



## Joe Anderson Barnes

June 30, 1951 - January 31, 2018

Joe Anderson Barnes was born Jun 30, 1951 and went to be with the Lord on Jan 31, 2018. Joe was born in McNair, TX and was raised in Third Ward, Houston, TX and surrounding areas. He was the eldest of nine children. He graduated from Jack Yates High School in Jan 1970. He joined the U.S. Army in Oct 1970 and retired Nov 1990. His duty stations included the DMZ, Korea; Yongsan, Korea (twice); Fort Campbell, KY; Vogelweh, GE; and Fort Sam Houston, TX (three times). Joe was committed to improving Unit and Soldier morale with his extra time. He coached numerous intramural sports teams with medical and dental soldiers, coordinated organization day events, and modeled with the "Black and White Silhouettes" which traveled to military bases in Germany. He was recognized for his many achievements including The Army Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal-Korea, and Good Conduct Medal (6th Award).

After retiring from the Army, he attended St. Phillips College completing his Associate Degree in Education. He transferred to UTSA completing an additional 1½ years of college and then was hired as a paraprofessional at East Central High School, San Antonio, TX. He assisted with cross country and track and field for several years. He taught students about the importance of education as well as becoming responsible adults. He made a lasting impression on many of these young adults. As a result, numerous students would visit him after graduation. He retired from East Central Independent

School District in May 2016 with over 18 years of service.

Joe began coaching at the Fort Sam Houston Youth Center in 1983. He coached various age groups in football, basketball, T-ball, baseball, and track and field until 1995. During 1996-1999, Joe and Rosemary DuPree, a longtime family friend, had an independent track team competing in the South Texas Amateur Athletic Union (AAU). He was an AAU member and official for Track and Field from 1992 – 2018 and served on various South Texas AAU committees.

He held official certifications at the associate, national, and masters levels. He was a member of the University of Texas Track and Field Officials Association and the USATF Officials Association. He volunteered and officiated at the AAU National Junior Olympics from 1992 – 2017. He liked bringing people together and was the inspiration of starting the “official’s dinner” at the AAU Jr. Olympics. He also officiated meets in the Southland Conference, Conference USA, Sunbelt Conference, SWAC Conference, Big XII Conference, SCAC Conference, and UIL – Texas.

Joe started his Christian walk early in life at St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Houston, TX where his grandmother and mother were pre-k and kindergarten teachers. He was a member there until he joined the military. He attended various churches throughout his life. He claimed New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church as his church home in 2007. Joe was a dedicated servant and served in the Usher, Brotherhood, and Sunday School Ministries. He also volunteered with the Youth Ministry. He felt honored to be President of the Usher Ministry for 2018 and was well prepared for his first meeting when he was hospitalized.

Joe was always about family. He instilled in his children that family comes first, no matter what. He knew it was always about family, regardless of blood, that holds strong through the test of time. He initiated the committee to restart annual family reunions in the early 1980’s which continue to this day. He enjoyed cooking; volunteering with youth; having friends over for Bar-b-ques; playing music and dancing; playing, coaching, and officiating sports; hunting;

traveling and sightseeing; history; and yard work.

He is preceded in death by his parents Morris and Ellen Alfreda Barnes, his brothers Jon and Kerry Barnes, and his sister Joan Barnes.

Joe is survived by his wife of over 37 years Trina L. Barnes; daughter Cheriette Murphy (mother Jacqueline Rugeley) (Garry) of San Antonio, TX; son Joshua Barnes (Tylane) of Round Rock, TX; son Tony Barnes (Elsie) of Waianae, HI; and daughter Joette Barnes of San Antonio, TX. He has nine grandchildren: Braelin Barnes; Joshua Barnes, Jr.; Brianna Barnes; Aurianna Murphy; David Gilchrist; Addyette Murphy; Eva Barnes, Lily Barnes; and Anderson Barnes. He is also survived by brothers Morris Barnes, Jr.; Keith Barnes; Martin Barnes; Terry Barnes (Mary); and Charles Allen (Pauline); and sister Gina Barnes. He leaves behind numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, great-nieces, great-nephews, other family members and many friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dellcrest Funeral Home  
2023 S WW White Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78222  
(210) 337-4082  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Celebration of Life

FEB 14. 9:00 AM (CT)

New Covenant Baptist Church  
1107 S.E. Loop 410  
San Antonio, TX 78220

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ Dear Grandpa,  
I miss you so much, its all a blur.  
Missing you every day, all the fun memories at Christmas,  
at family reunions. I just can't imagine you are gone.  
its like just yesterday you were there playing with Gigi, lily and I.  
I just wish we had one more day I didn't get to say goodbye.

Love you forever, -your grand- daughter Addy.

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**Addyette Murphy** - October 02, 2022 at 04:36 PM

SH

“ My condolences to the Barnes family. My heart is saddened as  
memories of spending many years and time with you consume my  
mind now. My heart and prayers are with you and I miss you.  
-Stephanie Haley (East Central High School)

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**Stephanie Haley** - March 24, 2018 at 08:18 PM

WR

“ To Joe's wife, Trina, and their children: Please accept our heartfelt  
condolences, as we are so very sorry to learn of Joe's passing. And  
may your beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Rest In Eternal  
Peace, and Rise up in Glory

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**Walter & Bessie Reese** - February 13, 2018 at 10:52 AM



“ *Tender Tribute* was purchased for the family of Joe Anderson Barnes.



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February 13, 2018 at 09:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Joe Anderson Barnes.



