

Grapeland

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Evergreen Graveside Rites Set Friday For Maurice Barnes

Services for Mr. Maurice Barnes, age 79, of Houston will be held at Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home, Houston, at 11:00 a.m. today (Thursday, August 31) with Pastor Mark Butcher officiating. Graveside services will be held at Evergreen Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 1, with H. G. "Cotton" Jeffus officiating.

Maurice Barnes was born August 3, 1921, in the Percilla community to Willie and Leona (Hendrick) Barnes. He passed away on August 28, 2000, in a Houston hospital after a brief

illness. Upon retirement from the Ethyl Corp. with 30 years service, "Barney", as he was known by his closest friends at Ethyl, divided his time between his Houston and Grapeland home. His greatest passion was spending time with his grandchildren and he enjoyed gardening, his donkeys and the outdoors. He was an exceptionally skilled carpenter. A longtime member of Riverview Baptist Church, he set a shining Christian example for his family. He will be remembered for his kindness, compassion and willingness to put others before himself.

A World War II Navy veteran, he served aboard the transport Roshambo in the South Pacific area.

Mr. Barnes was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, and parents.

He is survived by two daughters, Peggy Davis and Becky Stonestreet; son-in-law, Wayne Davis; grandchildren, Shane Davis and wife, Stacey, Lindsay Davis, and Jason Stonestreet; ~~sister Melba Barnes of Houston;~~ and numerous other relatives including Marybelle Lofland, Winifred and Ardie Welch of Grapeland.

In lieu of flowers, "Pop", as he was affectionately called by his family, may be remembered with memorials to Evergreen Cemetery, Rt. 3 Box 117A, Grapeland, TX 75844.