



John Richard Barnes

February 3, 1931 - March 15, 2017

John Richard Barnes, 86, of Sarasota, Florida, died Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at Beneva Lakes Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Sarasota under hospice care.

He was born February 3, 1931, in Blandinsville, Illinois, to S.J. and Evelyn (Mitchell) Barnes.

Richard was united in marriage to Kathryn Ingram on December 22, 1951 in Downing, Missouri. She preceded him in death on April 14, 2016. Mr. Barnes was also preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws, Curtis and Edythe Ingram; one son, Richard L. Barnes; sisters, Wilma Fitzgerald and Mary Lou McGeeney; sister-in-law, Carolyn Ingram; brothers- in-law, Augustus Crivolio, Ralph West, Thomas McGeeney, and David Ingram; nieces, Christy Eddlemen and Susan Veltri; and nephews, Robert Shellnut and Joseph West.

Surviving are his son, Michael Barnes and wife Brenda of Sarasota, Florida; and a daughter, Terri Emel and husband Danny of Memphis, Missouri; sisters, Eva West of Ocala, Florida, Carol Crivolio of Ocala, Florida, and Donna Eddlemen of Zephyrhills, Florida, and brother, David Barnes (Mary Ann) of Kahoka, Missouri. Also surviving are six grandchildren; Wendy (Chester) Gipson, Robert (Kathy) Barnes, Greg (Erin) Barnes, Evan (Andrea) Emel, Aaron (Ashley) Emel, and Nicholas Barnes; and great-grandchildren;

Madyson, Amanda, and Chester Gipson, John Jacob, Alexis, and Chase Barnes, Lily, Molly, and Matthew Barnes, Finley and Charley Emel, Isabella and Eva Emel, and Benjamin and Nathan Barnes, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Richard attended elementary school in Blandinsville, IL, until the age of 13, and then moved to a farm with his parents and siblings near Memphis, Missouri. He attended Union Rural Elementary School and graduated from Memphis High School. After graduation in 1949, he got a job with the Department of Agriculture and travelled the state of Missouri for 4 years helping the department to eradicate invasive plants and bushes in the state.

After marrying his wife, Kathryn, and moving to Memphis, MO, they purchased the Prairie Farms Milk Dairy business based out of Quincy, IL, and ran milk routes to grocery stores, schools, and restaurants in Memphis and surrounding towns for 20 years. In 1974, Richard and Kathryn sold their business and moved to Sarasota, Florida, where he built several houses before retiring.

Richard's passion was doing landscape projects and lawn care and traveling to visit family and friends.

His hobbies included biking, swimming, walking the beach, and reading. He collected many tools in his workshop and kept a very tidy shed. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and telling them stories of his childhood.

A memorial service at Toale Brothers Chapel will be held at 10:00am on Friday, March 24, 2017.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cincinnati Children's Hospital

Medical Center Therapy Department, P. O. Box 5202 Cincinnati, OH 45201-5202.

Tribute Wall



“ *Faron Fogle lit a candle in memory of John Richard Barnes*



Faron Fogle - March 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM