



## Clay Donald Barnwell

February 23, 1955 - August 10, 2017

Clay Donald Barnwell, 62, of Manassas, Virginia, passed away Thursday August 10, 2017 in his home.

To honor and celebrate his life, a service will be held at Pierce Funeral Home on Tuesday August 15, 2017 at 2:30pm, located at 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia, 20110.

Clay was born on February 23, 1955 in Fort Belvoir, Virginia to William Morris Barnwell and Alice Fay Barnwell. He was the youngest of three children; his brother Bill Hodges Barnwell, and his sister June Carol Barnwell. He graduated from Frankfurt High School in Frankfurt, Germany. Clay retired after more than 30 years of service with United States Federal Government. He enjoyed visiting the Shenandoah Mountains with long-time family friend, Jerry Owens, and spending time with his family. He spent his time as a board member with his residential complex, and always lent a helping hand in his community. In addition, he participated in Stonewall Jackson High School's Boosters Organization, and enjoyed attending his children's athletic and musical events.

Clay is survived by his mother, brother, and two children, Jacqueline Ashley Barnwell (28) and Anthony William Barnwell (26). He was preceded in death by his sister June Carol Barnwell and his father William Morris Barnwell. In

lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the ALS Community of Hope; fund name Clay Barnwell.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 15. 2:30 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
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# Tribute Wall

CF

“ Christian Freidank lit a candle in memory of Clay Donald Barnwell



Christian Freidank - November 02, 2017 at 08:00 AM

VT

“ So Sorry Fay to hear about Clay.  
My sincere sympathy for his family.  
Ginny Thorpe

Virginia Thorpe - August 31, 2017 at 09:37 PM

RN

“ There were always a host of characters and "unique individuals" on any FAHS Eagles football team, and the undefeated 72-73 championship team was no exception. Clay Barnwell was NEVER one of those guys. Instead Clay was one of those cool, calm, collected, steady, committed, hard-working, no drams kind of players who came to play and give his best every day. He worked hard, practiced hard, studied his assignments, and executed his duties at linebacker with consistency and precision. He never tried to be flashy. He just tried to always be there to make the play. He always put the team and his teammates first with never a thought for himself. None of what he was as a player was really all that surprising because it was directly reflective of the kind of person he was. Clay was good people who never had a mean word for anyone. He treated everybody with courtesy and respect. I am proud to have known him and privileged to have been on the Eagles together our senior year. Rest in Peace, Clay.

Richard G. Ng - August 16, 2017 at 02:14 AM

BT

*I also knew Clay in FAHS and wholeheartedly agree with the wonderful tribute written by Richard Ng. What a gift to have known him.*

**brenda tolson** - August 17, 2017 at 05:38 PM

TB

*I also was a friend of Clay. We were best friends while attending Frankfurt High School and were roommates after graduation living in Alexandria, VA. His mother and father were my 2nd parents who I will never forget. Clay a different took different paths but I always loved him as a brother and admired his generosity. I miss you Clay and you are always in my thoughts! Tom B.*

**Thomas Bazar** - February 01, 2022 at 10:51 AM

JE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Jerry** - August 14, 2017 at 11:43 AM

BJ

“ *Barbara Jessee lit a candle in memory of Clay Donald Barnwell*



**Barbara Jessee** - August 14, 2017 at 07:52 AM

DS

“ *Dr.&Mrs.Seipp,Dr.&Mrs. Nelson & SU Trumpet Studio purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Clay Donald Barnwell.*



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**Dr.&Mrs.Seipp,Dr.&Mrs. Nelson & SU Trumpet Studio -**  
August 13, 2017 at 07:43 PM

LS

“ *Your dad was always a wonderful man. Quiet at times but immensely proud of his kids and supportive of his family. You could see how it lit up talking about you both. It was a true pleasure to have known him and I know that he has helped to make you the adults you are today. He will be missed.*

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**Laetetia Sledz -** August 12, 2017 at 10:32 PM

AW

“ *So very sorry to hear of the passing of Clay. May God bless all his family and keep you in His loving care.*

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**Alyce Whitt -** August 12, 2017 at 08:26 PM

LL

“ *ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GARDENS OF CRESTWOOD VILLAGE, WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY. HE WAS A GREAT ASSET TO OUR COMMUNITY AND A SINCERE FRIEND TO EACH OF US. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.*

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**LENORA LAWSON -** August 12, 2017 at 04:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clay Donald Barnwell.*



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August 12, 2017 at 02:23 PM



“ *Jacqueline and Ashley,  
I was so sorry to hear of Clay's passing. Iva, my daughter let me know about it then I called Fay and talked with her. I have so many fond memories of time we spent at Morris and Fay's house when my girls were young. He was a good man and I will miss him deeply. I am Melissa, Julie, and Iva's mother. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Sonja Barnwell*

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**Sonja Barnwell** - August 12, 2017 at 12:47 PM



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**Jerry** - August 12, 2017 at 12:07 PM

KS

“ Clay was a true friend and could always be trusted with information that you didn't want other people to know but wanted advice. Clay and I rented a apartment together until the day my wife and I was married. Clay was a member of my wedding party and escorted by mother at the wedding. Clay attended Washington Redskins games with Mona and I and also we had lots of fun hunting and fishing together. Mona and I thought very highly of Clay but through time and children of our own we lost contact. I last saw Clay at Lowes and we talked for about 30 minutes he was so proud of his children and we talked about getting together and visiting Jerry Owens just to surprise him. Clay will be missed and the family will be in our prayers. I will miss you Clay!!!

Godspeed,  
Ken & Mona Shumaker  
Manassas Va

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**Kenneth Shumaker** - August 12, 2017 at 12:05 PM

JE

“ Clay was my best friend...like a brother to me. We had many adventures over the years and they were all made more memorable and fun because of Clay's pleasant nature and who he was.

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**Jerry** - August 12, 2017 at 12:03 PM

BH

“ My heartfelt condolences to you, Faye, and family, on the passing of Clay. Thinking of you with hugs and prayers. Betty Hudson

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**betty hudson** - August 12, 2017 at 12:03 PM