



Donald O'Brien Barnes

April 30, 1929 - October 14, 2021

Donald O'Brien Barnes, age 92, of Murrells Inlet, SC passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at Inlet Oaks Assisted Living and Memory Care.

Born in Halifax County, NC on April 30, 1929, he was a son of the late Thomas O'Brien and Hattie (Crawley) Barnes. Donald graduated from William R. Davie High School in Roanoke Rapids, NC in 1947 and received a degree in Business Administration in 1971 from the University of Texas at El Paso. He was a twenty year veteran of the United States Air Force and retired as a Tax Law Specialist from the Internal Revenue Service in 1984. Donald also served as a Deacon in the Baptist church for decades.

He married Shirley Wanda Smith in 1951 and resided in El Paso, TX until her death in 1970. He married Marjorie L. Ball in 1971 and eventually moved from Maryland to Ft. Lauderdale, FL where they were members of the First Baptist Church of Ft. Lauderdale for more than 27 years. He and Marjorie were active members of the Church choir and found great joy in participating in the Church's annual Christmas Pageant. Donald and Marjorie maintained a residence on Lake Gaston for more than 30 years where they enjoyed boating and family gatherings until Marjorie's death in 2011.

Predeceasing Donald are his brothers: Henry Granger Barnes, Albert Ellis Barnes and his sisters: Edna Martin and Virginia Butts.

Surviving are his son, Michael LeRoy Barnes (Debbie); his daughters: Anne Carpenter and Nancy Ellen Grannie (John); grandsons; Matthew Wesley

Barnes and Sean Cowan; sister, Shirley Shaw (Fred) and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Donald will be laid to rest with private Interment services at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery in El Paso, TX.

Please sign the family's guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel in Murrells Inlet, SC is in charge of the arrangements.