



## Shannon Barnes

August 7, 1969 - October 25, 2021

Forster “Shannon” Barnes, a Drafting and Design Instructor at Indian Capital Technology Center (ICTC), died at the age of 52 on October 25, 2021, in Galveston, Texas.

Shannon was born in Sallisaw, OK, on August 7, 1969. He was preceded in death by his mother, Sandra Barnes-Brockman, as well as both grandmothers and grandfathers. He is survived by his father, Forster Barnes and wife Melody of Muskogee, OK; his step-father Don Brockman of Vian, OK; wife, Lacey Barnes of the home; son Luke Barnes and wife Hannah of Norman, OK; daughter Trinity Barnes of Bethany, OK; daughter Abby Messer of the home; sister Amy Wells of Vian, OK; brother Chris Barnes and wife Trisha of Yukon, OK; nieces Greenlee Wells, Masie Wells, Madalyn Barnes, and Tatym Barnes; nephews Tyrus Wells, Christian Barnes, and Ayden Barnes, as well as countless other family and friends.

On May 17, 2012, Shannon married Lacey, and she is undeniably his soul mate. He was a devoted Christian, husband, father, son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. He held each title in the highest regard, and they were always the most important roles in life to him. He was a man of God, and took pride in serving in leadership roles in the churches. Shannon loved being a teacher, rebuilding old motorcycles, and being a contractor. The latter two because he loved working with his hands and seeing something come to life. Anyone that knew him knew he was also a master at breaking things. He never held a tool that he couldn't break or drove a vehicle that he couldn't

wreck. Although he was colorblind, Shannon was an extremely talented artist; as long as someone else picked the colors for him. In recent years, he picked up a passion for fishing, and spent countless hours in his kayak after work, on the weekends, and taking fishing trips with his buddies. Shannon couldn't read music, but he could play many instruments by ear; with the guitar being his favorite. He loved almost every genre of music, but was a little hesitant to admit to anyone that he actually listened to country music.

Although Shannon graduated from Warner High School, he attended his high school years at Mt. Vernon High School, Class of 1987. Following his high school graduation, he worked in many facets of construction until becoming a Youth Pastor at First Baptist Church in Gore, OK. During his time as a Youth Pastor, he started his college journey at Connors State College before transferring to Northeastern State University (NSU); where he received his Bachelor Degree in English. Shortly thereafter, he began his teaching career as an Adjunct Instructor at NSU teaching English as a Second Language; while also continuing his contractor work. He received his Career and Technical Education certification in 2012, as well as started his career at ICTC that same year, but he continued his love for construction while on his school breaks.

Shannon's Celebration of Life will be at 11:00 am on November 6, 2021, at Timothy First Baptist Church located at 5530 W. Okmulgee Ave in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Pastor Kurt Henry and Justin Villines will officiate the service. Timothy Baptist Church will be livestreaming the service on their Facebook page.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Timothy Baptist Church  
5530 W Okmulgee  
Muskogee, OK 74401

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shannon Barnes*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shannon Barnes.*



November 05, 2021 at 02:23 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Shannon Barnes.*



November 05, 2021 at 12:33 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Shannon Barnes.*



November 04, 2021 at 09:56 PM

DC

“ Praying for all of Shannon Barnes' family, friends, co-workers, and students. He touched so many lives! Mr. Barnes was my son's teacher in Drafting at ICTC. He was an amazing, encouraging, positive role model for him! He learned so much from him! I am forever grateful for the impact he made in my son's life!

---Deanna Croman

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**Deanna Croman** - November 04, 2021 at 09:34 PM

JM

“ Shannon was best friends to my son Mark, Matthew and Jeff Miller. They were together all the time and always at my house I have such happy memories of Shannon. But one of the most memorable moments was after my husband had passed away Mark and I were in Montana and Shannon and Matthew drove up to Montana in Shannon little car in the dead of winter and bucking snowbanks and they were frozen when they got to my house. In the following days the boys got the snowmobile out and we had a old Bathtub in the garage and they were out there all day with that snowmobile and that old bathtub pulling each other around in circles circles and circles they were having such a good time and I will never forget the happiness that Shannon brought to our family and he will be greatly missed by us. He was such a great guy and so much fun love him always Janice Miller Maher

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**Janice Miller Maher** - November 04, 2021 at 08:42 PM

CH

“ I served with Shannon on various committees at ICTC. Shannon was the best cheerleader for ICTC and the kids who benefited from the various programs offered. His devotion to his students was evident in the stories he told. He was kind, generous, upbeat, and always in a "good mood." Shannon Barnes, I will miss your light and presence in the ICTC family.

