

Darrell Wayne Barnes, of Shawnee, passed away May 19th, 2026 at the age of 85. He was born October 31, 1940 in Seminole, OK. He was the 11th of 12 children.

Darrell attended and graduated from Shawnee High School, class of 1958. He served in the US Army Reserves as a young man with several of his brothers and cousins. He had fond memories of his time there being the chauffeur and golf buddy to the Commanding General. He married Ginger Wilson in 1961 and had daughter, Kimberly Barnes in 1962. Darrell and Ginger shared 20 years of adventures before divorcing in 1981.

He married Paula Sparks in 1984 and had his youngest daughter, Kari Sue Barnes in 1985. He was very proud of his daughters and grandchildren. He loved to talk about them and share their pictures wherever he went. He always loved attending Dads Day and other sorority events at OSU with Kim and later tailgating in Norman with Kari Sue and friends. He was their biggest fan in anything they did.

He held many titles throughout his life including 18 years at the Federal National Bank where he started out as a cashier, then a loan officer, and ended up as a Vice President. He also worked in the oilfield and was an auditor for the State of Oklahoma, among other roles. Darrell was very active in the community organizations in Shawnee for years. He would get involved in anything you asked him to help with. He was a founder of the Faith 7 Bowl and a top fundraiser for many charity events. He was active in the Jaycees, Kiwanis, and Shawnee Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Shawnee Country Club and enjoyed playing golf with buddies and attending functions there as well as the Elks Golf and Country Club in later years.

Darrell was extremely personable and made friends wherever he went. He lived a wonderfully full life. He was good at all sports and loved golf, snow skiing, water sports, running, dancing, watching football, betting on horse races, and anything that anyone challenged him to do. Darrell was as beloved dad, brother, uncle, grandpa, and friend to many. His greatest passion was his two daughters and grandchildren and all the joy they brought to his life.

Darrell is survived by his daughter, Kari Thornton and husband, Eric Thornton, of Shawnee; son in law, Joe and wife Kate White of Oklahoma City; seven grandchildren, Joe III and wife Abbey White, Jackson White, Jade and husband Nick Porter, Jule White, Jilian White, Piper and Cutler Thornton; great grand daughter Twiggy White; brother Kenneth Barnes, and many other family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Hute and Gladys Barnes; daughter Kimberly Barnes White; brothers Johnny Price, Don, Eddie, Dayton, and Leroy; sisters Geraldine, Georgia, Margaret, Elaine, and Eleanor; wife Sharon Barnes; and companion Jerry Anne Knox.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association in Darrell's name.



Celebrating the Life of

Darrell Wayne Barnes

October 31, 1940 - May 19, 2026

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

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*10:00 am, Friday, May 22, 2026
Walker Funeral & Cremation Service Chapel
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

Order of Ceremony

Welcome and Prayer - Tim Smith

Reading of the Obituary - Tim Smith

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13

Message - Tim Smith

*Special Message to Papa Darrell
By: Grandson, Joe E. White, III*

Celebration Slideshow

"I Did it My Way"

"The Gambler"

"Days Like These"

Closing Prayer - Tim Smith

Viewing

"How Great Thou Art"

"Amazing Grace"

**There will be no funeral procession following the
ceremony*