



Harold Everett Barnhart

May 6, 1942 - February 29, 2020

Using his size sixteen shoes and an even bigger heart, Harold Everett Barnhart leapt into heaven on February 29, 2020 to meet Jesus and say hello to all who went before him. Be patient up there. He will want to greet each of you personally and spend time catching up. He never left a venue (restaurant, store, church, ball diamond, basketball bleachers) without sharing his love and joy with everyone.

Harold was born May 6, 1942, in Thayer, Kansas to Everett Paul and MaryEtta (Crowl) Barnhart. He graduated from Chanute High School in 1960. Attended Neosho County Community College and then continued his education at Pittsburg State University where he began studying accounting. During his senior year, Harold decided he wanted to work with kids and not sit behind a desk. With help from his advisor, he switched his major to become a teacher. While at PSU, he met his beautiful bride-to-be. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in 1965. He married Betty Jane McDaniel on April 9, 1966. He continued his education while working and earned a Master's Degree in Administration in 1969.

"To teach is to touch a life forever." Mr. Barnhart had the opportunity to touch many lives. His impact can't be measured. Harold began his teaching career at Murray Hill Elementary School in Chanute, Kansas in the fall of 1965. He married the love of his life, Betty the following spring. He became a teacher

and principal in 1968. The following year he moved to become principal at Alcott Elementary School where he led teachers and students until 1982 before moving to Hutton Elementary. Mr. Barnhart retired from USD 413 in 1997. He never retired from teaching and impacting others. Whether he was your teacher, principal, baseball coach, youth pastor, Sunday school teacher, Boy Scout leader, fishing buddy, or friend, he gave you grace to grow, cheered you through highs and lows, and prayed for you daily.

Mr. Barnhart was a man of faith and family was his top priority. On the living room wall in his home hangs a sign that says, "A fisherman and the love of his life lives here." Harold will be missed by: his wife Betty (of the home), children Brian and Jenny Barnhart (Lenexa, KS), Steve and Tammy Fellers (El Dorado, KS), his grandchildren Ally Barnhart (Tampa, FL), Nate Barnhart (Lenexa, KS), Heath Fellers (Austin, TX), and Hayley and Samuel McVay III (El Dorado, KS), his great-grandchildren Ellis, Emery, and Eden, brother Glenn Barnhart (Chanute, KS), sister Lois (Robert) Babcock (Chanute, KS), nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mr. Barnhart is reunited with his son Steve Harold, his mom and dad, and many others.

The family will greet friends and family on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 from 6-8 p.m. at Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 10 a.m. at New Life United Brethren Church in Chanute, KS. Burial will follow in Neosho County Memorial Park Cemetery in Chanute. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. The family suggests memorials to be made to the New Life United Brethren Church and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home, 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

Cemetery Details

Neosho County Memorial Park

21st Street
Chanute, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel
101 N. Highland
Chanute, KS 66720
(620) 431-1220
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

Service

MAR 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

New Life United Brethren in Christ
500 N. Forest
Chanute, KS 66720

Tribute Wall



“ *Natasha Gagnon lit a candle in memory of Harold Barnhart*



Natasha Gagnon - July 16, 2025 at 12:54 AM

MW

“ *He was my 6th grade teacher in 1965 and I did not realize it was his first year of teaching at Murray Hill until now! I remember his style, calm, supportive and educating with care. He was the first one who told me and my mom that I probably needed glasses as I could not see the chalkboard! What a great teacher and human being to be a role model to so many over the years !*

Marcia Worley - March 06, 2020 at 12:54 PM

EW

“ *I am sorry for your loss.*

I remember the days when I was I. Elementary school and he would pick me to eat lunch with him and a couple of my friends. I will miss him and he will always have a special part in my heart.

Emalie Whitcomb - March 04, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Harold Everett Barnhart.*



March 04, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold Everett Barnhart.*



March 03, 2020 at 08:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Everett Barnhart.*



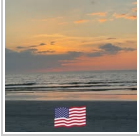
March 03, 2020 at 05:54 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Harold Everett Barnhart.*



March 03, 2020 at 04:13 PM



“ I attended Alcott Elementary my 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades and can remember Mr Barnhart being the FIRST person greeting us as we entered the building. He took lunch with us and visited our classrooms. He touched so many lives and spread his love for us evenly. He will truly be missed. Til we meet again Mr. Barnhart!!
Stacy Kenyon (Baughn)

Stacy Kenyon - March 03, 2020 at 09:48 AM

JR

I graduated with Harold on 1960. I hadn't seen him for years, but was back home in Chanute and saw him in the grocery store....I recognized him right away, there was no missing him and his size 16 shoes. We had a delightful conversation, he was definitely a very caring man. My condolences to his family.

Judi White Driscoll Roberts - March 03, 2020 at 12:23 PM

KP

“ Mr. Barnhart was a true joy to be around. Not only do we have him to thank for his years of investing in our kids' lives, he literally saved my son, a first grader at the time, from choking on food in the school lunchroom with his observant watchfulness, deft Heimlich move, and his care.
He will be missed greatly here on earth, but it will be a joy to see him again when we reach heaven.

