



Gary Wayne Barnard

March 8, 1947 - June 3, 2026

Gary Wayne Barnard, 79, of Pendleton County, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, June 3, 2026.

Born on March 8, 1947, Gary was the son of the late Marjorie Anderson Haley and Robert Blades Barnard. He was a graduate of Pendleton County High School, Class of 1965. On March 9, 1973, he married the love of his life, Ann Elizabeth Ramey Barnard. Together they shared 53 years of marriage, building a life centered on family, faith, and service to others.

Gary was known throughout the community for his cheerful spirit, kind heart, and willingness to lend a helping hand whenever needed. Many remember him from walking the streets as the local mailman with the United States Postal Service. Others remember him as a coach, whether middle school basketball, recreation baseball, or Upward basketball. He proudly served his country in the United States Army and continued his commitment to fellow veterans as a dedicated member of Hardin-Browning Post 109, where he proudly served alongside his brothers in service. He was also a former member of the Pendleton County Board of Education and devoted countless hours to the Kentucky Wool Festival, organizing parking and shuttle operations for many years.

A faithful member of Antioch Mills Christian Church, Gary served on the church leadership team and taught numerous Bible studies. His strong faith guided his life and inspired a lifetime of service, much of which was carried out quietly and without recognition. He was a pillar of the community whose

influence and kindness touched many lives.

Gary is survived by his beloved wife, Ann Barnard; his daughter, Julie (Josh) Piatt of Smithville, Ohio; his son, Kevin (Elisha) Barnard of Falmouth, Kentucky; his grandchildren, Emrie Doerr, Noah Barnard, Elli (Kalem) Gosney, Carter (Sydney) Piatt, Ethan Piatt, Brennan Piatt, and Ramey Piatt; and his sisters, Janet Bruin, Dianna Wilson, April Gillespie, and Norma Thoms.

In addition to his parents, Gary was preceded in death by his daughter, Amy Lynn Barnard Doerr, in 2006, and his brother, Robert "Bobby" Barnard.

Gary's legacy of faith, service, generosity, and love for his family will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered. The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to his entire care team: Laura Askren with Senior Care Solutions, St. Elizabeth Home Health, and Hospice of Hope Maysville.

Visitation for Gary will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2026, from 2PM-6PM at the Antioch Mills Christian Church. Funeral services are on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 11AM, also at the church. Under full military honors by the Hardin Browning Post 109, Gary will be laid to rest at the Mt. Vernon Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Antioch Mills Christian Church or Mt. Vernon Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Vernon

Old 3L Hwy
Falmouth, KY 41040

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Antioch Mills Christian Church
12785 US-27
Berry, KY 41003-8845
(859) 234-1686

Funeral Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Antioch Mills Christian Church
12785 Hwy 27N
Berry, KY

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Gary was my neighbor .When I tore down the house on montjoy street he stopped by and said it's looking better but your working to hard. He brought down his tractor to help me spread dirt absolutely Gods people you're going to be missed God Bless

Joe white - June 04 at 09:17 PM

BI

“ He was always so great about checking on my dad Donald Browning. He was a great friend and neighbor to my dad as well. We are forever grateful and now he is receiving his greatest reward. Sympathy to Ann and her family. I know he is cherishing his reunion with Amy. My prayers are with all of you.
Becky Browning Ivey

Becky Ivey - June 04 at 09:10 PM

BL

“ With deepest sympathy to Ann and family. Gary was such a kind, considerate man. God grant you peace and comfort during these difficult days.
Bev Bishop Lind

Beverly Bishop Lind - June 04 at 08:31 PM

TB

“ Ann, Kevin, and Julie. I am so very sorry for your loss. Gary was a very special guy and I will always be grateful for his untiring work with the wool festival parking to raise funds for the band. You all are very special people and will always hold a special place in my heart.

tanya bromley - June 04 at 07:04 PM

CH

“ Oh, “Papaw Gee” we will surely miss you! Your other grandchildren, Jenny, Ben and Kellyn, will always remember your words of love and encouragement. Even now we still laugh when we remember the B word. To Ann, Juju and Kebin- we love love you and pray that your hearts will heal from this loss.

Carol Hyatt - June 04 at 06:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Wayne Barnard.



June 04 at 02:49 PM

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“ -- purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Gary Wayne Barnard.



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GW

“ Loved his competitive fire and his sweet spirit...and unusually wonderful combination! Remember playing basketball with him many times in our Antioch Mills Youth Group and New Year's Eve sleepovers! Deepest sympathy to Ann, Julie and the entire family on your loss...but know we will see him again. Love you and God bless in the Love & Lordship of Christ (Psalm 116:15)!

Greg Williams - June 04 at 12:15 PM

GW

Forgot to include Kevin in my list of the family...blessings and comfort to you as well, Brother! God bless in Christ!

Greg Williams - June 04 at 12:17 PM

PW

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Your sweet family is in my prayers. He is such a wonderful man and will be missed by so many. Love to you all, special prayers for you Ann*

Paula Wright - June 04 at 12:05 PM

PC

“ *Years ago when I first moved to Falmouth I lived over on Beech Street. Didn't know more than a handful of people in this town at that time but Gary was my mailman and he became my friend. He always had a smile on his face, a kind and encouraging word to say and he always brought a smile to my face. I had 4 dogs at that time, 2 Labradors and 2 Schnauzers. Sweet dogs but intimidating to folks because of their exuberance. One day I came home for lunch to find I had forgotten my house keys. Doors were locked, dogs needed to potty and I was in dress clothes and didn't have a clue as to how I was going to get into my house and along comes my trusty mailman, Gary Barnard with a smile and an offer to help. The only open window I had was in the kitchen over the sink and in that window he climbed with 4 very noisy dogs to greet him as he entered my house. He survived the encounter and my dogs were ever so happy to see him from that day forward. He was a blessing to me and to many others who have stories to tell about Gary Barnard and the service he provided that went well beyond mail delivery. He will be sorely missed on this side but so welcomed on the other. God Bless Gary Barnard. It was such a honor to know you.*

Peggy Carbine - June 04 at 12:01 PM