



Charles Ray "The Man of Steel" Barnett

August 25, 1943 - July 4, 2017

Charles Ray "The Man of Steel" Barnett, 73 of Bella Vista passed away Tuesday, July 4, 2017 at Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale. He was born August 25, 1943 in Aransas Pass, Texas to Pershing Overton and Towanda Jeanette Norvell Barnett.

Charles worked for Jones Truck Lines and retired after 21 years of service, he then followed his passion for music as a professional entertainer and musician at Ozark Mountain Hoe Down for 10 years. His love for God drew him and Darlene to Calvary Freewill Baptist Church in Springdale which he loved.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two great grandchildren, Izabella Grace Carmean and Ivie Marjorie Bush.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene Barnett of the home; two sons, Rick Boone of West Fork and Randy Boone and wife Rhonda of Decatur; three daughters, Stephanie Whorton and husband Tim of Lincoln, Cyndi Copher and husband James of Norman, Oklahoma and Terri Teters and husband Myron of Springdale; one brother, Jerry Barnett and wife Rosie of Elkins; one sister Cherlene Artman and husband Rick of Missouri; 16 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and family members.

Funeral service will be Saturday, July 8, 2017 at 2pm at Calvary Freewill

Baptist Church in Springdale with Pastor Clark Snow and Rev. Wayne Morrison officiating.

No visitation is planned.

Memorials may be made to Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, Arkansas 72762.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Freewill Baptist Church
1000 N Gutensohn Road
Springdale, AR 72762

Tribute Wall



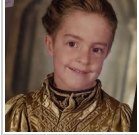
“ *Charles Ray "The Man of Steel" Barnett*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family. May God bless you during this difficult time. Love, Bro. Kelly Yarbrough & family*

Kelly Yarbrough - July 08, 2017 at 12:57 PM



“ When I had first moved down to SW MO and NW Arkansas in 2007 I was visiting area churches. My sister and mom decided to stop in and visit Calvary Temple in Bentonville. We had just walked into the sanctuary and my sister noticed the steel guitar and pointed it out to me, knowing that I am a HUGE fan of the instrument. Long story short that is how I became close friends with Charlie and Darlene. I Spent many weekends traveling with Charlie and Darlene helping him load/unload his guitar. Eventually we started a small recording studio in his home and did a few demos for people. Charlie pretty much took me in as if I was one of his own, often inviting me to various family functions and making sure to include me in the holidays as I had no family in the area. When Charlie was first in the hospital and rehab center for his heart issues I stopped by every day to check on him.

Several different times I had to have surgery and Charlie would take me to the hospital and made sure I bunked out at their house afterwards so he and Darlene could make sure I was alright. When Charlie heard I had Cancer he called me weekly to check on me. When he heard that I was finally Cancer Free he stated "Well thats what we prayed for isnt it?" I will forever be grateful for his thoughtfulness and kindness and his fatherly advice I often needed.

On the lighter side, we had our fair share of picking on each other..On stage I would often walk over and act as if I was going to mess up the tuning on his steel or tip his cowboy hat while he was playing..Sometimes I would make the statement "You could always tell a Texan, Just cant tell them much." aiming the comment at Charlie on stage. He would just grin or make some kind of mean face and act like he would get me back for that..

One time Charlie, Darlene, and I went to Five Guys and for some reason Charlie drove around the lot 2 or 3 times trying to get out...Yes I took full advantage of ribbing him for that..Charlie didnt think that was too funny but Darlene and I couldnt stop laughing..At Charlies expense of course..

These are just a few of the stories...I will never ever forget Charlie or the impact he had on my life. I always made it a point to tell him that I loved him and missed him...That will always continue..He will be loved and missed by all of us who knew him. I know I will get to see him again one day soon, and for that I am THANKFUL!

Unfortunately due to the recent Cancer Surgery I had, I will be unable to attend but my thoughts and prayers go out to Darlene and the Family and THANKS for letting your husband, father, and grandfather be a part of my life!

Chad Jones - July 08, 2017 at 07:59 AM

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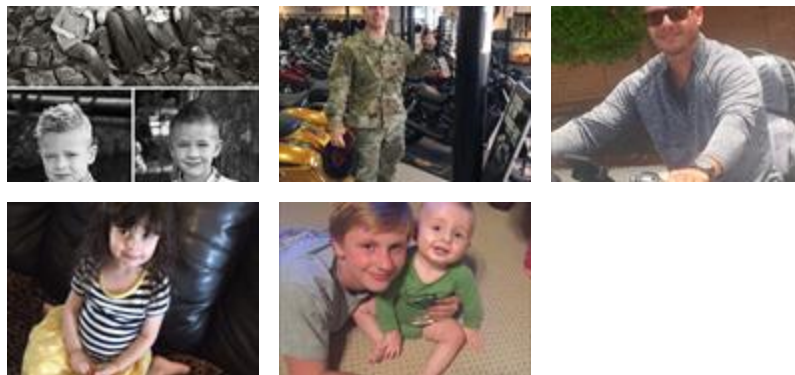
“ *I only knew Charlie from the wellness pool in Rogers, but I enjoyed knowing him for the last few years. He always occupied the corner of the pool and kept the conversation going with his comments on politics. He will be missed by all those who gathered around him.*

Betty Brown

Betty Brown - July 08, 2017 at 06:52 AM



“ 265 files added to the album Memories of Charlie Album



Sisco Funeral Chapel - July 07, 2017 at 11:32 PM

JH

“ I had the pleasure of listening to Charlie play at church and a number of other shows and events. Charlie was a truly awesome musician. I also had the pleasure of working with Charlie. He was one of the most dedicated employees we had at ETA/NYK. He never left the office until the job was done. It was a blessing to know and work with Charlie..

With Love

Judy Huse

Judy Huse - July 07, 2017 at 07:42 PM

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“ To Darlene and family.....may God Bless you in this time of great sorrow. We will miss Charlie and his music that he so elegantly played. He was compassionate, and it had to be right before he would continue on. I led singing with him playing in the back ground for quite awhile and we were all blessed to have been in his choir. His music was 2nd to none and you could tell how much he loved playing. I feel I was very blessed to have known "The Man of Steel". May God fill the great void left in your hearts.....Andy & Diane Bennett

Andy & Diane Bennett - July 07, 2017 at 02:15 PM

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“ I'm posting for my Dad James Diven aka "Jimmy". He worked with Charlie at Edwards Trucking, my Dad was a driver & Charlie was a dispatcher. We have always enjoyed watching Charlie play at various music shows. He was a great man & will be greatly missed.

Sherry Davis - July 07, 2017 at 08:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Ray "The Man of Steel" Barnett.*



July 07, 2017 at 08:07 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. May God bless and comfort you.*

Robert Ward - July 07, 2017 at 06:47 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about Charlie's passing. He was an amazing musician & all around great guy. I enjoyed & was honored to play music with him for years at church. He could make a steel guitar talk!*

Laura Peterson - July 06, 2017 at 08:30 PM