



Lewis Brinkley Barnett

January 29, 1934 - May 27, 2023

Lewis Brinkley Barnett, 89, died on May 27, 2023. He was born to the late Theresa and Brinkley Barnett on January 29, 1934, in Lexington, Kentucky. Lewis grew up in Lexington and earned a Bachelor's in Chemistry from University of Kentucky, and a Master's and Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Iowa. He was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa, ATO, and ODK honorary fraternities.

He is predeceased by his wife Charlotte Alta Barnett and survived by his children Elizabeth Ann (Mark) Notess of Knoxville, Tennessee; William Kinne (Teresa) Barnett of Walpole, Massachusetts; Charles Lewis (Michele) of Gambrills, Maryland; and Catherine Grace (Jon Meyers) of Webster Groves, Missouri; grandchildren Hannah (Jon Hiskes), Brian (Adrienne), and Benjamin (Shelby) Notess, Nathan, Tyler, Emma, and Tessa Barnett, Abigail and Olivia Barnett, and Samuel and Jackson Meyers; great-grandchildren Asher, Silas and Luke Notess and Samuel and Theo Hiskes; and sister-in-law Bernadine Esther Farrow of Shawnee, Kansas.

Lewis was retired from a long and distinguished career at Virginia Tech, including Professor of Biochemistry and Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences. He served on the Blacksburg Planning Commission for 19 years, the Blacksburg Town Council for 12 years, and on the New River Valley Council on Ageing. He loved listening to the opera, running, and bridge, where he was

a Life Master.

Friends and family are invited to a viewing Tuesday, May 30, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM and a service Wednesday, May 31, at 11:00 AM. Both services will be at the McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Lewis' memory to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (cff.org), National Public Radio, or Public Television.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **30**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 552-3211
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

MAY **31**. 11:00 AM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel
150 Country Club Dr S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

BW

“ Just heard about Lewis' passing today from a bridge player, not surprisingly. He was a friend for 40+years from bridge I played with him several times, mostly on teams with Jeff Stafford. My condolences to the entire family. Bill Wisdom, Salisbury, NC

BILL WISDOM - July 26, 2023 at 01:47 PM

ML

“ I was so sad to hear this news. We worked together when Lewis was Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences at Virginia Tech, and I will always think of him as Dean Barnett. Although I left VT in 1987, we continued to reach out to each other every year at Christmas. My condolences to the family.

MARY W LANGDANA - July 07, 2023 at 05:26 PM

RR

“ I was so sorry to hear about Lewis' passing. I served with Lewis for several years on Town Council and enjoyed being with him. Lewis was always so good to ask about my children and how they were doing. While I was Mayor, I asked to be on the Cemetery Committee to be able to serve with Lewis. I do believe that committee was his favorite of all the ones he served on.

If a meeting is late getting started, I still point to my watch, like Lewis always did, and it brings back fond memories.

Ron Rordam - June 05, 2023 at 09:32 PM

DR

“ *Cathy, I am so sorry to hear about your father. May God wrap his loving arms around you and your family during this time. Love,
Dianne Stafford Roe*

Dianne Roe - May 30, 2023 at 10:15 AM

BW

“ *My condolences to Lewis' family. I worked with him on many committees during my early years at Tech, and he was pretty good at tolerating and mentoring this (then) young, eager faculty member. I always had high respect for him. Beth Waggenpack*

Beth Waggenpack - May 29, 2023 at 02:37 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lewis Brinkley Barnett.*



May 28, 2023 at 04:51 PM