



Dr. Richard Lee Barnes

May 6, 1936 - January 27, 2020

Dr. Richard Lee Barnes, born May 6, 1936 in Taft, CA passed away on January 27, 2020 in Salt Lake City, UT. Richard (aka Dick), son of Harold and Vera Barnes, is preceded in death by his parents and siblings Roy, Ruth, Dorothy, Mary and Les. Dick was reared in Taft, played trombone in his Taft Union H.S. Band, was selected to attend CA Boys State, graduated from BYU and went on to dental school at Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI. Dick earned the prestigious Gold Foil award while in dental school and went on to become one of the most technically acclaimed dentists in the world. In 1973 Dick founded Arrowhead Dental Laboratories, now one of the largest dental laboratories, and began his career of lecturing worldwide on dental practice management techniques. Dick taught dentists to look at the importance of a patient's need for restorations that were esthetically pleasing. This may be considered common place today but was revolutionary in Dick's early lecturing career. His focus on the confidence, boosts in self-esteem and pure enjoyment patients received by having beautiful smiles created a dental revolution of likeminded dental professionals who affectionately considered themselves as "Barnesified." Dick's hobbies included being an instrument rated pilot, avid fly fisherman and yachtsman. Dick's civic and religious achievements included Kiwanis President, City Council Member in Rialto, CA and Bishop of his Rialto LDS Ward. Dick's children are Kenneth Barnes, Jodie Jones (deceased), Lori Farnsworth, Kevin Barnes, Kelli Gasser, Christian Barnes, Shalise Barnes and Sean Barnes.

Cemetery Details

Crescent Sandy Cemetery

11105 S State St
Sandy, UT

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 15. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Draper 7th Ward
12353 South 600 East
Draper, UT

Funeral Service

FEB 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

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Graveside Service

FEB 15. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *He was the best version of a Tony Robbin's of Dentistry.*

Mike Khanna - May 18, 2024 at 07:14 PM



“ *Dr. Richard Lee Barnes*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *I actually just found out that Dr. Richard L. Barnes passed away and I feel very sad!*

I worked with him for 10 years as an RDA in Rialto, Ca. We had such a great team!

He was on the cutting edge of every new technique and sent his staff to different seminars around the U.S.

My condolences to his lovely family?



Carole Matthews - September 20, 2021 at 02:10 PM



Where is his family now.... Elaine, Jody, Kevin, Kelly....

Carole Matthews - June 02, 2024 at 08:33 PM



They lived in Rialto, Ca

Carole Matthews - June 02, 2024 at 08:34 PM

KB

Hi Carole. Been a long time. I worked for Dick too for 10 years. I worked at the lab then the office that was after you left. Elaine passed and so has Jodie. Chris is running the lab in Sandy. Last I heard the rest are doing well. I stopped by the lab and visited with Dick. That was about a year before he passed! I asked him if he was full of vim, vitality, vigor, good cheer and youthfulness! He would say that everyday when he came in the door to start the day! Did he say that when you were there? Hope you're doing well!

Karen Bryan - May 02 at 01:00 PM

KB

“ *Just found out today of Dr Barnes passing! He will be so missed!! I went to work for him in 1974. Worked at his lab then worked in his dental office in Rialto!! He was always a great boss! I will miss our conversations! When he moved the lab to UT and sold his practice in Rialto. I didn't go! But we kept in touch all these years! Hard to believe it's been 45 years. I remember everyday when he came into the office he would say with a loud and Energized voice is everyone full of vim vitality vigor and good cheer. That was at 6:45am. We would all say YES!! That always got our day going! I will remember all the seminars we did!! Also being around his family.. Good bye to a great man and dear friend!*

Karen Bryan - October 28, 2020 at 07:57 PM

DD

“ Just found out about Dick’s passing today and though was a very sad moment for me I then began to remember all the wonderful things I had learned from him thru the years. About 5 months into starting up my own dental practice I did what was the first of dozens of his great seminars I attended and he truly was my mentor and confidence instiller throughout by long career as a “Barnesified” dentist. He was a wonderful teacher and truly great individual who I will always remember. Sorry to Kevin and Chris and RIP my old friend. David D’Apolito,DMD

David D’Apolito - March 24, 2020 at 03:10 PM

JL

“ Dr. Barnes always exemplified the phrase I heard him say before, “Flexible in procedures, firm in principle.” He truly was a visionary. I am so grateful for having spent time with him, and having learned so much of the esthetic dentistry principles he mastered and shared with others. His legacy will live on through all the lives he has touched, all the dentists he inspired, and all the smiles that were created from his influence. May you forever make others smile. :-)

