

Pallbearers

Brian Barnett Cordell Simpson
Jordan Hodges Marc Phillips
Mylian D. Hodges II

Honorary Pallbearers

Brynell Crawford Oliver Ron Williams
Roger Davis Steven Collier
Terence Marks

Acknowledgement

We, the Barnett family, would like to express our sincere gratitude for the prayers and heartfelt condolences extended to us during this time. Our hearts are full and encouraged from the outpour of love, and we sincerely Thank You and pray that God blesses everyone for the kindness that has been shown to us.

Repast

Repast at the church after Interment. Please join the family and bring your memories, stories, and pictures to share.



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Rev. Dr. Ralph Charles Barnett, Jr.

Sunrise April 10, 1930 - Sunset July 26, 2023



Visitation

Saturday August 5, 2023
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
866 Congress Ave.
Lincoln Heights, Ohio 45215

Funeral Service

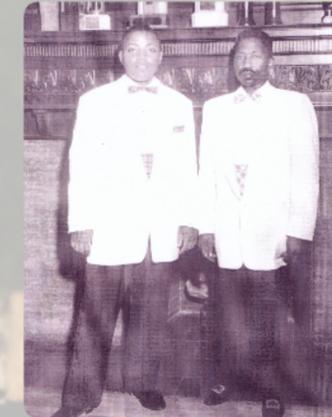
Saturday August 5, 2023
11:30 am
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Lincoln Heights, Ohio 45215

Officiant

Rev. Dr. Oliver R. Williams

Final Resting Place

Monday August 7, 2023 11:00 am
Spring Grove Cemetery
4521 Spring Grove Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45232
131 Veteran's / D / #314



23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



Obituary

Reverend Doctor Ralph Charles Barnett Jr. was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on April 10th, 1930, to the late Edith and Ralph Barnett Sr. He departed this life at age 93 on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, in Lexington, Kentucky.

Ralph was raised in the West End known as "Queens Gate." He attended Cincinnati public schools where he grew up with a passion for learning and a deep sense of community. As a young man during the Korean War, he served his country with honor. This experience shaped his commitment to duty and service. He served six years in the U.S. Army where he was awarded the title of Sergeant First Class.

After the war, Ralph pursued higher education earning his undergraduate degree from the University of Cincinnati and two degrees in Architectural Engineering from Columbia University. Lastly, an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Hopkinsville Bible College.

Ralph's degree in Architectural Engineering led to his employment with the Architecture Firm Smith and Shaffer. This led him to become a respected engineer and innovator in his field. In the mid 70's Ralph went on to operate his own firm Barnett Interior Design Company. Throughout his successful career, he contributed significantly to numerous projects around the U.S., leaving a lasting impact on the industries he worked in.

Ralph was a talented musician having spent countless hours mastering the art of percussion as well as learning to play the piano. He graced many stages across the states! He played with various jazz artists such as Cab Calloway, Louie Armstrong, and Miles Davis. His skills were also captured on video when he played for the Uncle Al Show, a popular children's television program originating in Cincinnati.

Ralph felt the divine calling to share the Gospel while devoting his life to ministry and teaching in the 80s. His journey in spreading God's word began after he completed his theological studies at Temple Bible College here in Cincinnati, Ohio where he later taught. While being an ordained minister he embarked on a lifelong mission to guide others toward spiritual enlightenment and salvation.

Reverend Barnett's ministry was marked by an unwavering commitment to his faith and a profound understanding of the Holy Bible. His sermons were delivered with eloquence and sincerity and touched every heart of those who listened. He had a unique ability to communicate complex theological concepts with simplicity while making the scriptures accessible and relatable to people from all walks of life.

Beyond the pulpit, Ralph found great joy in teaching the Holy Bible. For many years he served as a beloved Bible teacher. Sharing his wisdom and knowledge with countless individuals eager to deepen their understanding of God's word. His passion for teaching was contagious, and he inspired many to embark on their own spiritual journeys.

Aside from his professional accomplishments, Ralph's greatest source of pride was his family. As a father, Ralph was a pillar of support and encouragement to his children, always imparting valuable life lessons and instilling in them the importance of hard work and integrity. He took immense delight in watching his children grow and was equally delighted to become a doting grandfather and great-grandfather.

Ralph's kindness and compassion extended beyond his immediate family. He was a pillar of strength and comfort for his friends while offering solace during times of sorrow and celebrating moments of joy. His generosity knew no bounds, as he dedicated himself to serving the needs of others in the community. Ralph never met a stranger and left every life touched by his ability to connect with others. Whether it be his love for the Lord, music, art, or sports. He collected friends and experiences at every chance. He had a story for any occasion as well as a personal map to any destination. His curious mind was always seeking knowledge and enlightenment and inspiring those around him to embrace learning with the same enthusiasm. Ralph's impact on the lives he touched will forever be remembered. He leaves behind a legacy of faith, love, and strength.

He was preceded in death by his son Rev. Ralph Barnett III.

He leaves behind to cherish his 93-year legacy: Carolyn Barnett (wife) of 39 years; his six children, Phyllis Collier (Steven), Cincinnati OH; Brenda Hodges-Davis (Roger) Hamilton, OH; Marcus Hayes, Cincinnati OH; Charles Barnett, Columbus OH; Varah Barnett, Lexington, KY; Lydia Barnett, Frankfort, KY; and many grand, great-grandchildren, and a host of dear relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude Soft Music by Pianist Bryan Phillips

Parting View Processional
Clergy, Family,
Funeral Director

Prayer Rev. Dr. Oliver R. Williams

Scripture New Testament Reading
Rev. Howard Martin
Old Testament Reading
Rev. Ron Williams

Selection Friendship Missionary Baptist
Church Choir and
Pianist Byron Hodges Sr.

Selection "I Won't Complain" Solo
Rev. Oliver "Ron" Williams

Resolutions and Acknowledgements

Remarks Minister

Obituary Read Silently - Soft Music by
Pianist Bryan Phillips

Selection "I Don't Know What I'd Do
Without The Lord" - Soloist
Quiana Barnett
(Granddaughter) and
Pianist Bryan Phillips

Eulogy Rev. Dr. Oliver R. Williams
Pastor of Friendship
Missionary Baptist Church

Recessional "Claire de Lune"

We will be preceding to the Cedars of Lebanon Chapel at Spring Grove Cemetery where Military Honors will be enacted in honor of our Veteran and Hero, Rev. Dr. Ralph Charles Barnett, Jr.

