

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

Upcoming Events

Visitation

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

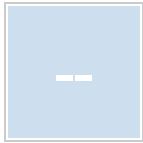
Antioch Mills Christian Church
12785 US-27
Berry, KY 41003-8845
(859) 234-1686

Funeral Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Antioch Mills Christian Church
12785 Hwy 27N
Berry, KY

Tribute Wall



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



-- - 59 minutes ago



“ 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 - 1 hour ago



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

Greg Williams - 1 hour ago



“ 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 - 1 hour ago

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“ 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 - 1 hour ago