



Wilbur R. Barnett

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BARNETT, Wilbur R., age 89, of Bellbrook, passed away Sunday, June 30, 2024, at his residence.

Wilbur graduated from Bellbrook High School and proudly served in the United States Army during the Cold War. During his military career, while stationed in Germany, he worked in highly classified communications. Specifically, he intercepted Russian communications and secrets for US intel. He retired in 1986 as a Police Sergeant for the City of Xenia after 29 years of service.

Giving, caring, friendly, and extremely honest and loyal, Wilbur was respected and hardworking his entire life. He had an incredible work ethic and often humorously said, "While you're resting, you can be over there finishing that job!"

He was a lifelong farmer, tilling the original farmland his parents purchased in 1942 when Wilbur was six years old. Most of the farm was eventually sold to the Sugar Creek Park Board, known today as the Sackett-Wright Park & Claude J. Barnett Addition. In addition to his career in farming and with the Xenia Police Department, Wilbur also enjoyed carpentry work. His dad had a cabinet shop, and Wilbur often assisted him in building cabinets, home renovations, and furniture refinishing.

Wilbur was passionate about antiques, especially license plates and antique farm machinery. Wilbur was an honorary lifetime member of the Old Timers Club, Inc., which teaches farm history through antique equipment exhibitions. Some of his favorite traditions included visiting the Antique Engine Show in Portland, Indiana, each year. Wilbur and his family started attending the show in 1981. A swap meet was added a few years later, and they have traveled and visited the event every year since then. In fact, his son never missed a year, including the year Covid caused it to be canceled. During that year, his son drove over to the closed showgrounds and took a picture, continuing the family tradition of visiting every year. They also had a tradition of visiting the Fenton Art Glass Company in Williamstown, West Virginia. Four generations of family members enjoyed visiting the glass company in Williamstown until it closed. Among many things, Wilbur



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will be remembered for how much he loved and cared for his family. He will also never be forgotten for how much he loved telling stories. Specifically, the memories he loved to share about his time growing up on the farm and the many stories he obtained while serving on the police force were some of his favorites.

Wilbur was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie, in 2019; his parents, Claude and Hattie Barnett; three brothers, Jack Barnett, Dwight Barnett, and Delbert Barnett; and sister, Marselle Gary. He is survived by his son, Scott (Tammy) Barnett; and grandson, Zach Barnett.

The family will receive friends from 10 AM – 12 PM on Saturday, July 13, at the Fairview Primitive Baptist Church in Bellbrook. A celebration of life service will immediately follow the visitation at noon on Saturday at the church. Joe Robinette will be officiating the services. A funeral procession and burial will follow the services on Saturday at Bellbrook Cemetery. Conner & Koch Funeral Home is serving the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Ohio's Hospice of Dayton. Condolences at www.connerandkoch.com.






Events

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The family will receive friends

-  **Saturday**, July 13, 2024
-  10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
-  **Fairview Primitive Baptist Church**
2353 Ferry Rd., Sugarcreek Township OH 45305





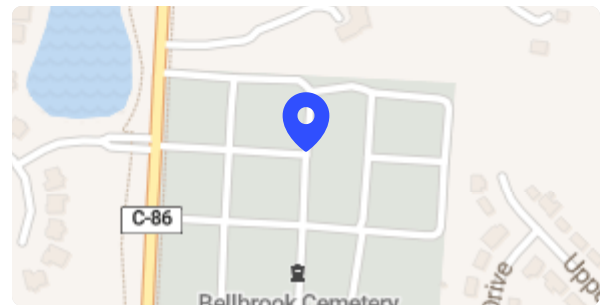
Celebration of Life Service

-  **Saturday**, July 13, 2024
-  12:00 PM ET
-  **Fairview Primitive Baptist Church**
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Funeral Service

-  **Thursday**, August 1, 2024
-  **Bellbrook Cemetery**
3939 Upper Bellbrook Rd, Bellbrook OH 45305





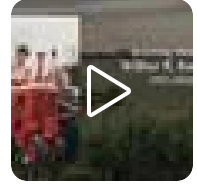
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Conner & Koch Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



August 20 at 2:00 PM



Mark Adkins posted:

Wilbur was truly a good hearted, kind person who was wonderful to work for and with. We enjoyed telling stories with and about him! It's a shame there aren't more people like Wilbur in the world today. Thoughts are with Scott and his family. Mark & Jeannette Adkins

July 11 at 10:49 AM



Much Love, The Guirino Girls sent a Tender Tribute to the Barnett family.



July 10 at 12:07 PM



Pitzer Girls: Laura, Brenda & Cyndy sent a Tender Tribute to the Barnett family.



July 7 at 4:52 AM



Aunt Vi, Sherry, Debbie, Mark, Charlesvickie sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Barnett family.



July 5 at 7:40 AM



Judy, Linda And Kathy sent a Serene Retreat to the Barnett family.



July 4 at 6:50 AM



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RG

Richard, Stacy, Samantha & Evan Guirino sent a Sweet Sincerity to the Barnett family.

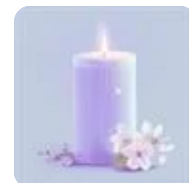


July 3 at 5:40 PM

MG

Marsha Guirino lit a candle in honor of Wilbur.

Uncle Wilbur you will be missed Greatly ❤️ I remember when we would come to Ohio you take us kids down by creek and we would look for fossils it was so much fun I remember you getting my Dad started collecting Antique clocks My Mom and Aunt Bonnie her Sister going to the Fenton Glass company every summer. So much fun I use to love swinging on the porch swing and singing while Aunt Bonnie making wonderful Dinner for us all Just all Treasured Memories. R.I.P. Uncle Wilbur ❤️ 🙏



July 3 at 3:31 PM

DP

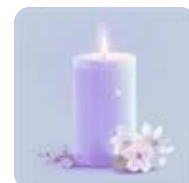
Debra D Palmer posted:

Mr. Barnett was my supervisor when I was hired as the first female cadet at the XPD. He was such a great man. I faced some challenges and he was always there to help me through. Sending my love and prayers to his family and friends. Debbie (Osborne) Palmer.

July 3 at 3:16 PM

CC

Chery4533@Aol.Com lit a candle in honor of Wilbur.



July 3 at 12:41 PM

CM

Carol Mcroberts posted:

Scott, Tammy and Zach: I am so sorry for the family loss. Uncle Wilbur was a great man!! He loved to tell stories and he shared a lot of stories with me when I was younger. I remember his humor and bright smile which displayed the joy he had for his family and life. I will hold and cherish all the loving memories of Uncle Wilbur in my heart ❤️ I Love You All ❤️ Love, Carol McRoberts

July 3 at 6:57 AM



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Joe Bertke lit a candle in honor of Wilbur.

Scott, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. He was such a great man. I loved hearing his stories while he was a police officer with the city of Xenia. I have shared some of his funny stories with my friends . Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.



July 3 at 5:52 AM



Media

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August 20 at 2:00 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wilbur by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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