John Luangrath - February 14, 2020 at 08:22 AM

JW

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stories of his past, his zest for life and his passion for his profession.
His legacy will live on in the heart of every employee. Rest well our
fearless leader!*

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*for following your dream and having the heart
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*And we will do our best to keep it the same
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*So rest well our fearless leader, rest well dear friend
Enjoy the ride until we meet again*

*And when we think of you, we will smile and say
he gave it his all; he did it his way!*

Jennifer S West - February 07, 2020 at 05:29 PM

JH

“ I lost a friend. What started as a work relationship on his vessel Anita became a true friendship.
Dick Barnes will always be Dr. Barnes to me.
He was a gentlemen that taught me to be true to myself and those around me.
He will be sorely missed by me and everyone he touched.
My heart goes out to his wife, family, and all those that knew him.
Jamie Hansen

Jamie Hansen - February 06, 2020 at 11:13 AM

RJ

“ I met Bishop Barnes in 1970 in Rialto as a 21 year old missionary serving in his ward. He was such a unique guy & made such an impression that when I observed an individual in the Burger King in Park City about 25 yrs later I discovered he was Dicks son-his demeanor so exemplified his dad I made the connection that many yrs later. Small world

Randall Jerman - February 05, 2020 at 08:55 PM

DB

“ A mentor, for so many, that mentor now.

Dennis Black - February 04, 2020 at 04:26 PM

DB

“ My wife, Gayla, and I met Dick when he attended the 8th Ward in downtown Salt Lake City, Utah. The 8th Ward is an inner-city ward with many problems. And, although Dick lived full time in the Grand America Hotel, he attended the ward and was open, kind and gracious with all the other members. He was one of the most generous and giving men I have ever met. Go peacefully to your rest, Dick, you have earned it.

David and Gayla Bastian

David Bastian - February 04, 2020 at 02:47 PM

RG

“ I have so many memories of Dick Barnes and his family from my time growing up in Rialto. So many of us in our neighborhood spent many fun summer days swimming with Kelli and Chris in their swimming pool. Unfortunately, I spent many hours over the years in Dick's dentist chair, traumatized by the sound of the drill working on cavities and fillings! Lol My favorite memory with Dick was being the "co-pilot" once when he took our Boy Scout troop up for a flight in his airplane and he let me put the plane into a "surprise" dive that almost scared everyone else to death! I'm glad Dick is flying high and free from pain now. ❤️

Robert Glazier - February 02, 2020 at 07:27 PM



“ I became good friends with Dick during the time we were docked together at Van Isle Marina on Vancouver Island. A worthy captain, and all around good guy. RIP and smooth waters.

John Bosshard III

John Bosshard - January 31, 2020 at 04:49 PM

KC

“ *Kathie & LaMont Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Dr. Richard Lee Barnes*



Kathie & LaMont Carpenter - January 31, 2020 at 12:43 PM

FF

So sorry to see Dick Barnes passing. Years ago we had duck hunted, elk hunted and fly fished together. We were also on Rialto's City council together for a while. Fun guy, private and hard to really tell what was on his mind. Our children were blessed (?) with my big teeth and Susan's, small jaw. Dr. Barnes yanked a number of baby teeth from our kids and not once did any of them cry. TERRIFIC dentist. Be at PEACE, Dick.

Frank Freitas

Frank Freitas - February 03, 2020 at 05:54 PM

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Jennifer S West - February 07, 2020 at 05:08 PM

JK

It is with great sadness that the Taft Union High School has lost another classmate, Dr. Richard Lee Barnes. (Class of 1954). He made our class proud with his many accomplishments in the field of dentistry and was honored by being inducted into the TUHS Hall of Fame in 2019.

Our sincere condolences to the family.

Anne Wilde, Judy Kidd, Doug Hall and the Class of '54'.

Judy Kidd - February 09, 2020 at 01:10 AM

PS

Dick was a special guy with a sense of humor that often begged a question. Always, enjoyed his company and appreciated his insight. Condolences to the family. May He Rest in Peace!

Pat Segnere - February 14, 2020 at 09:03 AM

KM

*Attended the UDA convention today and asked about Dick at the AH booth. Saddened to hear he passed some years back. In 1977 or 78 in Rialto at his seminar I learned how to have confidence in myself while doing crown preps. I was a recent graduate. Thanks Dick. Ken Molen-
January 25, 2025*

Kenneth Molen - January 25, 2025 at 08:17 PM