



Benjamin Barnes

January 16, 1942 - July 21, 2014

1942-2014

Benjamin R. Barnes, age 72, a resident of Belen, NM lost his three year battle with lung cancer on Monday, July 21, 2014 while surrounded by his family at home. He was born in Magdalena, NM to James E. Barnes and Roberta O. Field. Ben proudly served his county in the United States Marines. He came home to serve his community. Ben gave 42 years of service to the Belen Fire Department. Ben served as a Lieutenant, Captain, Chief and Assistant Chief. He continued his fire service as a Fire Inspector and Radiological Defense Officer. Ben deeply believed in serving Belen by becoming the First Civil Air Patrol Officer of search and rescue which was established by his father James in the 1960's. He was also a Valencia County Sheriff officer patrolling local dance halls for 17 years. He was also a conductor for the Santa Fe Railroad for 22 outstanding years. For fun he worked as a foreman at the Rio Grande Amusements. He was preceded in death by his father, James E. Barnes; and children, Leroy Linder, Leatha Sachs, Oscar Linder Jr. Gloria (Nina) Linder; and his eldest brother. Benjamin is survived by his mother, Roberta Field of Nevada; daughters, Roberta (Bobby Jo) and husband, Miguel Nunez, Vanita Wade of Belen and Debbie Casias of Albuquerque. He is also survived by 2 brothers; 3 sisters; 12 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; along with his fire department brothers and sisters. He is also survived by numerous loving family members. All services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, beginning with a Viewing on Thursday, July 24, at 6:00 p.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m. A Final Viewing will be held on Friday, July 25, at 9:00 a.m. with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. with Father Stephen Schultz presiding. Interment will be held at a later date. Pallbearers will be Joshua Sachs, Christopher Williams, Jason Sachs and Frank Zamora, Rudy Zamora and Randy Maner. Honorary Pallbearers will be Miguel Nunez and Gary Thomas. Sign Ben's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main Street, Belen, NM

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL **24.** 6:00 PM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
101 N. 10th Street
Belen, NM 87002

Rosary

JUL **24.** 7:00 PM (MT)

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Final Viewing

JUL **25.** 9:00 AM (MT)

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Funeral Mass

JUL **25.** 10:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

 Natalie Linder

“ *Natalie Linder lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Barnes*



Natalie Linder - September 03, 2023 at 09:09 PM

MB

“ *Think about you often Ben*




Mike Brophy - March 21, 2023 at 05:38 PM

NA

“ *I barely remember NM and my family since I moved away when I was just five but finding my family members in obituaries hurts my heart. I do u remember u gpa...ily*



natalie - September 06, 2020 at 01:28 AM

 Natalie Linder

*I miss having family
Nlinder@linder.com please Free to reach out and contact me if you were part of my family I really need my family if I have any left*

Natalie Linder - January 14, 2023 at 01:15 PM

TF

“ *We are sorry to read of the passing of your loved one. Words don't always ease the pain when you are grieving the death of a loved one, but we hope you will find comfort in Jesus' promise of the resurrection hope (Acts 24:15) when he will raise up those who are now sleeping in death (John 11:11) restoring them back to life, on the renewed Paradise earth (John 5:28,29; Luke 23:43) what a wonderful blessing to look forward too. Until then, may Jehovah God (Psalms 83:18) grant you peace and comfort during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.*

The Vasquez Family - August 27, 2014 at 03:38 PM

BE

“ *Bobbie Jo I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Ben as a loving hard working Firefighter. I hope you find comfort knowing he no longer suffers. I know the pain is unbearable right now, but you need to keep the happy memories alive. May Ben rest in peace and fly like the angel he was. He is looking down on you and will forever be grateful for you. God Bless you & your family Berna*



Berna - August 11, 2014 at 10:09 AM

RA

“ *Ben served the city and the public for many loyal years. We always appreciated his service and his kindness to others. Deepest sympathies from the Auge Family.*

robert auge - July 27, 2014 at 05:29 PM

CT

“ *Bobby, “I loved your daddy. He was special to me. I'm so sorry for your loss. Ben was a man of great character and a man of love. I wish I could have known him better. May the grace of God be with your family. Christine Thurston ”, Eva's daughter in Texas.*

Christine Thurston - July 26, 2014 at 05:24 PM

JS

“ *Jamie Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Barnes*



Jamie Sanchez - July 25, 2014 at 11:03 AM

SR

“ *To Ben's Family,
Ben was one of my favorite people at Belen Fire Department! He was always willing to teach me new stuff and was patient when I first started volunteering there. He's a person that will be missed by many!
Paul and Susan Romero*

Susan Romero - July 24, 2014 at 07:14 PM

RM

“ *To The Family Of Ben Barnes, My Prayers Are With You All.I Worked With Ben At Rio Grande Amusements. I work In The Popper Stand with Ralph Hopper For 18 Yrs 1974 To 1992...GOD BLESS YOU AND YOURE FAMILY.....*

Rick Moya - July 24, 2014 at 02:50 PM

MG

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manny garcia - July 24, 2014 at 12:11 PM

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manny garcia - July 24, 2014 at 12:10 PM

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Lenore Pena - July 24, 2014 at 01:38 AM



“ *Amy Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Barnes*



Amy Hobbs - July 23, 2014 at 11:50 PM

CB

“ *Charley Brown lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Barnes*



Charley Brown - July 23, 2014 at 10:01 PM

JS

“ *My prayers are with you, May God give you strength in the days ahead and may you always remember the wonderful man that Ben was.*

Judy Satterfield - July 23, 2014 at 09:45 PM

NO

“ *I remember uncle Ben fr my childhood, my sister and I grew up in the fire dep while my mom and uncles and aunts worked there so everyone blood or not was aunt or uncle. The one thing I learned fr uncle and everyone is team work and family are everything he was a great mentor and will be greatly missed*

Nadine Osburn - July 23, 2014 at 07:14 PM

LO

“ *Leroy Ortega lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Barnes*



Leroy ortega - July 23, 2014 at 05:03 PM

LO

“ *To the family of Ben Barnes my prayers go out to all.*

Leroy and Dina Ortega - July 23, 2014 at 05:00 PM

AR

“ *May God comfort and bless you all.*



Al Romero - July 23, 2014 at 09:21 AM

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Lenore Pena - July 22, 2014 at 06:37 PM

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Lenore Pena - July 22, 2014 at 06:35 PM

DP

“ *Diana Phillips lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Barnes*



Diana Phillips - July 22, 2014 at 11:45 AM