



Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.

January 8, 1967 - May 17, 2025

While on his journey to his everlasting resting place, Melvin accomplished many things. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr. was born January 8, 1967 the son of Melvin and Earlene Barnes. He passed away on May 17, 2025 at the age of 57 years.

Melvin graduated from Saginaw High School, Class of 1985. He later successfully completed training at Ross Medical School as a Certified Nursing Assistant. He mastered the BBQ grill and became known as "Top Chef". He wore many hats, his most proud title, "PaPa". The little ones meant the world to him and he made sure they knew it. Melvin was the proud father of seven children. He married Evelyn Whittington in 1999 and together they made you feel like one of their own. He was all about family and his love never wavered.

He was stern but meant well in all of his doings. Melvin also had a sense of humor, he was silly. He loved fishing and spending time with his two best friends, his dogs Monie and Egypt: they were a true definition of "A Man's Best Friend". He loved his two dogs unconditionally and spent most of the day with them. They answered on command and we know he loved that! Although he will be missed, remember his words: "It's not good-bye, it's see you later!"

Mr. Melvin O. Barnes, Jr. leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Evelyn Barnes, Saginaw; children, Monique (Pride) McNair, Inkster, MI, Carolynn

Barnes and DeAngelo Whittington, Saginaw, Jonathon and Breana McAfee of TX and Jasmine Barnes, Columbus, OH; 13 grandchildren, Kevin Whittington, Marquisha, Marquise, Marquavis (Hutson), Iyanna Davis, Melody Smith, Ka'Honi Whittington, De'Angel Whittington, Jayceon Johnson, Andre Guishard, Jr., Johnathan, Jr., Kristian and Heaven McAfee, mother, Earlene Barnes, Saginaw; sisters, Sherry "William" "Kenneth" McFadden and Shatonia Barnes, both of Saginaw; five brothers, Richard Smith III, Toriano Smith, Isaac Christmas, Jr. and Mark (Beatrice) Christmas; aunts, Gloria Thompson, Shelia Chapman, Norella and Joyce Barnes, Ettiene (Tyrone) Walker, Angela (Elder Wayne) Robbins and Theresa Jackson; uncles, Richard Smith, Ray Carl (Lisa) Smith (Shaon), Mark Barnes, Milton (Lyn) Barnes and Derle Barnes; niece, KeAundra Barnes; nephews, DeVonte and Roderick Barnes, Jr.; mother-in-law, Leola Whittington, all of Saginaw , MI; god-parents; many other relatives and friends including special friends, Anthony "Todd" Wilford, Chris Lenore, Zebedee Love, Stanley Quinn, Anthony Richard, Vince Taylor and family; Derell Sheffield, SHS C/O 1985 Alumni, the Hood, Whittington, Wood and Castel families.

Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr. was preceded in death by his daughter, MyEsha Barnes; granddaughter, Markeya Hutson; father, Melvin Barnes, Sr.; sister, Dawana Barnes; brother, Roderick Barnes, Sr.; grandparents, Richard and Juanita Smith, Elder William and Willie Mae Barnes; bonus dad, Issac Christmas, Sr.; aunts, Catherine (L.C.) Peoples and Carolyn Smith; uncles, Larry Smith, Oliver Thompson and William "Billy" Barnes; special cousins, Charles Smith II and Toriano Rueda.

The family wishes to express special thanks to Covenant Harrison ICU Unit and Evans & Browne's Funeral Home

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 30, 2025 at Greater Williams Temple C.O.G.I.C. 608 E. Remington Street, Saginaw, MI

48601. Supt. Arthur L. Aikin, Sr., Pastor and Pastor Mark A. Christmas will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington, Saginaw, MI 48601. Visitation will take place on Thursday at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48607 from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 29. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Greater Williams Temple C.O.G.I.C.
608 E. Remington Street
Saginaw, MI

Tribute Wall

VJ

“ Val J lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Val J - June 02, 2025 at 08:07 AM

BN

“ Bridgett Neloms lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Bridgett Neloms - May 30, 2025 at 10:27 PM

MF

“ Ms. Ann Ford & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Ms. Ann Ford & Family - May 30, 2025 at 02:33 PM

S1

“ SHS C/O of 1985 purchased the White Mixed Fir eside Basket for the family of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr..



SHS C/O of 1985 - May 30, 2025 at 10:36 AM

S1

“ SHS C/O of 1985 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr..

