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Ernest Harold Barnes

Ernie Barnes was born on May 26, 1920 in Henry County, Virginia. He was the son of Philip and Minnie Craddock Barnes of Gretna, Virginia.

He served the United State in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1941 through 1944 as a gunner in the crew of the "Rovin' Ramona", a b-17 bomber of the 8th Air Force, flying on missions to targets in Holland, France and Germany. He was awarded The Distinguished Flying Cross for his actions and bravery in flying 25 missions to those targets.

He married Nita Frank Barnes in 1945. She preceded him in death in 1996. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Michele Barnes of Grapeland; his grandsons, Matthew of Keller, TX, and Anthony, of Soledad, CA their wives, Melanie and Meghan, respectfully; and his great-grandchildren, Kayla Barnes, Coleman Barnes, and Jackson

Barnes. He is also survived by sisters, Frances Barnes Bennett of Gretna, VA, Phyllis Barnes Wade of Lillington, NC; and brother, C.D. Barnes, of Blairs, VA

After a career in the automotive business, working for Chrysler Corporation as a sales and service representative, Ernie retired and resided in Grapeland, working his cow and calf operation. He was a 50+ year Mason, and was active in the Grapeland and Augusta Lodges, and served as the Master of Grapeland Lodge. He was a member of the First Christian Church, Grapeland and subsequently, the Sunset Christian Church.

He will surely be missed by all that knew him in the area and by his family.

Graveside services were held Monday, May 8, in the Evergreen Cemetery with Dr. Vance Drum officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey and Foster, Grapeland.