Kathy Penner

Kathy P - March 03, 2020 at 09:05 AM

TW

“ Sending prayers to the family as Mr. Barnhart was a good man and an excellent teacher, the loss will effect many lives as he molded many lives as children. I will always have fond memories of him.

Tena Wright - March 03, 2020 at 08:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold Everett Barnhart.*



March 03, 2020 at 07:32 AM



“ *Mr. B - the best elementary school administrator ever because of his compassion and love of kids. He changed the lives of all who knew him. There are SO many memories. Our daughter was horrified of fire drill alarms when she was in kindergarten. Mr. B knew exactly what to do - next fire drill, he called Kate into his office and let her pull the alarm. Problem solved. Just one example of his enormous heart and wired-in connection with his students. I am sorry we will not be there to celebrate his enormous life. He will be missed. Gay Barker*

Gay Barker - March 03, 2020 at 06:44 AM



“ *He was the best person to talk to about anything he will be missed*

Teresa Lynn headley - March 03, 2020 at 06:30 AM



“ *God Bless the Harold Barnheart family. And HE said "Welcome HOME Harold". Gary and Susie Masters Wilson.*



Gary and Susie Wilson - March 03, 2020 at 03:36 AM

CD

“ Harold was a wonderful teacher, mentor, avid reader, and great friend to everyone who knew him, he will be dearly missed.

Cindy Dent - March 02, 2020 at 10:53 PM

KM

“ Sending prayers to the family. Heaven gained a wonderful man.

Kassidy 'Shockley' Messbarger - March 02, 2020 at 09:24 PM

DS

“ He was my 6th grade teacher at Murray Hill. Such a kind man and one of my favorite teachers. I remember him reading “the call of the wild” to our class. I loved that he would sometimes give in and read an extra chapter or two when the story got exciting. He touched so many lives and made more of a difference in their lives than I’m sure he ever knew. I will be holding his family up in prayer as they begin their grief journey.

Dorothy Webb Stice

Dorothy Webb Stice - March 02, 2020 at 09:15 PM

JJ

“ So sorry to Harold’s Family & Friends for their loss of a great guy. Harold was a great principal, my children attended the schools that he was principal. He always had a smile & was a kind soul. May he Rest In Peace 🙏

Janice Haynes Jones - March 02, 2020 at 09:12 PM

DH

“ Many thoughts and prayers for the family of Harold. I know Tammy (my wonderful neighbor) thought the world of her beloved dad and that he was a very special man to all who knew and loved him. He gave you his love and many memories for each of you to cherish.



Deb Hall - March 02, 2020 at 09:07 PM

PT

“ Pamela T. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Harold Everett Barnhart.



Pamela T. - March 02, 2020 at 08:29 PM

GM

“ Glenda McCarty sent a virtual gift in memory of Harold Everett Barnhart



Glenda McCarty - March 02, 2020 at 07:40 PM

GM

I never saw him without his Bible. I will miss my dear friend Harold. 💕

Glenda McCarty - March 02, 2020 at 07:43 PM

MW

“ Harold was such an amazing man. I have memories of our younger years in 4H. We spent time on their farm, County Fairs and Square Dancing. He will be missed by many. RIP 🙏🙏🙏

Marlene Wiltse - March 02, 2020 at 07:25 PM

DB

“ I attended Alcott. He knew and loved each and every student. A big man with a bigger heart. My condolences to his family, friends, students and the many lives he touched.

Darci Bain - March 02, 2020 at 07:24 PM

EM

“ It seemed as I moved schools, from Alcott to Hutton, Mr Barnhart also moved with me. When you are 6 or 7 he was a giant, seemed to be 10 feet tall, not 6. He was kind and compassionate. He will be missed by all who knew him. Prayers to his family.

Ellyn (Wylie) Moser - March 02, 2020 at 06:48 PM



“ Shawnda Edwards lit a candle in memory of Harold Everett Barnhart



Shawnda Edwards - March 02, 2020 at 06:36 PM

JB

“ Harold was one of the kindest men I have ever met. I interviewed with him for a job at Alcott School during Spring Break of my senior year of college. I had such a Southern accent and you could tell he enjoyed listening to me talk. The next week I was called and told I had a teaching position and I was so excited. School began and before long a snow storm hit Chanute. I had never seen or been in so much snow and I was terrified to drive myself to school. Harold said, "Well how about I pick you up on my way to school since we live on the same block?" So that first year I taught, he picked me up when we had snow. Our conversations each morning were so fun and I felt blessed I had such a wonderful Christian boss.

Jennifer Babcock - March 02, 2020 at 05:58 PM

Lisa Roush

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May your hearts and minds be comforted by loving and happy memories. What a beautiful obituary for a beautiful soul! May you rest in peace, Mr. Barnhart.

Lisa Roush - March 02, 2020 at 05:49 PM



“ Cindy Adams-Harrison lit a candle in memory of Harold Everett Barnhart



Cindy Adams-Harrison - March 02, 2020 at 05:40 PM

AT

“ Hutton grade school. He was great principal. Rip

Anthony turner - March 02, 2020 at 04:58 PM

J(

“ *Sending prayers of comfort to the whole family. He was a truly amazing man and educator!! I will never forget him ever!* ”

Jennifer Hawkinson (Falkenstien) - March 02, 2020 at 04:32 PM