SHS C/O of 1985 - May 30, 2025 at 10:36 AM

AJ

“ Adele Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Adele Johnson - May 30, 2025 at 10:19 AM

YW

“ Yvonne Weathers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Yvonne Weathers - May 29, 2025 at 10:49 PM

LJ

“ Lisa Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Lisa Jones - May 29, 2025 at 07:25 PM

CW

“ *Connie Whittington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.*



Connie Whittington - May 29, 2025 at 10:03 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr..*



May 29, 2025 at 05:51 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr..*

May 29, 2025 at 05:51 AM

DH

“ *David Jerome Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.*



David Jerome Hall - May 28, 2025 at 07:05 PM

CG

“ Cassen Gates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Cassen Gates - May 28, 2025 at 12:33 PM

TF

“ Tony & Ellen Thompson & Family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr..



Tony & Ellen Thompson & Family - May 27, 2025 at 09:57 PM

TF

“ Tony & Ellen Thompson & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr..

Tony & Ellen Thompson & Family - May 27, 2025 at 09:57 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr..



May 27, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr..

May 27, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ Tomekia Willis & The Willis Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Tomekia Willis & The Willis Family - May 27, 2025 at 10:14 AM



“ Elise Kinnard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Elise Kinnard - May 27, 2025 at 12:16 AM



“ I like this yellow candle with love and sadness.
Yellow is the color for Friendship Forevermore
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❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️ NEE NEE



Gwen (Nee Nee) Perry - May 26, 2025 at 04:10 PM

CW

“ *Craig & Bridget West sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.*



Craig & Bridget West - May 26, 2025 at 07:35 AM



“ *Darlean Donald sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.*



Darlean Donald - May 25, 2025 at 11:52 PM

DJ



Darlene Jones - May 25, 2025 at 08:14 AM

ES

“ *Eddie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.*



Eddie Sanders - May 24, 2025 at 08:15 PM

TG

“ Tina Griffen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Tina Griffen - May 24, 2025 at 06:22 PM

KC

“ My condolences and prayers to the family of Melvin Barnes 🙏🙏🙏
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Kipp Carpenter - May 24, 2025 at 07:19 AM

TM

“ Theresa McClellon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Theresa McClellon - May 24, 2025 at 05:57 AM

PR

“ I'm gonna miss you. You always kept a smile on your face. Get your rest Melvin.



P Rich - May 24, 2025 at 01:05 AM

TT

“ *Tierra Tivis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.*



Tierra Tivis - May 23, 2025 at 10:49 PM

SC

“ *Sending my love and prayers to Ms. Barnes Sherry, Evelyn and all Melvin's children and grandchildren* ❤️🙏



Shanelle C Castell - May 23, 2025 at 12:02 PM

JL

“ *Joyce Liddell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.*



Joyce Liddell - May 23, 2025 at 07:44 AM

AB

“ *My Friend, just had saw You a month ago after over 20+ years, I'm so Glad I had the opportunity to see Your Smile* 🙏 Alicia Banks ❤️

Alicia Banks - May 22, 2025 at 10:06 PM

WG

“ To the family My deepest condolences to you all my heart is saddened

WILLIAM GREEN - May 22, 2025 at 07:08 PM

DB

“ To Sherry Ms. Earlene All the Barnes and connecting families we the Simington from Fulton St are praying for you. All we know is that our GOD is Able! Love Sister Simington Marvin and Diane Burns



Diand Burns - May 21, 2025 at 11:29 PM

CT

“ Cheryl Thomas-Hardy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Cheryl Thomas-Hardy - May 21, 2025 at 07:33 PM

DW

“ Debra Whittington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Debra Whittington - May 21, 2025 at 12:43 PM

SW

“ *Scott White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.*



Scott White - May 21, 2025 at 12:25 PM

SD

“ *Sandra Dillard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.*



Sandra Dillard - May 21, 2025 at 10:42 AM

MD

“ *Marlean Donald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.*



Marlean Donald - May 21, 2025 at 09:00 AM

JM

“ *John & Beatrice McAfee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.*



John & Beatrice McAfee - May 20, 2025 at 09:01 PM

SL

“ Sending prayers to the family of one of my closest friend Melvin Barnes he will be truly missed.

Suncia Lawson - May 20, 2025 at 08:07 PM

KG

“ To My Other Family I Love You Guys, Mama Barnes , Sherry , Monique , Torri, Carolyn And The Real Of The Family Praying Strength . Love Kim



Kimberly Griffin - May 20, 2025 at 07:17 PM

DT

“ Wow Cuzs I'm loss for words didn't know the hug I got from you and talk to you in person would be the last time . I love you Cuz's and definitely will miss you till we see each other again R.I.P forever in our hearts. Duna, Rodney and Lil Rodney 🤔🤔🥺🥺❤️❤️🙏🙏

Duna and Rodney Tucker - May 20, 2025 at 05:12 PM

MS

“ Sending my sincere condolences and love to Earlene, Sherry and the rest of the Barnes family. Being knowing this family since 1970. Praying to God for your strength.



