



# Otis H. Barnes

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**O**tis Harold Barnes, known as Harold, was born in Lee Creek, Arkansas on June 19, 1937, to William Otis Barnes and Flora Emma Hopkins Barnes. He passed away on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, after a short illness.

Harold and his sister, Pansy, both became deaf due to a high fever with influenza when he was 6 months old and she was 2-1/2 years old. The family lived in Van Buren, Arkansas, until Harold was 5 years old, when his mother, two older sisters and he moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma. He attended Longfellow Elementary in the deaf class and graduated high school in the first deaf class at Central High School in 1955.

Afterwards, he attended night classes at several local colleges, including Benedictine Heights College, for math and drafting classes. He enjoyed sports and played basketball for a church team, was on a swim team, fished, bowled, and played golf. He met the love of his life, Joyce Ann Reeves, after one of his basketball games and started dating. They married in Berean Baptist Church, Tulsa, on May 18, 1957.

Harold and Joyce were blessed with two children, Scott and Kimberly. Harold's career focused on engineering and drafting for steel manufacturers in Tulsa, including Slagle Manufacturing Corporation and Nutter Engineering from which he retired in 2003.

Harold and his sister, Pansy, were regularly active in the deaf community and had many wonderful friends. He most recently was a member of South Tulsa Baptist Church and became special friends with Cliff and Marty Richard, Adelynn Richard, and Tuffy and Doris Goforth.

Harold was preceded in death by his father, William Otis Barnes; his mother, Flora Reynolds; his son, Scott Harold Barnes; his sister, Pansy Sue Bradshaw; two half-sisters, Gertrude Johnson and Delores Reed. He is survived by his daughter, Kimberly Mazingo (Earl); his former wife, Joyce Barnes; his sister, Patsy Slagle; his half-siblings, Otis Darryl Barnes, Otis "Tudy" Barnes, Ronald Barnes, Alva Gene



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Barnes, Lynda Lovejoy, Rosella Vanderlyke, Anna Faye Trentham, and Darrell Wayne Barnes; and many nephews, nieces, grand-nephews, grand-nieces, and cousins.

If you would like to make a memorial donation in Harold's memory, please consider the Tulsa Speech and Hearing Association, 8740 E. 11th Street, Suite A, Tulsa, OK 74112, or online at [www.tsha.cc](http://www.tsha.cc)

Private family service.




# Events


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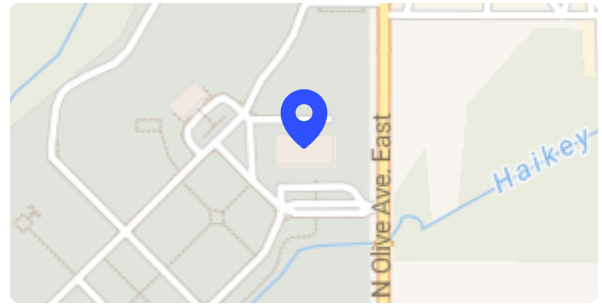
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## Visitation

 **Saturday**, September 5, 2020

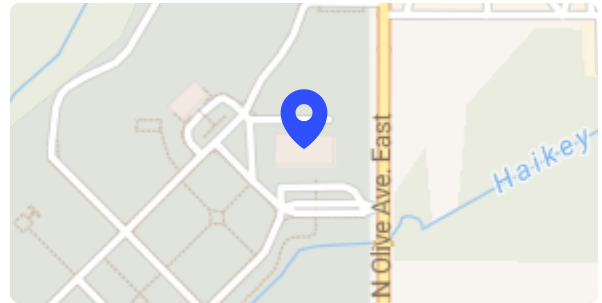
 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM CT

 **Floral Haven Visitation Suites**  
6500 S 129th E Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012



## Cemetery Details

 **Floral Haven Memorial Gardens**  
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# Tribute Wall

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**Floral Haven Funeral Home, Crematory Andcemetery** shared a **Video**.



September 9 at 9:34 AM



**Phillip Headrick** posted:

Harold was always great to visit with at the silent dinners. He was great and will be missed

September 7 at 1:54 PM



**John Richardson** posted:

I met Harold when i started working at Nutter engineering in 1991. We went through tons of paper (since i didn't know sign language) discussing many things, like religion, sports, sports and more sports. Mainly football, he was a huge OU and Dallas Cowboy fan. OU i could understand, but the Cowboys? I, being a San Francisco 49er fan, had a lot fun going back and forth on who would have the better team. It always brings a smile to my face. He was a great person. My prayers go to his family in this time of mourning. But i know i will see him again. John Richardson

September 4 at 10:22 AM



**Steve Marple** posted:

I worked with Harold for quite a few years at Nutter Engineering / Sulzer Chemtech. I always enjoyed our conversations even though it was done mainly by writing things down since I do not know sign language. He was always very passionate but also very kind hearted. My prayers are with his family in this time of grief. Steve Marple

September 4 at 6:41 AM



**Ralph Scribner** posted:

I remember old times when we were kids---Ralph Scribner

September 4 at 3:43 AM



## Media

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