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**Connie Hunt** - November 04, 2021 at 09:26 AM

SA

“ Lots of memories as a young boy hanging out with this guy and the Barnes family. We played basketball nonstop. They were like my family back then. A place where I felt safe when home didn't always feel great.

*Shannon was a great man. Love to all during this time.*

*Scott Arnett*

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**Scott Arnett** - November 04, 2021 at 08:27 AM

MJ

“ Melanie Jayne purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Shannon Barnes.



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**Melanie Jayne** - November 04, 2021 at 01:41 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Shannon Barnes.*



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November 03, 2021 at 10:43 PM



“ *To the Barnes family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. I worked with Shannon at ICTC. He was such a masterful teacher. He always popped in to say hey when he was in our building, always had a kind word and a smile. Always eager to help. At times when I had a few minutes, I liked to watch him teach. It was like watching someone create a beautiful piece of art. You could see a light around him.*

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**April C. Murelio** - November 03, 2021 at 04:58 PM



“ *I don't think there is anything to say about Shannon that we all don't already know. Kind, funny, smart, and overall a great person. Through tears of grief we may all share know the people left behind will never forget you. Rest in peace our beloved friend.*

*Sincerely,  
The Stanhope family*

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**Darren Stanhope** - November 03, 2021 at 04:39 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Shannon Barnes.*



November 03, 2021 at 04:21 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shannon Barnes.*



November 03, 2021 at 04:03 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear this... I have known Shannon since I worked for his dad when he owned IGA in Vian. As a child he was so friendly, out going, polite, well mannered and loved people. Shannon was one of a kind, and will be so missed by all that knows him. Amie and Chris my love and prayers are with you both.*



**Dixie (Rook) Jamison** - November 03, 2021 at 03:47 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shannon Barnes.*



November 03, 2021 at 01:47 PM

BW

“ Brooks Leach and Julie Weatherley purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Shannon Barnes.



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**Brooks Leach and Julie Weatherley** - November 03, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ 87 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory** - November 03, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shannon Barnes.



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November 03, 2021 at 12:42 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Shannon Barnes.*



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November 03, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ *I met Shannon through FB about 7-8 years ago through a fitness group we had called the Locker Room. He was such an intelligent man and extremely knowledgeable. He was so helpful always offering solid advice to people. We also became friends outside of the group. People may say or you can't say that he's really a friend. You only know him through FB. Some people you just feel a deep connection to. And I felt that way with him, his brother Chris and his wife Tisha. All great people. I've reached out to Shannon on more than one occasion about advice, He always got back to me right away with excellent advice. I always respected that about him. I watched his kids grow up, his students excel and him act as an excellent role model for everyone in general. You will surely be missed Shannon. God gained a great angel in you. Fly high my brother and watch over your family~*

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**Tammy Cordaro** - November 03, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shannon Barnes.*



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November 03, 2021 at 11:37 AM

CD

“ He was a wonderful Sunday school teacher. I always looked forward to hearing him tell us the history of what we were studying at that time. He had such a passion for the Lord and he was as smart as they come. We will miss him dearly.

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**Cecilee Denton** - November 03, 2021 at 11:16 AM

DC

*My heart is breaking since I heard the passing of Shannon. I can't say enough to describe what he meant to me and my family. He helped build my first home in Gore, he was so young and had that beautiful smile. He stole my heart when I first meet him. He will be dearly missed and always loved and remembered. He has truly made heaven a more beautiful place. See you again Shannon.*

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**Dixie Callison** - November 03, 2021 at 03:39 PM