



Martin Anthony Barnes

March 19, 1967 - August 29, 2014

Martin Anthony (Tony) Barnes, age 47, passed away peacefully with his wife Cheryl Barnes at his side on Friday, August 29, 2014 at Florida Hospital after battling a long illness.

He was born in Chicago, Illinois on March 19, 1967 to Waneta Northern (Barnes) and James Chism. He grew up in South Bend, Indiana and attended Indiana University Bloomington, where he met Cheryl. They were married on December 24, 1991. After receiving his Master's Degree in Social Work, he relocated his family to Orlando, Florida and pursued his goal of helping troubled children. The family was also members of East Coast Believers Church.

He will always be remembered for his work ethic, his love of sports, especially football, his even greater love for his family and his huge brilliant smile.

He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Amos Barnes , Senior, his cousins Kevin Micah Bowles and Tiffany Wallace. He is survived by his parents, Waneta and James, his loving wife, Cheryl, his two devoted sons, Malcolm, 17, Miles, 10 and his daughter Kyndra Billingsley, 27 and two grandchildren. His surviving siblings include Mercedes Guyse (Northern), Marco Barnes, Katherine Chism Evans, Kalin Bowles and Larissa Buggs. His uncles and aunts: Emanuel Barnes, Dorothy Bowles, Ophelia Bell, Alethea Greer and Amos Barnes will also miss him dearly, as well as his grandmother, Mrs.

Dorothy K. Barnes. He is also survived by members of Cheryl's family: her mother, Sandra Blackburn and Cheryl's siblings, Denise Blackburn, Erika Blackburn and Jefferson Blackburn III. Finally, he is survived by his friends who will all miss him dearly.

Visitation will be at DeGuispe Funeral Home and Crematory on Friday, September 5 between 5-6 with a brief celebration of his life and reception to follow.

His wife would like to thank the staff at Florida Hospital Orlando, Davita Dialysis and most especially Dr. Robert Sullivan and his nurse Sherry for their tender care over the years. She would also like to thank Francine Gherman for her support and care of Martin.

A memorial fund has been established for his family – Martin Anthony Barnes Memorial Fund, which is accessible through the following link: <https://www.giveforward.com/fundraiser/vyl5/martin-anthony-barnes-memorial-fund>.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Ave
Maitland, FL 32751
(407) 695-2273
todd@degusipe.com
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Memorial Service

SEP 5. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Reception

SEP 5. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ Hi Cheryl,

I am sorry to hear about Martin. I met you only one time when you guys wanted to buy my Cougar several years ago. I worked with Martin and several places of employment. He was a good friend. My prayers are with you and your family.

Judy Deleon

Judy Deleon - October 23, 2014 at 10:52 PM



DB

“ Cheryl,

*Prayer is offered on a regular basis for you and the children. I believe God who answers, provides comfort and cares for his little children.
love,*

Aunt Dorothy Ann Bowles

Dorothy Bowles - September 13, 2014 at 07:50 PM

Mae
Bond

“ To The Barnes Family:

Sending you heart felt prayers and love. May God bless and keep each box you during this most difficult and trying time.

Mae C. Bond And Family ♥♥

Mae Bond - September 07, 2014 at 06:55 PM



IH

“ Tony we had lockers at Washington High School next to each other for four years! You would set pranks on me every day! I didn't know what to expect when I opened the door! Brother you mean a lot to me! I know you are trying to pull a prank in heaven right now! RIH bro!

Isaac Hunt - September 06, 2014 at 11:32 PM

TF

“ Tony & Jackie Green & family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Martin Anthony Barnes.



Tony & Jackie Green & family - September 04, 2014 at 10:09 PM

KI

“ WOW is all I can say. Although we hadn't seen or talked to each other in years you were still my brother. I thank God for the childhood memories I have of us growing up and looking forward to seeing you in the summer. Rest well Tony.



kim - September 04, 2014 at 06:27 PM

AB

“ As we go through this I am reminded of all the good times. The summers together and watching you develop into the man that you became. So for the last time "Hey buddy" that famous greeting of yours. R.I.P. your uncle Amos

Amos Barnes - September 04, 2014 at 05:48 AM

TR

“ Cheryl,
To have been loved by a man that deeply is such a rare gift. I am so sorry that your gift was cut short. Hold Malcolm and Miles tight and know that people love you and are praying for you.
I love you!
Tina Ray

Tina Ray - September 03, 2014 at 09:49 PM

AG

“ When I needed advice about structuring files for the residents at my new position, I called Tony, who although was struggling with his own concerns, took time to call me back and share his training. That was Tony. He was such a huge part of all of us. A space never to be filled until we meet again. Cheryl, Malcolm and Miles - thank you.
(Uncle) Lonny and (Aunt) Alethea.

ALETHEA GREER - September 03, 2014 at 07:43 PM

BA

“ Tony you will be sadly missed. I sat and cried with Cheryl yesterday Friday we will say so long to a great man. You will be looking down on Cheryl and the boys now, No more pain no more sickness, My Thoughts and Prayers are out to You and your Family.
Oh Lord Look over the Family and Friends in the coming days.

Bob Anderson - September 03, 2014 at 07:04 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Martin Anthony Barnes.



September 03, 2014 at 12:43 PM