



Elery Barnes

October 19, 1942 - February 10, 2018

Elery Barnes passed away peacefully at his home February 10, 2018, after a brief illness. He was born in Oklahoma to Preston and Minnie Barnes, October 19, 1942, the middle of five children. His family managed to make their living following seasonal agricultural crops in California, Oregon and Washington. Elery cheerfully shared his childhood memories with great fondness to anyone who came along. In his teens, they settled for a time in IZARD County, AR, where he made lifelong friends and developed a reputation as a successful bootlegger who could fix anything with wheels on it. In summer of 1963, he and his buddy, Junior Majors, journeyed to Washington State to visit Junior's family. Elery met and married Brenda Marney on June 16, 1964, and they made their home in the Wenatchee Valley. He was drafted into the Army in May of 1966, serving a year in Viet Nam. After his discharge in May of 1968, he returned to Wenatchee, where he continued to exercise his mechanical talent at various shops in the area. He worked until he was seriously injured in 1983. Elery continued to share his mechanical knowledge with others and was a special mentor for his friend, Tilman. Elery lived his later years by grace and determination.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda; daughter, Barbra (Donovan Holmes);

brother, Cecil Barnes of Oklahoma; sister, Sandra Kumber of North Carolina; and sister-in-law, Emily Barnes of Arkansas; along with several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by dear friends: Collie and Rita Winkle, and Tilman Brooks. Elery was preceded in death by his son, Brian (1994); parents; sister, Betty Olivares; and brother, Louie Barnes.

Our heartfelt thank you to his faithful and funny caregivers, Ashley, Brenda Mc, Meleta, Marscey, Fabiola, Samara, Mara, and so many others who participated in his care.

A Private Graveside Service will be held at the Wenatchee City Cemetery. Arrangements are by Chapel of the Valley, Wenatchee, WA.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Elery & Aunt Brenda ,*

*This is the youngest of Hopes (Sandy) kids its been so many years.
My memory isnt the best do to a Brain Aneurysm, But I do
remember how much Uncle Elery always was positive and his heart
could move mountains . Thank you for that Uncle Elery*

Cathy Ferguson (Fleming) - February 20, 2018 at 07:13 AM