

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family acknowledges with heartfelt gratitude the many acts of kindness, sympathy, and love shown during our time of bereavement.

Your support has brought comfort and strength to our hearts.

May God richly bless each of you for your love, generosity, and thoughtfulness.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

A special thank you is extended to the staff of VCU Hospital and the Critical Care Unit for the compassionate care and support shown to my father, Nick, and our family.

Your kindness and dedication during this difficult time are sincerely appreciated.

IN MEMORY OF MY DAD

*I watched you suffer, I saw you fade.
I prayed for strength as farewells were made.
You went away; we had to part.
God eased your pain but broke my heart.*



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CELEBRATING
THE LIFE OF

Amos SOCRATES BARNES

JULY 11, 1951 — AUGUST 3, 2026

SATURDAY,
AUGUST 15, 2026
11 AM

SANDERS FUNERAL HOME



REFLECTIONS

Amos Socrates Barnes, affectionately known to many as “Nick,” was born on July 7, 1951, in Johnston County, North Carolina, to Cora Barnes and the late Onslow Watson.

Nick received his early education in the Johnston County Public School System, attending Harrison School. He later graduated from Maggie L. Walker High School in Richmond, Virginia.

For many years, Nick was employed at VCU Hospital, where he dedicated much of his working career. He was also a devoted Mason and a member of Sandhill Lodge #14 in North Carolina.

Nick enjoyed sports and was a devoted Philadelphia Eagles fan. He also enjoyed watching women’s basketball and Westerns. In his free time, Nick loved dancing, having a good time, and simply enjoying life.

Nick was preceded in death by his father, Onslow Watson; two brothers, Clifton Barnes and Jesse Sneed; and his grandmother, Mertie Barnes.

He leaves to cherish his memory his daughter, Angela Barnes Martin; two grandchildren, Dominique Covington and Janayia Martin; his mother, Cora Barnes Sneed; his sisters, Carolyn Davis and Anthonia Curtis; his brother, Bobby Sneed; his favorite cousins, Donald Howard and Teresa McMillan, affectionately known as “Crazy Horse”; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and friends.

Nick’s memory will live on through the family and friends who knew him, and he will be greatly missed.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional
Clergy and Family

Family Visitation

Greetings

Opening Selection

Scripture Readings
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Acknowledgments & Reading of the Obituary

Reflections & Shared Memories
please limit remarks to two minutes

Solo

Eulogy

Closing & Benediction

Recessional