



## John R. Barnes

September 14, 1929 - August 5, 2022

John R. Barnes, age 92, passed away peacefully on August 5, 2022, after a short illness at Tideland's Waccamaw Hospital in Murrells Inlet, SC, near where he currently resided with his daughter and son-in-law in Surfside Beach, SC.

John was born September 14, 1929, in Rensselaer, IN, the son of the late Herbert & Anna (Stein) Barnes. He graduated from Rensselaer High School in May 1947. On March 24, 1951, he married Virginia Catherine Dewey at his parents' home in Rensselaer. This began their adventure of living in Illinois, California, and Arizona while he served in the United States Air Force, from 1950-1954, during the Korean War. John served as a radio and radar repairman, on a KC-29 Air Refueler, in Great Britain, Iceland, Libya, and several bases in North Africa. He was honorably discharged in 1954, and they returned to Indiana to begin farming in Benton County where they resided and raised their family until retirement 49 years later. After retirement, John enjoyed working part time for Dow Agrosiences, wintering in Lake Placid, Florida, and spending time fishing, playing euchre, and enjoying time with his family and friends. He was a kind, loving, loyal man and will be missed by many! John was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Lafayette, IN, and previously at Remington United Methodist Church where he served in many leadership and service positions.

John was preceded in death by his loving wife of 59 years, Virginia; his son, Rex Lee Barnes; and his sisters Pauline (Lambert) and Betty (Dyche).

He is survived by his daughter, Lori (Ken) Frauhiger of Surfside Beach, SC; his granddaughter, Grace Frauhiger, of Myrtle Beach, SC; his grandson, Josh (Heather) Frauhiger and great- grandsons, Bricklee and Baker all of Lafayette, IN. John is also survived by several loving nieces and nephews from Indiana, Kentucky, and California.

Cremation services are being provided by Goldfinch Funeral Home in Murrells Inlet, SC, and online condolences may be posted at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com) A graveside service will be held to honor John's life at Memory Gardens in Rensselaer, IN, on September 22, 2022, at 10:00 AM CST. Memorial Contributions may be made to Food Finders Food Bank, Mintonye Backpack Program, or the charitable organization of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5125  
info@jacksonfuneral.com

# Previous Events

## Graveside Services

SEP **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ John was my first cousin by marriage to my cousin Virginia. Our family revered John and enjoyed many happy memories together. My sincere sympathy to Laura and the family.

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**Judith Pettet Smith** - August 16, 2022 at 12:27 PM

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“ Remembering the Barnes family who I knew as a child. John was a nice young man with two sisters who were Reynolds Skaters back in the day.



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**Rose Nesius** - August 15, 2022 at 05:03 PM