



Mr. Donnie Barnes

March 3, 1959 - October 29, 2025

Donnie Barnes
Carthage, MS

Donnie Barnes, 66, a retired truck driver, died Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at Baptist-Anderson Hospital in Meridian.

Visitation was 11:00 am until 2:00 pm Sunday, November 2, 2025, at Wilcox Funeral Home. Services were 2:00 pm Sunday, November 2, 2025, in the Wilcox Chapel with Bro. Daniel Winstead officiating. Interment was in Cherry Chapel-Moore Cemetery. Wilcox Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Barnes was a native of Leake County and attended Cherry Chapel Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dana Smith Barnes of Carthage; 4 daughters, Kelli Yates, Madonna Fraizer, Charlene Diaz, and Kattie Stevens; a sister, Sharon Barnes;

12 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren.

Honeybun's seat sits cold tonight,
No hum of wheels, no dashboard light.
Now silence hums where engines roared,
His rig stands still, his soul restored.

I see his smile in fading chrome,
A ghost of light that guides him home.
And though the miles still make me cry,
I know he's trucking through the sky.

From Rosebud's store to towns unknown,
He carried warmth through miles alone.
A humble heart, a knowing grin,
He found his peace in the rolling wind.

He drove for Rosebud, rain or shine,
Each mile a story, each load a line.
The open road was his to roam,
But now he's found his final home.

Honeybun's rig, once silver bright,
Now rolls the heavens through the night.
No storms to chase, no heavy load,
Just endless skies and silver road.

We see your rig in the morning light,
A ghost of chrome, still burning bright.
Your laughter lingers in the cab,
Your Rosebud hat still hangs where you once sat.

So roll on, Honeybun, through skies of blue,
The journey's done, but not for you.
Your rig may stand, the keys may sleep,
But memories are ours to keep.

From Kelli Nicole

Donnie Michael Barnes was my dad, but he was also a husband, a son, a stepfather, a brother, a cousin, an uncle, a grandfather, a great-grandfather, and a friend. He loved his family deeply. I got to see that love demonstrated throughout my life—from the way he loved with his wife, Dana, to how proud he was of his grandchildren, to the way he grieved his mother, father, grandmother, grandson, and so many others he held dear. Dad loved fully and wholeheartedly; his love was always evident, whether in grief or in joy.

Dad was one of the most authentic people I've ever known. He was Donnie, through and through. What you saw was what everyone else saw—a kind, compassionate man who genuinely cared about everyone he met. He never met a stranger, and once he met you, he treated you like family.

Dad was a great storyteller—whether he was recounting something funny that happened while working as a truck driver, sharing fond memories of growing up with his sister and cousins, or explaining how he came to own his latest tractor, motorcycle, or antique. He was also a wonderful listener, and he had a way of making even the most ordinary things you said seem like the most interesting thing he'd heard all week.

Just by being himself—having conversations, taking time to say hello, or offering a kind word—Dad made everyone he met feel like they mattered. And I know that every single person in this room mattered to him.

Dad loved like Jesus loved—without bias and without judgment. I hope we can all carry a piece of my dad in our hearts and love like that: take time to stop and talk with one another, share memories of loved ones, and listen with genuine interest.

John 13:34–35 (NIV)

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

We should all strive to love like Jesus loved, so that one day we can look for Dad in heaven—share our stories with him, see that familiar sparkle in his eyes, and hear all the wonderful stories he has to tell once again

Cemetery Details

Cherry Chapel (Moore) Cemetery

Carthage, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss Dana and Sharon and grandkids and great grand kids. Donnie was a very special man, We were cousins. He loved his family so much. Sending hugs to everyone and prayers. Love ya'll

Hilda Withers Huser - November 01, 2025 at 04:22 PM

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Greg and I are very sorry for your loss. We did not hear about Donnie's passing till this afternoon. Lisa Moore

lisa moore - November 02, 2025 at 04:16 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Donnie Barnes.



November 01, 2025 at 12:51 PM

KC

“ Kelli and family I loved your dad when I was little he always treated me so good i love you Donnie you will hold a special place in my heart ❤️ RIP 🙏🏻🥰🙏🏻



Kimberly Craig - November 01, 2025 at 11:20 AM

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“ It’s not often I meet someone and think “This is truly a good man”. That was Donnie Barnes, so friendly, funny and warm, and always ready with a hug. Donnie, I sure miss you! Thank you for the happiness you brought to my family.

Lavonda Romine - November 01, 2025 at 10:08 AM