



William J. Barnes

August 21, 1941 - October 20, 2008

PITTSFORD: October 20, 2008 after a heroic battle with cancer. He is survived by his loving wife, Susan Stone; daughters, Kelli and Tori Barnes; son, Christopher and his family; sister, Patricia (Andrew) Nye; brother, Robert Barnes; mother-in-law, Shirley Stone; brother-in-law, Thomas (Pat) Stone, sister-in-law, Patricia (Maury) Wills; many nieces, nephews, great nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Billy, you are our hero! Friends may call Wednesday, 3-8 PM at the funeral chapel (2305 Monroe Ave.). A Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, 11:00 AM at St. Louis Church, 60 South Main Street, Pittsford. Interment in family plot at Maplewood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be applied toward the education of Kelli and Tori, c/o T.Stone, 12 Harrison Circle, Pittsford, NY 14534.

Comments



“ What a loss I know he will be missed, may the memories you have comfort you in your time of sorrow. Love, The Currier family

Betsy Currier - November 02, 2008 at 02:16 AM



“ Billy, It was an honor to work with you. May God bless your family. Rest in peace my friend.

Cynthia Aguilo-Merced - October 24, 2008 at 05:03 PM



“ Dear Sue, Kelli and Tori, Although we didn't spend a lot of time together...it was always fun at the Cregan's. We are honored to have known Billy and we will miss seeing him. He touched many people and will be greatly missed. Sending you our thoughts and prayers! The Smolensky Family

Lisa & Ron Smolensky - October 23, 2008 at 04:00 PM



“ To Billy's loving family: No doubt you already know how much Billy's basketball buddies loved him, and will dearly miss him. But,we have all the wonderful memories we will carry with us every time we step on a basketball court. For myself, I will miss most our road trips to wherever...his stories, his caring support for all of us, and his wonderful good humor. Jeff Swain

Jeff Swain - October 22, 2008 at 10:59 PM



“ Dear Barnes Family, Bill was a partner and friend, respected and loved by all. He has truly been my HERO for many years.John Donlon, Old Genesee Section RPD

John Donlon - October 22, 2008 at 09:56 PM



“ Sue and children, may GOD be your constant guide and strength. May GOD bless you and keep you in this difficult time. I had never met Bill, but am sure he was an exceptional husband, father, friend and co-worker. I have know you, Sue, for a few years and feel priviledged to have you as a friend. GOD be with you, I am deeply sorry for your loss. Call me if there is anything I can help you with. Remember

Psalms 23- The LORD is your shepherd and does not want you to be afraid.
Affectionately, Katharine

Katharine Sommer - October 22, 2008 at 09:25 PM



“ To Bill's family, His memory remains... His presence still lingers.. He is still with you in spirit.... It was my pleasure to have met his acquaintance. With deep sympathy,

MaryKay - October 22, 2008 at 07:04 PM



“ Sue & Family- My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. God Bless!

Kristen Heaney - October 22, 2008 at 03:57 PM



“ Our Dear Barnes Family, Our lives have been forever enriched because of you all. Susie you and Billy became our neighbors twenty years ago, but then you quickly became our family. Billy shared his gardening advise with me and you shared your daughters with us. I loved being out in the north yard (which we still call the Barnes field)to stop and visit with Billy. We shared many new plans for our yards. We still can look over in the yard and see Billy running back and forth from the shed with a shovel or bucket full of plants. Our lake times will always be treasured, Billy was such a great host. He always made sure everyone was happy. Billy you are someone we just were not ready to let go. We know you know that Kelli ,Tori and Susie will always be treasured in our lives. Keep watch over us til we meet again. Love, Kevin and Kimmy

Kevin & Kimmy Mryglod - October 22, 2008 at 03:07 PM



“ Sue, Kelli & Tori, Just wanted to let you know how much Billy will be missed. Words can't express the loss. Billy was a 1967 RPD classmate and we worked on & off together both in the City and elsewhere. He looked out for everyone he ever worked with. His positive, compassionate and caring demeanor will never be forgotten. I am certain he is receiving his just reward and resting in peace.

