Howard "Barney" Barnes

November 19, 1924 - December 9, 2009

Howard "Barney" L. Barnes, age 85, of Bloomingdale, passed away Wed., Dec. 9, 2009, at Meadow Woods Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Howard was born Nov. 19, 1924, in Kalamazoo, the son of Howard and Lydia Barnes. Howard was in the USMC for 17 years, serving in WWII, the Korean War and Viet Nam attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was an avid bowler, golfer, loved working with kids, school bus driver, greeter at the South Haven Wal Mart and retired from the Allied Paper Company after 23 years of service. Howard especially loved spending time with his grand and great grandchildren and was a stranger to no one. Surviving are his wife, Janet, of 59 years; 3 children, Toni Ann Barnes of Bloomingdale, Tina (Jim) Greene of Bloomingdale, Leonard (Susan) Barnes of Allegan; 6 grandchildren, Kim (Manuel) Sanchez, Jim (DeAnn) Greene, Trina (Bill) Furlo, Kristin (Kevin) Reynolds, Leonard James and Heather Lynn Barnes; 12 great grandchildren, Emerson, Matthew, Jessica, Marissa, Kaytlen, Megan, Lindsey, Corbyn, William, Gracelyn, Zachary, and Bradley. He was preceded in death by his parents. The family will meet friends Saturday 2-4 and 6-8 PM at the BLOOMINGDALE CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, where services will be held Monday 11 AM, Pastor Josh Odell officiating. Interment Ft. Custer National Cemetery following service. The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **12**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bloomingdale Chapel
203 East Spring Street
Bloomingdale, MI

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DEC **12**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

DEC **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

I was so sorry to hear of Howard's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.##imported-begin##Alice Burza##imported-end##

December 14, 2009 at 02:18 AM

We did not get to know you well but the time we knew you was filled with happiness and laughter. We know that we get to see you again. We miss you and love you grandpa##imported-begin##Kristin,Zack and Bradley Reynolds##imported-end##

December 13, 2009 at 07:25 PM

I am very sorry for your loss. You are each in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Kevin Reynolds##imported-end##

December 13, 2009 at 07:15 PM

Although only words from a movie but so true. (Marines die that is what they do but the Marine Corp will live and so then will you) not only in the corp but in our hearts. I have known you for 20 yrs yet you gave us a lifetime of precious moments. As you embark on your final tour of duty we will cherish all the wonderful times. I love you grandpa and will miss you very much. Love your great grandchildren.##imported-begin##The Sanchez Family ##imported-end##

December 12, 2009 at 03:32 PM

To all the family...

May God Bless and comfort you all....##imported-begin##Harry & Beth Try##imported-end##

December 11, 2009 at 10:33 PM

I have only fond memories of my Grandpa. He was a sweet man who always made people smile. He was a great man and everone in my family will miss him especially on Christmas Eve but he'll always be there..... Always and forever.##imported-begin##Kaytlen Greene##imported-end##

December 11, 2009 at 09:39 AM

To the Family, Howard was a Great man, he has given me some memories to keep from the Kool Korner rest. and a friend, he had a smile every time you seen him. I am so sorry for your loss. Lean on the Lord as he will provide. Keep all your memories close and he will live on. Go rest high Howard, thanks for the memories. Sandra##imported-begin##Sandra Sincler##imported-end##

December 11, 2009 at 08:49 AM

Coco was a great man and always made me feel at peace. Our family will be saddened by his loss but will be stronger because of the love we had by him.##imported-begin##Kelli, Brett and Addilyn Pfefferman##imported-end##

December 10, 2009 at 08:42 PM

With our deepest sympathies for your families loss. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jamey and Jill Burkhead##imported-end##

December 10, 2009 at 07:49 PM

To Howard's family,
My thoughts and prayers go out to each and everyone of you at this time of loss. I have lots of fun memories of Howard over the years from growing up next door to driving school bus with him. When you needed a helping hand he was there. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Kimberly Otten##imported-end##

December 10, 2009 at 04:11 PM