



Edd G. Barnes

January 9, 2006

Lieutenant Colonel Edd G. ?Barney? Barnes, Jr., 49, husband of Tamara Hughes Barnes, died Monday evening, January 9, 2006 at the Community Hospice of Washington DC of complications from esophageal cancer. He was the proud father of a lovely teenage daughter, Romie Sarand Barnes. Born at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas, he was the oldest son of Margaret Smith Barnes DuBose and Colonel Edd Griffin Barnes. He was a much loved big brother to his sisters, Luanne Barnes Stauffer and Margie Barnes Blogin, and brother, Charles William Barnes. Barney was an Information Technology Specialist for the Department of Homeland Security with 25 years of experience in a wide variety of technical and management positions in private industry, the US Air Force, and the Federal Government. After receiving his undergraduate degree in computer science from the University of South Carolina, he joined the United States Air Force and spent 5 years doing research and development for the Department of Defense and NATO systems at Langley AFB. While at Langley, he also obtained a Masters Degree in Public Administration. In 1982 his outstanding accomplishments at Langley led to his selection as the Junior Officer of the Year. He was transferred to the White House Communications Agency in Washington, DC where he spent 5 years providing computer and communications support to the President Reagan of the United States and the National Security Council. In 1985, he developed and installed the first local area network for the White House supporting some of the most sensitive applications of the US Government. In

his position as the Chief of Computer Systems Development at the White House, he developed and implemented the first international computer communications link from the White House Situation Room to China in support of President Reagan's initial visit to that country. In 1991, he was recruited by the US Department of Treasury and later selected as the Treasury Department's only representative to the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at the National Defense University where he earned a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy. At that time, he was also serving as an Air Force Reserve officer with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Crisis Management Center at the Pentagon. He is the former Vice President of Telecommunications and Chief Financial Officer of TCOM Systems, a nationwide, network electronic mail services company. As US Air Force Reserve officer, he has been assigned to the National Military Command Center in the Contingency Operations Division. His military honors include: Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with a Bronze Service Star, National Defense Service Medal with a Bronze Service Star. In his spare time, he earned a Juris Doctor from the Columbus School of Law in Washington DC and, later, established a sole proprietorship law practice in Virginia. His lifelong love of Harley-Davidson motorcycles and enthusiasm for motorcycle riding has led to many interesting endeavors. Among them, he established and has been the systems operator for a nationwide bulletin board system, ABATE Associated Bikers Aimed Towards Education, which provides a network exchange of information for those concerned with the impact of legislation on motorcycle riders. He pursued and achieved a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. His family remembers him as a free rider, avid debater, and dedicated advocate of those he loved. He is survived by his wife, Tamara ? Suzee,? and daughter, Romie; his mother, Margaret DuBose of Summerville, South Carolina; his father Edd and wife, Linda Baxter Barnes of Universal City, Texas; three siblings: Luanne, wife of Jeffrey Stauffer of Pennsburg, Pennsylvania and their sons Ryan, Brandon and Randall; Charles, husband of

Vicki Meggett Barnes of Summerville, South Carolina;

Tribute Wall



“ Edd, you were probably one of the most dedicated riders I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. We had some great times years ago. Enjoy your riding "upstairs." I know you'll be helmetless!##imported-begin##Don Ingerski##imported-end##

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“ I often wondered where life led you and now I know. I knew you for a short while many moons ago when I was a native of WV. You accomplished so much and apparently lived life to the fullest. My only regrets are that we lost touch.##imported-begin##Terri Huggins##imported-end##

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“ You will always be in my thoughts. Thank you for always being there. We will miss you.##imported-begin##Dee Harwood##imported-end##

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