Mary Ann Stewart - May 20, 2025 at 05:07 PM

MJ

“ MR.&MRS. MARION W GRIFFITH JR. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



MR.&MRS. MARION W GRIFFITH JR. - May 20, 2025 at 12:01 PM

AJ

“ Aretha Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Aretha Jackson - May 20, 2025 at 11:30 AM

MP

“ My sincere prayers and condolences to Lil Sherry and the entire family.

Mrs. Share' (Dunn) Patrick



Mrs. Share' Patrick - May 20, 2025 at 08:58 AM

SW

“ Shirley Welch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Shirley welch - May 20, 2025 at 03:26 AM

PC

“ Penny Cole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Penny Cole - May 19, 2025 at 10:46 PM

SH

“ Stephanie Lawrence Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Stephanie Lawrence Henderson - May 19, 2025 at 07:14 PM

KR

“ Kim Ross lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



kim ross - May 19, 2025 at 03:21 PM

MF

“ Mannie Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Mannie Family - May 19, 2025 at 01:28 PM

AA

“ *Angela Allen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.*



Angela Allen - May 19, 2025 at 09:09 AM

BM

“ *Bobby Myles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.*



Bobby Myles - May 18, 2025 at 10:37 PM

TC

“ *Toni Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.*



Toni Coleman - May 18, 2025 at 10:07 PM

FS

“ *Felicia Slaughter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.*



Felicia Slaughter - May 18, 2025 at 09:55 PM

AW

“ My condolences to TT, Sherry and the Whittington family. Melvin RIP my brother 🥺
❤️



Anndrea A Williams - May 18, 2025 at 09:40 PM

LL

“ From Chris Lenoir, Suncia (Cee-Cee) Lawson and our family



Londra Lawson - May 18, 2025 at 05:23 PM

SM

“ Sam& Brenda Murrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Sam& Brenda Murrell - May 18, 2025 at 04:44 PM

BJ

“ Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Brenda Jones - May 18, 2025 at 12:57 PM

KN

“ *Kimberly Napoleon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.*



Kimberly Napoleon - May 18, 2025 at 04:33 AM

VS

“ *Vermell Sangster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.*



Vermell Sangster - May 18, 2025 at 12:24 AM

JL

“ *Joe Lowery lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.*



Joe Lowery - May 17, 2025 at 10:06 PM

TF

“ *The Brazil Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.*



The Brazil Family - May 17, 2025 at 08:37 PM

DM

“ Deatte McGlothin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Deatte McGlothin - May 17, 2025 at 07:31 PM

SC

“ Shirley Castell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Shirley Castell - May 17, 2025 at 07:08 PM

MV

“ Monica Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Monica Vaughn - May 17, 2025 at 06:47 PM

MB

“ My prayers to Ms. Earline, Sherry Barnes and children. Rest In Heavenly Peace Melvin



Marilyn Burns-Bowman - May 17, 2025 at 06:46 PM

SO

“ *One cool fellow*



Sharon Osteen - May 17, 2025 at 05:31 PM

BB

“ *Bridget Baber lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.*



Bridget Baber - May 17, 2025 at 04:58 PM

TM

“ *Tina Mata lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.*



Tina Mata - May 17, 2025 at 02:49 PM

AL

“ *Deepest condolences to the Barnes family from the Hawkins family to yours. He was a classmate good brother and a smooth Dresser. He was one class act. We had a great time on our Senior trip to Florida and our class picnic. Melvin was like a brother. Rest Easy Brother. Until we meet again in Heaven.*

Audronnia Lewis-Hawkins - May 17, 2025 at 02:25 PM

DH

“ Deidre Hunter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



Deidre Hunter - May 17, 2025 at 01:49 PM

MJ

“ MR.&MRS. MARION W GRIFFITH JR. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Melvin O'Neal Barnes, Jr.



MR.&MRS. MARION W GRIFFITH JR. - May 17, 2025 at 01:45 PM

LI

“ Our thoughts prayers and condolences 🌸 go to Earline, Sherry, entire Barnes and Whittington families in the passing of our dear Melvin Jr aka Pumpkin! May God's grace comfort you all and give you perfect peace beyond understanding!
Larry/Linda (Berry) Adams



Linda/Diane - May 17, 2025 at 01:41 PM

SC

“ RIH Melvin My condolences and prayers to Barnes and Whittington Family Love your Lil sister Shanelle



Shanelle C Castell - May 17, 2025 at 12:23 PM

VR

“ *Sending prayers and condolences to the family*



Veronica Roby - May 17, 2025 at 12:20 PM