

A CELEBRATION OF
THE LIFE
OF

PALLBEARERS

Michael Barnhart, Kevin Barnhart, Randy Barnhart
Rico Barnhart, Marshall Ziglar, Najib Kamagate
Darry Parks, Colby Ruffin

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Barnhart family would like to thank everyone who has reached out with love and support during this time. Special gratitude goes to First Light Homecare for their compassionate care. May you all be richly blessed.



Samuel
BARNHART

APRIL 7, 1935 | DECEMBER 13, 2024



MARLAN GARY

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024
VIEWING 10:00AM
FUNERAL SERVICE 11:00AM

HEBREW MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1338 GAULT ST., COLUMBUS OHIO
DR. BENNIE T. HENSON, SR., OFFICIATING MINISTER

Obituary

Samuel Barnhart was born on April 7, 1935, in Greensboro, Georgia, to Edward and Allie Mae (Jackson) Barnhart. As the eldest of five siblings, Sam became the cornerstone of the Barnhart family, known for his wisdom, humor, and steadfast commitment to those he loved.

Growing up in the red clay fields of rural Georgia, Sam's life was shaped by resilience and perseverance. After graduating from **F.T. Corry High School** in 1954, Sam enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he built a distinguished 20-year career, retiring honorably with the rank of Technical Sergeant. Throughout his service, he exemplified dedication and strength, often finding himself as the only Black man in his unit during a time of great social and cultural upheaval. Sam served with pride and resilience, including deployments during the Vietnam War, where his steady leadership and work ethic earned the admiration and respect of those who served alongside him.

Sam moved to Columbus, Ohio, where he met and married Juanita Gordon. Together, they welcomed their son Kevin, whom Sam raised with unwavering pride and love. Later, life brought him another gift in the birth of his second son, Michael, with his cherished lifelong friend, Linda Gordon (no relation to Juanita Gordon). Sam often said he struck gold twice with his sons, both of whom became proud graduates of The Ohio State University and carried forward his values of service, integrity, and perseverance.

After completing his associate degree at **Franklin University**, Sam built a career as an electrician for the **Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority**, where he also served as Union President. Upon retiring in 2001, he turned his focus to volunteerism, serving at the Columbus Veterans Affairs Hospital and with the Hunger Outreach Ministry at **Mount Olivet Baptist Church**, where he was a devoted member.

Sam carried himself with humor, kindness, and a steadfast belief in the goodness of people. More than anything, he wanted those he encountered to find happiness and contentment. Truly, Samuel Barnhart was a living legend—a life well lived, and a legacy well earned.

"Well done, sir! Thank you for your service!"

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE

Lewis Drafton II
Minster of Music

PARTING VIEW

SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. James Gordon
Old Testament ~ Ephesians 6:7-8
New Testament ~ 1 Corinthians 16:13

PRAYER

Dr. Bennie T. Henson Sr.

SELECTION

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"
Bro. Richard Whiteside

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/CONDOLENCES

Sis. Serena Henderson

REMARKS

Kevin Barnhart & Michael Barnhart

READING OF OBITUARY

Silently

SELECTION

WORDS OF COMFORT

Dr. Bennie T. Henson Sr.

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

United States Air Force