



# Michael Wayne Barnes

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**M**ichael Wayne Barnes, 56, of Greenbrier, Tennessee passed away unexpectedly on October 3, 2024. He was born March 30, 1968, in Nashville, Tennessee, to Joe and Judy Barnes.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Judy Barnes.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are beloved daughter, Lindsey (Garrett) Wilkinson, father, Joe Barnes, brother, Joey Barnes, a multitude of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Mike was a simple soul that enjoyed the quiet pleasures of family and friends. He was an avid Alabama fan and donned his favorite raggedy tee shirt and hat to show his support.

Mike was a hard worker all his life and spent his career as a procurement agent for the department of education for the State of Tennessee. In his free time, he loved spending time with his favorite pals, his dachshunds, Jasmine and Ginger. His greatest accomplishment in life was his daughter, Lindsey; rooting on her alma mater, Tennessee Tech, in gold and purple despite his abiding love of Alabama.

Friends and family will always smile fondly with memories of Mike's love of Golly G's ice cream and homegrown tomatoes. Mike will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved him.



# Events


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## Visitation

 **Tuesday**, October 8, 2024

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM CT

 **Spring Hill Funeral Home**  
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216





## Tribute Wall

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MB

**Melissa Brown** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

I truly enjoyed working with Mike. Mike did an outstanding job helping people with their procurement needs. He also didn't hesitate to take extra time to help a colleague when they didn't know what to do. He was funny, thorough, and a true gem to work with. He will be greatly missed!



October 10 at 10:39 AM

RW

**Rasheeda A. Washington** posted:

I am so incredibly sad to learn of this. Mike joined my team while I was working at TDOE. Always a firecracker if you got him going on something...lol Definitely one of the hardest working people I've had the privilege of working with. We would tease him about his junk food and we would talk about UT Knoxville football among other things. He loved giving me a hard time about our losing streak back then. I appreciated his willingness to learn new things and take on new challenges. He talked about Lindsey all the time, definitely his crown jewel. And if you really knew Mike you know he was a good person to talk mess with...haha I am so sorry and my deepest sympathy and prayers for Lindsey and the family. Mike was a good man and will be sorely missed. - Rasheeda Washington

October 9 at 10:48 AM

TA

**Tammy Adcock** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

Tammy Adcock lit a candle in memory of Michael Barnes

October 9 at 5:25 AM



AS

**Amy Siddall** posted:

Mike was my employee for several years when I was the Fiscal Director at TND OE. Lindsey, I used to keep color pencils in my drawer for you to come and sit in my office and color, then you came to work with your Dad. I loved your Dad. I will miss him. So sorry for your loss.

October 7 at 11:51 AM



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**Barry W Olhausen** posted:

Mike was a fine and gracious gentleman. I greatly appreciated having the opportunity to work with him at the TN Dept of Education. He was dedicated, hardworking, and always went the second mile. A genuinely good person...

October 7 at 11:43 AM



**Pamela Kimbrough** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

My thoughts and prayers are with Mike's daughter and dad and his two little babies. I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to know Mike. He was the procurement go-to guy at TDOE and helped show me the ropes 8 years ago. I would have been lost many times without his guidance. He kept me in tears with his banter. During the uncertain times when covid first hit, he was a true blessing that kept me sane. Knowing that I could call Mike anytime and have a friend on the line is treasured, and will most definitely be missed. Rest in peace, my buddy!



October 7 at 9:58 AM



**Sharon Jordan** posted:

I am stunned by this news. I am sorry for your loss and my heartfelt condolences goes out to family. I worked with Mike for many years, and I considered him a friend. He was a hard worker and was always there to help despite how busy he was. He had a personality that was larger than life and a boldness that was unmatched. He always talked about his daughter, Lindsey and how proud he was of her and that she was always his biggest accomplishment. He will truly be missed, not only as a co-worker, but also as a friend. Sharon Jordan TDOE School Nutrition

October 7 at 9:30 AM



**Sharon Jordan** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

Sharon Jordan lit a candle in memory of Michael Barnes

October 7 at 9:04 AM



**Sharon Jordan Tdoe - School Nutrition** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Barnes family.

October 7 at 8:41 AM





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**Denise Edwards** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

Denise Edwards lit a candle in memory of Michael Barnes

October 7 at 8:16 AM



**Anita Welch** posted:

Mike was one of the nicest people I've ever worked with. He was so focused on doing a great job. Our former boss called him "Pit Bull". He will be missed by everyone whose life he touched.

October 6 at 6:19 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Serene Retreat to the Barnes family.

October 6 at 3:13 PM



**The Tennessee Department Of Education** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Michael.

October 6 at 3:13 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses to the Barnes family.

October 6 at 6:28 AM



**Halle & Caleb Brickhouse** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Barnes family.

October 5 at 7:25 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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