



Clyde Edward Barnett

March 5, 1939 - October 13, 2019

On Sunday, October 13, 2019, Clyde Edward Barnett, age 80, passed away at Wesley Woods Retirement Home surrounded by family, following a valiant struggle with Parkinson's disease.

Ed was born on March 5, 1939 to the late Clyde Hoyt Barnett and Grace Jones Barnett in Birmingham, Alabama. He graduated from Ensley High School in 1957 and attended Georgia Institute of Technology, where he earned undergraduate and master's degree in Electrical Engineering. Upon graduation, he served four years in the United States Air Force, taking part in aircraft and systems test programs at Edwards Air Force Base, California.

On April 8, 1961, he married Sibyl Clark of Lineville, Alabama. After his service in the Air Force, they settled in Huntsville, Alabama, where they raised two sons, Mark and Lee. In 2006, Ed and Sibyl moved to Newnan, Georgia to be close to family.

Ed's life was shaped by his faith and his fondness of choral music. Throughout his life, he found great enjoyment from his participation in church choirs and in sacred harp singing. He grew up at Central Park Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, and served as a Deacon at University Baptist Church and Weatherly Heights Baptist Church in Huntsville, Alabama. When he and Sibyl moved to Newnan, they found a spiritual home at First Baptist Church.

Ed was an engineer's engineer. He was a quiet man with a dry sense of humor who was well known for leading by example. After his service in the Air Force, he was employed by IBM to work on space exploration projects, including the Saturn V Moon Rocket and Skylab. Ed also worked for the Georgia Institute of Technology, Nichols Research Corporation, and Computer Sciences Corporation in Huntsville, Alabama, where he managed projects and mentored upcoming engineers. Of all of his work and experiences, he was most proud of his service as a Lay Leader, Board Member and Deacon with the congregation at Weatherly Heights Baptist Church.

Ed is survived by his wife, Sibyl Clark Barnett; his sons, Mark and his wife Elizabeth Colvin, and Lee and his wife Beth; grandchildren, Clark and Jack Barnett; brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Frances Barnett, brother-in-law and his wife, Sonny and Janetta Clark; sister-in-law and her husband, Diane and Neal Lattimore; nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Wesley Woods Retirement Home for the close and exceptional care that Ed received there. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, Georgia, with Dr. Jimmy Patterson officiating. Family will receive friends at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the Parkinson's Foundation Georgia Chapter, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

OCT **15**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Clyde Edward Barnett*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - October 15, 2019 at 01:55 PM

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“ *My husband Lauren Sechriest was a close friend of Edward dating back to high school days. He spoke very highly of Ed. Unfortunate Laure also had Parkinsons and died 5 years ago. Because of the limitations of speech caused by Parkinsons they were not able to communicate by phone although they both wanted to. I regret I never got to know Ed. He must have been an exceptional person. I wish his family peace.*

Kathy Sechriest - October 15, 2019 at 12:56 AM

SG

“ *Ed was a kind man with a sense of humor. We are thankful that he was a friend and neighbor.
May the family be comforted during this time of great loss, by Our Heavenly Father.
Love and prayers,
Joe and Sandy Gibbs*

Sandy and Joe Gibbs - October 14, 2019 at 06:24 PM

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I grew up a few blocks from Ed, also went to Ensley High, and worked with Ed sometimes over the years when I was with NASA in Huntsville. Sorry to learn of his passing.

Ron Harris - October 17, 2019 at 11:07 AM