



## Loran Floyd Barnes Jr

May 2, 1937 - December 2, 2021

Loran Floyd “Buddy” Barnes Jr., 84 of Hoxie, died December 2, 2021, in the Flo and Phil Hospice House in Jonesboro.

Born May 2, 1937, in Monette; son of the late, Loran Floyd Sr. and Mildred Smith. He was a retired U.S. Naval veteran serving in both the Korea Conflict and the Vietnam War. Buddy was united in marriage to Patricia Shelton on June 20, 1980. After his enlisted service was over, he transitioned into being an educator; he was the superintendent of Strawberry and Swifton Schools. He was a handyman that could do anything he set his mind too; Buddy farmed, built homes, did taxes, and loved his country. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, VFW, and of the Methodist faith.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Loran Floyd Barnes III; and a sister, Jimmie Ehrhart.

Survivors include his wife, Pat of the home; four daughters, Marion (John) Freeman of Ft. Wayne, IN, Laura (Bob) Barnes of Boonsboro, MD; Frannie (Phil) Bowling of Sebring, FL; and Carolyn (Tom) Finnie of Venice Beach, FL; two sons, William Felton (Bryan Thomas) of Little Rock and Jeramie (Bray) Felton of Walnut Ridge; eleven grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial Service will be Sunday, December 5, 2021, at 2 P.M. in the Bryan Chapel with Bro. Derek Collins officiating. Military Honors will be rendered by the Navy Military Honor Guard.

Visitation will be from 1 P.M. till 2 P.M. Sunday.

# Cemetery Details

## Lawrence Memorial Park

Colonial Dr.  
Walnut Ridge, AR 72476

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bryan Funeral Home  
415 NW Texas St.  
Hoxie, AR 72433

## Memorial Service

DEC 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

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415 NW Texas St.  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Pops wasn't quick to say, "I love you" or "I'm proud of you" - I think his heart would have burst because he was so full of love and pride he didn't know how to express it. He taught all of his children, biological and not, to be extremely strong and to follow in his footsteps by being 'all we could be'. I learned how to do things and how 'not' to do things by watching him carefully and remembering every lesson. When told I couldn't do something good, I've always said, "watch me" in that same determined spirit he demonstrated. It didn't matter that he never built a house before - he built one from the foundation to the roof. I learned a lot, including how electricity could blow a full grown man off of a ladder across the room in a millisecond. Pops took that into stride and said, "hmm - maybe I should have wet my finger first". Everyone's lesson in life should be this - never let an obstacle become too tall to climb, especially if it's saying, "I love you" or "I'm proud of you". I promise your heart won't burst... Thank you, Laura.



Laura Barnes - December 08, 2021 at 02:21 PM



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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Loran Floyd Barnes Jr.



December 04, 2021 at 11:29 AM



“ *Memorial Trees was purchased for the family of Loran Floyd Barnes Jr.*



December 04, 2021 at 09:58 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Loran Floyd Barnes Jr.*



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“ *The Watkins Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Loran Floyd Barnes Jr.*



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“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Loran Floyd Barnes Jr.*



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“ *Love your eStem CMO Family! purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Loran Floyd Barnes Jr.*



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“ *Mr. Barnes was an initiative Superintendent for his time! For such a small school, Swifton had the best teachers in the state! My education was not lacking! Because of him and the teachers he hired and coached, I chose to go into education. He is one of the few "good men" that I had as an example growing up. I will be forever grateful that I was lucky enough to know him, Ms. Pat and the guys. Rest in Love, I will never forget your kindness.*

*~Becky (Fears) Riley*

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**Becky Riley** - December 03, 2021 at 08:19 AM

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*I worked with Loran several years while he was doing taxes and had so much respect for Him! I loved listening to him and co-worker James Morris telling war stories! Loran was a wise man with great love for his wife Pat! ❤️ 😔*

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**Teresa Holder** - December 04, 2021 at 12:21 AM