Knipfel and husband Kevin, and their children Ryan and

Kayla all of Jonesburg, MO; first cousins Ruth Penn and Ralph Atterberry both of Montgomery City, MO. He was proceeded in death by his mother, father, brother Marvin and his wife Jeanette. Melvin was well known for his artistic abilities and has painted many murals for theatrical productions in Clarksville, Louisiana, St. Louis, and for the Clarksville River Museum. Melvin served several years as President of the Missouri Art Teachers Association and Executive Secretary of the National Art Teachers Association. He previously served as an elder and a deacon at both the Louisiana Christian Church and the First Presbyterian Church of Louisiana, MO. He and Joann attend Mid Rivers Calvary Church in St. Peters MO and are members of the small church group "Care Group" which is a prayer and social group. They are also members of the the St. Charles Pachyderm Club. Melvin lived life to the fullest by teaching and helping students, spending time with his wife, daughter, and especially his beloved granddaughter, Kira and he loved antiquing with his friends. Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association or Mid Rivers Calvary Church 50th anniversary fund.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Barnes*

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *Melvin Barnes*

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *Melvin was a gentle man and had a quiet nature that was very refreshing in the chaos that is the public school system. He was greatly missed in retirement and will be greatly missed now.*

**Mike and Ginger Cafer** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joann, we were so sorry to hear of Mr. Barnes passing. He has been so well thought of throughout the years. A wonderful teacher who made learning fun. We were so pleased he made the effort to attend the Bellflower School Reunions in the past. We will miss him. Our prayers to you and the family.*

**Janet and Richard Percy** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Just had to send a note to tell you all how sorry we all were to hear of Melvin's passing...such a talented gentleman...I copied/posted Melfreya's blog and had so many replies, Rich Hodits, Rhonda Darnell(Stolte), and many old friends from across the country wanted me to be sure to let you know that they thought so highly of him!Sympathies and blessings to all...J.*

**Judy Allwood** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ One of the finest pro-student teachers that I have ever known. He was always there for us and unfortunately, we didn't know what a friend he was until we grew up and lived a little. He is part of us because of the lessons that he taught so well. He will be missed.

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**Charlie Gregory** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ My deepest and heartfelt sympathies go out to you during this time.

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**Billy Knock** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ A good, kind and decent man. I have had the privilege of having known and worked with Marvin for over ten years. To his wife, Joann, my deepest and heart felt sympathy.

*I will miss him dearly.*

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**tom kuypers** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ Jim and I feel very lucky to have just seen and spoke to Melvin at the Headquarters on Sunday, August 12, 2012. Joanne had said he wasn't doing well, but having a fairly good day then. We talked for about 45 minutes or longer and I'm glad God put us there that day to see him before his passing. He was always a kind, soft spoken man and a very talented artist. We have always enjoyed seeing them during election times. I know God has some great plans for him now and that he's not in any more pain. He was a wonderful man and we are glad to have crossed paths during our life.

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**Judy & Jim (Whitworth)Kelley** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Patty and I send our deepest condolences to family and friends of Melvin. Melvin will always have a special place in our heart. We remember him as someone who cared about each one of his students and continued to be a good friend throughout the years. Melvin will be sadly missed.*

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**Mr. James & Patricia Clark** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *Jeanne and I were shocked and sadden by the death of Melvin. Know that our prayers are with you.*

*Jeanne and Denny*

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**Rev. Dennis and Jeanne Knotts** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Melvin was a great example of a man who lived what he believed and made an impact on many people over the years as he shared the gifts and talents that God had given him. All of us who knew him were richly blessed and will miss him and his wonderful, caring personality. Thank God for men like Melvin. Mark D. Mehlig, Caring Ministries Pastor, Calvary Church*

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**Mark Mehlig** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Melvin will be missed. We were so sad to hear of his passing. I will always have fond memories of him. I always enjoyed our visits. I especially remember how kind and thoughtful he was. Dad thought so highly of him, their friendship and their bond of teaching. I loved going to Clarksville and thinking it was SO cool he ran the Sky Line! I bet Dad and him are having a ball up in Heaven!*

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**Amy Miller** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Melfreya and Tom,  
You have our deepest sympathies for your loss. We are thinking  
about you.*

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**Jack and Lynn Findley** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Melvin was my middle school art teacher. He was a very patient  
man and a fine educator. I have been fortunate to become  
reacquainted with Melvin and JoAnn recently and have enjoyed  
their friendship. Melvin will be missed. Sally and I send our heartfelt  
sympathies to the family.*

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**Jon Cunningham** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Melvin was a kind and talented  
man and I know you are all going through such a difficult time right  
now. Sending our prayers & thoughts to you all.*

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**Liz, Craig, Corey, Colleen O'Connor** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *He will be greatly missed.*

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**Charles Webb** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Joann, Melfreya & family:  
Our deepest sympathy to you at the loss of Melvin. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was always so kind and so very devoted to teaching. He made a great impact on many students through the years.  
May God bless you and grant you many precious memories of your loved one.

Sincerely,  
Bill and Vicki Lagemann

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**Bill & Vicki Lagemann** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Please accept our sincere sympathy.

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**Chuck & Linda Johns** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Melvin Barnes was a great teacher, husband, father, grandfather and neighbor. He touched so many lives in his years here on earth. He was talented and gentle, and yes, he had a sense of humor. I was glad to know him, work with him and be a part of his life. He will be missed by all as he was loved by many. No one, more so than his Family. You had a good life with this special person. God will be with you now and be glad you had this time, memories and love.  
Richard Cottrell

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**Richard Cottrell** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Melvin Barnes will be missed. I remember Melvin as he taught Art at the Bellflower Elementary School, when I was in grade school. Also, had the pleasure of talking to him at our school reunions.

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**Pat Clark** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Dear Joanne,  
I was saddened to hear of Melvin's death. I taught with him for many years. I appreciated his talent, gentleness, and sense of humor. I know you and your family will miss him so. Please give my condolences to your daughter and family. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. May the Lord comfort you in this time of sorrow

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**Delores Davis** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ You could definitely see your skills in the work you write. The sector hopes for even more passionate writers like you who are not afraid to say how they believe. At all times follow your heart. The only way most people recognize their limits is by trespassing on them. by Tom Morris.

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**Don Linn** - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM