

Bruce E. 'Barney' Barnett Sr.

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Bruce E. "Barney" Barnett Sr., 86, of Nashua, NH, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family on January 15, 2016 in Woodleaf, NC.

Bruce was born July 23, 1929 in Kansas City, MO, during the great depression. Times were tough and as a result, Bruce was abandoned on a door step and did not learn of his true identity until years later when he joined the service. His birth parents were the late Eura D. & Ruth (LaPierre) Barnett and a sibling. After 80 years, his grandson Scott in 2009 located his brother, Eugene Moore (Barnett). Before Eugene's passing, Bruce was able to fly to Yuma, AZ, and meet Eugene and his family. He was also predeceased by his son Bruce E. Barnett Jr. of Nashua, NH.

Bruce was a devoted and loving husband of 42 years to Norma Marie (Demont) Barnett, who resides in Woodleaf, NC, with her son Mike & daughter-in-law Mariel Frost.

Bruce is survived by his children, Scott Sr. & Sharon Barnett of Nashua, NH and Betty & Craig Travers Sr. of St. Petersburg, FL; and his stepchildren, Mike & Mariel Frost, of Woodleaf, NC, George & Sandy Frost of Meredith, NH, Rick Frost of New Ipswich, NH, David & Regina Frost of, Meredith, NH, and Linda & Grinnell More of Tenant Harbor, ME. He was loved by 23 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and many nieces & nephews.

Bruce enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1946 and was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska and Manchester, New Hampshire. He was a Sgt. Specialist P-51 Jet mechanic, with a WWII Victory Medal and Good Conduct Medal, and was honorably discharged in 1949 at Grenier Airforce Base, Manchester, NH.

Throughout Bruce's career he was a senior buyer for Macalister Scientific and Hollis Engineering, was a greens keeper for the Amherst Country Club and as many might remember, the proud owner of Barnor Farm in Amherst, where he and his wife Norma would sell their homemade frozen pies and fresh produce by the side of the road.

He had many talents including singing and dancing. He was introduced to a group of Barber Shoppers, the Granite Statesmen of Nashua, NH, with his brother in law, Paul Mercier. Traveling all over Canada, Europe and the USA, Bruce sang and danced for over 40 years with the Barber Shoppers!

He loved his art, baseball, basketball, cooking and cookouts, dancing and entertaining, exercising, fishing, NFL Patriot tailgating, farming and gardening, were just a few of many enjoyable things he loved to do.

A "Celebration of Life" will be held at Barnor Farm, 28 Merrimack Road, Amherst, NH on May 21, 2016 at 10:00am. Please join family and friends to celebrate Bruce's wonderful life and enjoy the good times and memories by all, followed with refreshments!

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