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February 12, 2018 at 11:06 AM



“ *Reflections of Glory Wreath* was purchased for the family of Joe Anderson Barnes.



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February 12, 2018 at 12:44 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Joe Anderson Barnes.



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February 11, 2018 at 08:18 PM

ER

“ *Role Model, loved young people and encouraged them to reach beyond the stars.*

*To Trina & the Family,*

*I have known Joe since the early 80's. The person I met then was the same throughout including the last time we volunteered together during the summer of 2016. He was a family man and always expressed pride in his children and grandchildren. Thank you for allowing us to share his time and talents with the rest of the community. He was indeed a role model to the young and old. He tackled every project with a professional attitude and gave 100% at all times. He recruited numerous people to work with AAU, in various capacities, as well as track & field officiating, UIL & NCAA and other amateur programs. He sat the bar very high for the family to maintain, so I'm sure his great work will be continued. I am indeed honored to count him as my friend. Our prayers go out to the family.*

*Earl Rucker – Former Vice President South Texas AAU*

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**Earl Rucker** - February 11, 2018 at 06:28 PM

CM

*Thank you for sharing. He is already missed and the family thanks you so very much.*

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**Cheri Murphy** - February 12, 2018 at 10:55 AM

JW

*Although Mr. Barnes is gone from this life, the memory of a beloved husband, father, grandfather, teacher, and friend will last forever in your hearts. Our condolences go out to his family and we pray that God will comfort you throughout this time of sadness. With sympathy, The family at Sinclair Elementary.*

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**Janice Williams** - February 13, 2018 at 01:24 PM

BO

*Family, I was so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. Although I am older than he, he was VERY helpful to me and my son when events were held at the Alamo Stadium. He showed me the ropes, so to speak and I will be forever grateful. He will be missed at the University of Texas Officials and AAU.*

*I last saw Joe at the Big 12 and the NCAA championships held in Round Rock in 2017. He never tired of speaking of his family and was a proud father.*

*May God grant you strength, peace and comfort, and may the light of Joe Anderson Barnes forever shine bright upon his life and legacy.*

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**Bobby** - February 14, 2018 at 02:51 PM

EE

*My condolences....his name crossed my mind, I am also from the Jack Yates January 1970. This is the time for the 55th class reunion. COVID stopped the 50th. I may have spoken to him about the 45th. This when I found out he was in San Antonio...I did pass the word on to our classmates. May God be with the family.*

*Edna Rector Eubanks*

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**Edna Eubanks** - September 10, 2025 at 02:19 AM

CR

*“ A true friend from beginning to end. He gave us his all and rarely asked for anything. Family you have my sympathy and I pray God be with you doing your transition . It's just so hard to say goodbye to yesterday. Calvin*

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**Calvin Robinson** - February 10, 2018 at 04:02 PM

CM

*Thank you so very much for your words of comfort.  
The Family*

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**Cheriette Murphy** - February 11, 2018 at 03:16 PM

RK

“ *The Rickey Knighton family would like to let you know we have lost a true champion for the youth of Our community. Joe was great influence in the life of many young people as well as adult friends. We will be praying for you and may God bless your household. Just know that "Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal." Much love, Pastor Rickey J Knighton*

Rickey J Knighton - February 10, 2018 at 12:14 PM

CM

*Thank you so very much. We appreciate you.  
The Family*

Cheriette Murphy - February 11, 2018 at 03:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joe Anderson Barnes.*



February 10, 2018 at 11:56 AM



“ *From your young Ft. Sam Houston family...We will be praying strength for your family during this trying time. It was my pleasure to know you growing up and was blessed to call your kids my friends...#ContinuedstrengthinJesusname*

Maggie Lane - February 10, 2018 at 11:49 AM

CM

*Thank you so very much for your beautiful words of encouragement.*

Cheri Murphy - February 12, 2018 at 10:52 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joe Anderson Barnes.



February 10, 2018 at 09:25 AM



“ To the balls family I knew your daddy your husband your granddaddy for 60 plus year he was my friend major james king junior

Major - February 09, 2018 at 04:20 PM



“ I will miss your greeting as I enter the sanctuary on Sunday morning. You are in a better place...no more pain. Germance Denise Durst

Germance Durst - February 09, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ From Your AAU Track & Field Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joe Anderson Barnes.



From Your AAU Track & Field Family - February 08, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - February 03, 2018 at 08:17 AM

LA

*RIP my friend and co-worker! You were a proud man! Your children are a reflection of the character that you tried to instill in all young people and adults alike. You will be missed!*

LaShaundra - February 08, 2018 at 08:36 PM

KW

*I will always remember the Palmer Family Reunion of 2005. The best part of the 2 day affair was to hear the kids chant as they returned from their hike in the woods with Joe and Kerry. You could hear them chanting softly, as they got closer and louder "Joe is great, Joe is great, Joe is great! He was that kind of guy. The kids loved him, as well as the adults. My cousin, you shall truly be missed on this side. RIP 'till we meet again on the other side.*

Kathy Bailey Williams - February 10, 2018 at 09:47 AM

RD

*I will cherish the friendship and kindness you shared with all you came in contact with. Rest in Heaven Joe you will Be missed! ❤️*

Rosemary DuPree - February 10, 2018 at 12:00 PM

UF

*UIW Track & Field express our condolences and gratitude in all that you represented Joe Barnes. Your smile, contagious humor will be missed! Rest In Peace! 🙏 Cardinal Track & Field.*

UIW Track & Field - February 11, 2018 at 07:02 PM