



Mr. Wesley Barnett

April 5, 1925 - March 16, 2015

Visitation for Mr. John Wesley Barnett, 89, of Carthage will be held Wednesday, March 18, from 6-8pm at Hawthorn Funeral Home. Mr. Barnett passed away Monday, March 16 in Carthage, Texas. The youngest of six children, and a Fourth Generation Texan, Mr. Barnett was born April 5, 1925 in Carthage to the marriage of James Oscar Barnett and Nancy Corneilia Cockrell. He was a lifelong resident of Carthage, and was drafted into the U.S. Army immediately after graduating with the 1943 class of Carthage High School. After completing basic training, he first served in WWII with the West Coast Defense and then transferred to England in preparation to serve under General George S. Patton in the European theater. He first entered the war in Normandy, France in September of 1944 and was awarded the Bronze Star for leading the sole 14 survivors of his battalion to safety from behind enemy lines. He later fought in Battle of the Bulge and through to Germany at the end of the war. After his military service, Mr. Barnett served on the Carthage Volunteer Fire Department, attended Kilgore College and later graduated from Stephen F. Austin with a B.A. in Accounting. He retired from a career in banking and additionally served on the Board of Directors for The First National Bank of Carthage and Texas Bank of Tatum. Wesley married Margaret Elizabeth Langford on September 11, 1958. They were deeply devoted and together celebrated 56 happy years of marriage. He was a cradle roll member of The First United Methodist Church of Carthage and a loyal member of the choir. Active in community civic clubs and organizations, he

was a Master Mason and Past Master of the Carthage Masonic Lodge, Member and Past President of the Carthage Shrine Club, and a Past President and Ambassador for the Panola County Chamber of Commerce, and was the Chamber Citizen of the Year in 1978. He was also Past President of the Carthage Lions Club and was active in the Annual Lions Show. He served on the Panola General Hospital Board of Directors and the Panola County Industrial Foundation Board. He was always kind, loving and devoted to his family and dedicated much of his life to time with his family and his hobbies which included hunting, fishing, wood-working, gardening, watching the Dallas Cowboys and traveling across much of the United States. Mr. Barnett is preceded in death by his parents, brother, William Alton "Bill", sisters, Lois Kimball, Vivian Truitt, Beth Bonner and Pauline Wall.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret of Carthage, son, Greg of Carthage, and daughter, Sharon Bettevy and husband John of Heath, grandchildren, Adam Bettevy of Rockwall, Ryan Bettevy and wife Kimberly of Rockwall, and Dallas Barnett and wife Kayla of Tyler, great grandson, Logan Bettevy and great granddaughter, Aubrey Bettevy, both of Rockwall.

In lieu of Flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church of Carthage, Heartsway Hospice of Carthage and the Sharon Shrine Temple of Tyler.

A private service for the family will be held at a later time. An online guestbook may be signed at www.hawthornfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 6:00 AM - 8:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RB

“ I have just today (Jan. 24, 2017) learned of the death of my friend Wesley. I am so sorry to learn of this. I had wondered if my annual "War Years" classmates letters were being received and read.

Wesley's obituary shows what an outstanding citizen he was. It did not, however, include the fact that he was named a Distinguished Alumni of Carthage High School a few years ago. It was my pleasure to nominate him for this award and my honor to introduce him at the program where it was presented.

I sill shudder when I think of how after being pinned down for a time by German machine gun fire, he crawled along a German tank's track to reach the machine gun nest and wiped it out with the last hand grenade he had. It was this, as I recall, that enabled him to lead that small group of survivors to safety and for this that he received the Bronze Star, a real hero!

I hope someone in Wesley's family will see this late post and know how much some of us admired and appreciated him.

Rev. Guston Browning
Austin, TX, CHS Class of 1944

Rev. Guston Browning - January 24, 2017 at 09:38 PM

PD

“ Greg and family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sorry
about the loss of your loved one. We have
many wonderful memories of the times we
shared with you all. Cherish the sweet
memories.

With love,
The Dorman's
Jerry and Pat
Jeremy
Lance and Lara Kate
Proverbs 17:17



Pat E Dorman - March 21, 2015 at 09:13 PM

EB

“ I was saddened to hear of Mr. Barnett's passing and I offer my
sincere condolences to Margaret and his family. Margaret and
Wesley were our first neighbors in Carthage. Some of my earliest
and fondest childhood memories include both of them. I will always
remember how genuinely kind, loving, and patient they each were
with me. They hold a special place in my heart. Mr. Barnett will be
missed.

Erin L Bradley - March 20, 2015 at 06:55 PM

CL

“ Sharon, I just saw the obituary of your Dad. So, sorry about his
passing. May God give your Mom and all of you comfort during this
time.

Charlotte McDaniel LaGrone - March 19, 2015 at 06:41 PM

DB

“ Margaret and I are sorry for your loss. Don Bates

Don Bates - March 18, 2015 at 08:29 PM

PV

“ Uncle Wesley was such a great man. I am thankful for his life and memory. One of my most treasured possessions is an account of his experiences during World War II. He was a man of faith and was so good to my grandmother (Lois), mother (Kathy) and our entire family. I am saddened that I am unable to be there with you all. We love you Margaret and family. We are praying for you all...Paul Vickers

Paul Kimball Vickers - March 18, 2015 at 03:07 PM

CY

“ I have many fond childhood memories of Mr. Barnett. Prayers and hugs for the family. Cathy (Thompson) Youngblood

Cathy Youngblood - March 18, 2015 at 09:55 AM

TL

“ Uncle Wesley was always so sweet and kind, and happy to see us, his nieces and nephew--he always made each of us feel so loved and, "precious ", in his words, as we were growing up. Family was so very important to him. As children, we cherished the visits over to East Texas, to see him and Aunt Margaret (and we had a lot of fun in that beautiful backyard, which was just filled with pine trees and birds!), though they did become more sporadic over time, as our adult obligations grew. We always loved seeing his woodworking shop, and going on drives with him, and we're so glad to have many other wonderful and happy memories, of time spent in Carthage, with our Uncle Wesley....and what a gentleman he truly was!
--Tabitha Langford (and on behalf of Laurie Raum and Lance Langford)

Tabitha Langford - March 17, 2015 at 09:42 PM

DM

“ Mr. Barnett was always kind to me when I was growing up in Carthage. My sister was close to Greg's age, so I saw the family often. My condolences to his family. He left a fine legacy and will be remembered a long, long time. Rest in peace, Wes.

Darren McDonald - March 17, 2015 at 09:16 PM



“ Uncle Wesley I never will forget the bank you gave me for Christmas. You taught me the value of a dollar and the importance of family. Ypu and Aunt Margaret have always meant so much to me. You helped raise me and make me who I am. I love you and miss you so much.

Lance Langford - March 17, 2015 at 09:09 PM

DG

“ Dorothy Garth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wesley Barnett



Dorothy Garth - March 17, 2015 at 08:18 PM

SS

“ Wesley Barnett was a special man, full of love, it had been a blessing to care for him and for the whole Barnett family for letting me into their lives,I am truly blessed Thanks Stacy Speaks



Stacy Speaks - March 17, 2015 at 07:44 PM