Edward Lyng - October 22, 2008 at 01:04 PM



“ I will always remember Billy working out in the yard, always stopping to say hello and offer a hand. He loved planting and being outside. One summer afternoon, he spent time taking extra mulch off our hands. (Sue, I'm sure it's still in your back yard!) Carting it over load by load, he stopped to chat with me. We sat for an hour and he shared some of his police stories. What an amazing and brave man! He accomplished so much and never gave up. I could see the joy on his face when he talked about his partner and told me the story of how he met Sue. He joked that she was crazy to go out with him! I will also always remember how he met Tori every day when she got off the bus. In any kind of weather, he walked down the driveway to meet his beautiful daughter. Carrying her backpack for her, he was always there for her. Billy, I will miss you. Paula

Paula Murphy - October 22, 2008 at 02:36 AM



“ Sue, Kelli and Tori, I had the privilege of working with Billy for six years. In that time I saw a side of Bill that was different than the homicide investigator that most would remember. I saw the man who was first to start Christmas shopping in the office for the underprivileged kids that wouldn't have had a Christmas gift under the tree if someone with a kind heart didn't put it there. It wasn't enough that the gifts were purchased; Billy insisted that the group from our office deliver them to the kids personally. He was the first in the office to sign up for Habitat for Humanity to help a family build their dream home in a dangerous section of the City and encouraged the rest of us to spend a Saturday making a difference. I will miss his enthusiasm about growing plants, trees and flowers. Bill loved those things of beauty which I believe was a diversion from all that goes with being in law enforcement. Bill gave me clippings from a bush that blooms outside a window of my home. I know I will never look at this plant the same way again. With police work, Bill spoke for those who no longer could. He brought those to justice for victims who could not do it themselves. He made a difference in people's lives. Blessed are the peacemakers..... John Heaney

John Heaney - October 22, 2008 at 01:14 AM



“ I know I don't have to tell your family what a great guy you were. We had alot of fun at and away from work. You had a gift in the way you could adapt to people and situations. Many past and current RPD members benefited from watching you work (If they were smart). Bye Billy....maybe I'll stop and have a "cold one" for you at the Turn Inn Tavern.

Mike O'Hara - October 21, 2008 at 10:29 PM



“ Mrs Barnes, Kelli and Tori, I was so incredibly sad to hear the news of Mr. Barnes passing. I have such fond memories of your family. I know your dad loved you to pieces Kelli....it showed everytime he spoke of you. He was so funny, and witty and easy to talk with. Your Mom and Dad were such a wonderful team. I enjoyed getting to know them when I had you in my class!! You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Love, Patty McMillan

Patty McMillan - October 21, 2008 at 09:44 PM



“ Sue, Kelli and Tori - We are truly sorry for your loss. You, all were his strength and great caregivers to him. We know he will be missed. Pam and Courtney

pam and courtney chapman - October 21, 2008 at 09:14 PM



“ I admired and respected so much. You taught me more than you could have ever known about police work and life. You shall remain one of my heroes forever. I lit candles for you prior to this day and I will again. May God bless your soul, my friend.

Mark Mariano - October 21, 2008 at 08:12 PM



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Kim DeLong - October 21, 2008 at 07:30 PM



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“ I spent a lot of great times with Bill at RPD and with several athletic teams. Bill was a fearce competitor and a great team player. I will always remember his loyalty to the job and his sense of humor. He will be sorely missed. Please accept my condolences.

Tom Belcher - October 21, 2008 at 06:34 PM



“ Billy will be greatly missed. He was a wonderful friend and mentor during my early years with RPD. Our heart felt condolences to his family. Howie

Howie & Donna Dack - October 21, 2008 at 05:14 PM



“ Billy was one of the best investigators RPD had in Physical Crimes. He was a teammate on the Locust Club Basketball team. I could always ask him questions concerning investigations and he would always take time to give me his input for me to make the right decision when I was a coordinator for Highland Section. I respected Billy so much because he always worked hard at everything he did, work and basketball, and being a friend. I will miss him and pray daily for the family. I will never forget Billy. He was and still is my friend.

Carl C. Simms - October 21, 2008 at 05:11 PM



“ Condolences on your loss. Billy was a great man and it was an honor to have known and worked with him. He will be missed.

Nick Rozanov - October 21, 2008 at 04:20 PM



“ We all love Patty Wills and have been kept informed over these past few months. On behalf of the EDS family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Lori Sparks - October 21, 2008 at 03:54 PM



“ The good fight is now over my brother, at last you can truly rest in peace and enjoy your retirement, we're gonna miss you!

Jim Tuite - October 21, 2008 at 03:00 PM



“ I wish I had met you. Your friendly personality and humor was shared with me from your adoring wife. I also have met some of your co-workers, which also helped me to know the kind of person you have always been. Thank you for sharing your wife with me. Kris Taylor

Kris Taylor - October 21, 2008 at 02:16 PM



“ Dear Tori and family, I am so sorry about your Daddy. You have been in my thoughts and prayers. I'm here in school if you ever need to talk. Love, Ms. Cruickshank

Ms.Cruickshank - October 21, 2008 at 01:59 PM



“ We have such fond memories of Billy. Our hearts are filled with sorrow. May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared comfort you now and in the days ahead.

Kathy & Lester LaBell & Family - October 21, 2008 at 12:50 PM