

## Decatur Daily Democrat (IN) - Monday, October 12, 2009

Earl L. "Barney" Barnes, 80, of Decatur, died at 12:33 p.m. Saturday at his residence, following a one and one-half year battle with cancer.

He was born on April 13, 1929, in Lilbourn, Missouri, to Clare and Stella Stanfield Barnes.

He married Ruth Fellers in July of 1951; she passed away in June of 1970. He married Marilyn Baumgartner in November of 1971; she passed away in November of 1974. On October 18, 1997, he married Linda L. Kelley in First Baptist Church of Decatur; she survives.

In the 1950s, Earl worked at Dunbar Furniture in Berne. He retired in 1983 from International Harvester in Fort Wayne after 27 years of service as a production worker. He later was employed as a driver for 88 Fleet, Shaffer Investment Auto in Decatur, and Custom Car Care in Decatur, and did maintenance work for Ideal Suburban Homes in Decatur.

He served in the U. S. Army Air Corps on the Pacific Ocean island of Guam and was a member of Decatur Baptist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6751 in Geneva, and Local 57 of the United Auto Workers.

Other survivors are two sons, Barry D. Barnes (and wife Ellen) of Decatur and Brian W. Barnes (and wife Leiah) of Decatur; one daughter, Stacy L. Barnes of Decatur; one stepson, Tom Kelley of Decatur; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Wes (Tammy) Hitt of Decatur; one sister, Clara Bergstrom of Livonia, Michigan; one brother, Frank Barnes of Windfall, Indiana; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

One brother, Doyle Barnes, is deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday in Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, with Pastor Andrew Lyons officiating.

Burial will be in Pleasant Dale Cemetery, rural Decatur, with military graveside honors by the color guard from American Legion Post 43 in Decatur.

Visiting hours are 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. Tuesday in Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home.

Preferred memorials are to Decatur Baptist Church or to Family Hospice and Palliative

Care of Northeast Indiana, at Berne.