



## Mr. Silas Kenton Barnes

December 13, 1921 - February 23, 2016

Silas Barnes, 94, died Tuesday, February 23, 2016. Visitation will be held on Sunday, February 28, 2016 from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM at Kimbrell-Stern. Graveside services will be held Monday, February 29 2016 at 2:00PM at Andersonville National Cemetery. Rev Will Archibold will officiate.

Silas (Si) Barnes left this earth to join his maker on February 23rd, 2016. He is survived by his wife of over 70 years, Ellen, and his daughter, Sissy Luckey. He is also survived by his 6 grandchildren (Todd Stegall, Melissa Hannafey, Stacey Luckey, Maryellen Roberson, Chrissy Schwichtenberg, and Kathy Ciorciari) and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sheila Barnes Stutsman, son-in-law, Vernon Luckey, his parents, Grace and Ernest, and his sister, Delores.

Si, known to many by his nick-name "Tiger", left a legacy that touched many lives. He was a Golden Gloves boxing champion in his younger years, and his love of the sport endured throughout his life. Si was a WWII combat veteran, WWII POW, and retired Marine Corps Master Sergeant. He was awarded a number of medals for outstanding service to his country, including 2 Purple Hearts and Bronze Stars. He survived over 3 years in captivity as a WWII Japanese POW after being captured on Corregidor. He then came home at the end of the war and married the love of his life, Ellen, on November 3, 1945 after a short courtship. He lived the Marine Corps motto of "Semper Fi" every day of his life. His time as a POW did not harden his heart, as he spent many of his days after he returned bringing laughter, quick wit, and his spunky

energy to everything he did. He was a man of strong convictions and opinions, and believed in right versus wrong.

Si was no stranger to hard work or service for others. During the depression he was a member of the CCC, and helped build a number of sites across the Midwest. He joined the Marine Corps early in WWII, never backed away from the challenges of being a Marine in his 20 years of service. He followed his Marine Corps career with a career in civil service, leading the way on some of the Corps' first computers at the MCLB in Albany. After his retirement from the Corps and Civil Service, he continued to give his time to his country and others in the community. He held leadership offices at the local, state, and national level in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Ex-POW organizations. He contributed many hours of time in not only disaster relief work, but also office and bookkeeping for the American Red Cross. He volunteered with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program to build wheelchair ramps into his early 90s. It was not unusual to see him keep a pace that others half his age were unable to match.

He filled the remaining time in his retirement years travelling with his wife, always by car and never by plane. If he wasn't travelling, he could be found hunting and fishing with long-time friends or family, especially his grandchildren. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. He will be missed by the many whose lives he touched over the years.

To share your thoughts with the Barnes family you may visit our website at [www.kimbrellstern.com](http://www.kimbrellstern.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **28**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors  
1503 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

## Graveside Service

FEB **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Andersonville National Cemetery  
496 Cemetery Rd  
Andersonville, GA 31711

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Silas Kenton Barnes*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mr. Silas Kenton Barnes*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *I SERVED WITH SILAS FOR ALMOST 5 YEARS IN ALBANY GA. ALTHOUGH HE WAS ON MY CASE A LOT, HE MEANT WELL AND IT HELPED ME GET MY ACT TOGETHER AND CLOSE OUT MY YEARS ON A HIGH NOTE. FOR THAT I AM THANKFUL IN 1997 AND 2006 WE HAD REUNIONS IN ALBANY AND WE BOTH ATTENDED. AT THE 2006 REUNION HE MENTIONED SEVERAL ANTICS I WAS INVOLVED WITH. I TOLD HIM THAT IN RETROSPECT I WAS NOT TOO PROUD OF SOME OF MY MISDEEDS AND HE WAS MY HERO IN WHAT HE GAVE TO HIS COUNTRY AS A MARINE AND POW AND DEFENDER OF THE PHILIPINES. HE WAS A MAN OF MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND I HOPE THAT MY LIFE CHOICES HAVE REFLECTED MANY OF HIS VALUES. I AM SURE THAT HE IS OF GREAT VALUE IN HIS REPOSE IN HEAVEN. GOD BLESS. L/CPL IRVIN R ZEIGENFUSE  
DATA PROCESSING CENTER ALBANY GA.*

IRVIN R.ZEIGENFUSE - March 09, 2016 at 04:01 PM

MO

“ I have so many fond memories of Si and Ellen dancing away to the tunes of Dave Mercer and the Rhythm Masters .....always supportive of community events and so sweet and thoughtful!! Thank you for listening to mom and answering her questions whenever she called for advice. I will miss Si terribly and send my deepest sympathy to all the family. Love and kisses, Michelle J. Oaks

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**Michelle J. Oaks** - March 01, 2016 at 03:33 PM

NM

“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of MSgt Barnes. I had the pleasure of serving with him in the Data Processing Branch at the Marine Corps Supply Center years 1962-1965. I choose to continue with career in the computer field because of his teaching and confidence in a Marine Corps private with no experience in the computer room.

*My condolences to Mrs Barnes and family.*

*Neil MacDonald*

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**Neil macDonald** - February 29, 2016 at 12:26 PM

PW

“ A true American hero and devoted Marine who has enriched the lives of many including myself. Will be greatly missed. Take charge on heaven streets and lead those Marines well. Semper FI Pat and Judy Walsh

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**pat and judy walsh** - February 28, 2016 at 12:27 PM

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**Sheila Clopton** - February 27, 2016 at 08:45 PM

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**Sheila Clopton** - February 27, 2016 at 08:42 PM

PT

“ *My special thoughts to you, Ellen and Sissy and Family - - - it was my special honor to be your pastor while at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour - - - my memories are fond and many of times spent with Si and Ellen and their grand daughters (in confirmation class) - - - in addition, Si and I served together with the Sowega Council on Aging (advisory committee) - - - Si was truly one of a kind : a Gift from God - - - may you all find comfort in knowing that Si, and we all, are special gifts from God - - - Pastor Charles Thompson*

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**pastor charles thompson** - February 27, 2016 at 04:47 PM

DL

“ *Darlene Watts, Lynn and Vicki Erickson, Bob and Deb Locke purchased the Amazing Arboricola for the family of Mr. Silas Kenton Barnes.*



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**Darlene Watts, Lynn and Vicki Erickson, Bob and Deb Locke**  
- February 27, 2016 at 01:17 PM

LD

“ This world needs more gentlemen like Si. He was always so kind ,caring, conciderate & helpful as board members of the social club at the American Legion. Being that he was from my home state of Mo. I knew he would be my friend. lol I feel honored that he also considered me his friend. He was also an email buddy & face book friend. Si & Ellen are loved & respected as one of the most special couples I had the pleasure of knowing. My thoughts & prayers are with you Ellen, during this sad time.

*Lucille Duckworth*

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**Lucille Duckworth** - February 27, 2016 at 09:13 AM

VS

“ I can just picture him dancing his way through the pearly gates with the biggest smile on his face rest in peace my friend



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**Vicki Swanager** - February 27, 2016 at 07:21 AM

EJ

“ On behalf of my late parents Larry and Mary Des Jardines, my brothers and I would like to offer condolences to the Barnes family during this time of tremendous sorrow.

*Ellen Des Jardines*

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**Ellen Des Jardines** - February 26, 2016 at 08:36 PM

RN

“ *Kathy, We extend our deepest sympathy to you in the passing of your grandfather.*

*Just know we are thinking of you at this time. Robert & Rita Newman*

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**Robert & Rita Newman** - February 26, 2016 at 08:50 AM