



Robert 'Bob' Barnhouse

November 19, 1947 - February 9, 2015

Robert "Bob" Barnhouse, age 67, of Bolivar passed away at 6:00pm on Monday, February 9, 2015 at his home after a lingering illness.

He was born November 19, 1947 in Bolivar, the son of William Henry "Barney" Barnhouse and Allean Dorce Lunceford Barnhouse. He was the seventh of eight children in the family. He was a lifelong resident of Bolivar and a member of First Baptist Church in Bolivar.

Bob worked for Bolivar Lumber Co. then bred cows for Curtiss breeding Service and drove bus #6 for Bolivar R-1 Schools. He also worked cattle and caught cattle for local farmers.

His first son Justin, was born in 1975. In 1981 he Married the love of his life, Kelly Phillips and to this union two sons were born; Clayton Jerrad in 1983 and Jason Robert in 1986.

In 1975, he started B&B Wrecker Service and has owned and operated it, raising his boys to take over. There was no job he couldn't handle. He was determined to get the job done. He loved working with his many friends with the Highway Patrol, law enforcement and area rescue agencies.

In 1984, he started B&B trailer Sales selling trailers which turned into B&B

sales where he and the boys sold trailers, hay beds, and farm equipment in 1989 he added B&B Mini Storage and Bolivar Taxi Service, along with being the local U-Haul Dealer for 25 years. Bob's Joy was working with his family on the farms and with the Cattle. He loved to check his cattle and see the new calves born in the spring. He also hauled cattle with the boys for area farmers.

In recent years he enjoyed visiting at the office and looked forward to seeing his many friends drop by.

He is preceded in death by, his parents; William and Allean Barnhouse, two brothers; Bill Barnhouse and Charles Barnhouse. One sister; Doris Blankinship. Three brother in laws; Charles Matthews, John Skidmore and Robert Hood. One nephew; Jimmy Hood.

Bob is survived by his wife; Kelly Barnhouse of the home; three sons; Justin Barnhouse of Bolivar, Clay Barnhouse of Bolivar, and Jason and Lindsey Barnhouse of Bolivar. Three grandchildren; Blair Barnhouse, Millie Barnhouse and JD Barnhouse. Four sisters; Rose Matthews of Springfield, IL; Pat Hood of Bolivar, MO; Janet Skidmore of Springfield, MO; Linda Benner of Independence, MO. Mother and father in law; Jerry and Nina Phillips of Bolivar, MO; two sister in laws; Jan and David Russell of Bolivar, MO and Bernice Barnhouse of Bolivar, MO; one brother in Law; Ray Blankinship and a host of many nieces, nephews and friends.

A Funeral Services for Bob will be held on Friday, February 13, 2015 at 3:30pm at the Butler Funeral Home Chapel in Bolivar, MO. With Pastor Billy Russell Officiating. Burial will follow at the Greenwood Cemetery, in Bolivar. A visitation will be held two hours prior to services on Friday, February 13, 2015 from 1:30-3:30pm.

Services for Mr. Barnhouse are under the care and direction of Butler Funeral

Home in Bolivar, MO.

Friends and Family may send private condolences or sign the guest book at www.Butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert 'Bob' Barnhouse*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Robert 'Bob' Barnhouse*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I have such good memories of Bob and his story telling when he would stop in at the store in Half Way. The Polk County community will surely miss him, I know I will. Keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Fran Shover - March 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kelly I just saw this and I wanted to tell you and the boys how sorry I am for your loss. I have a lot of good memories of Bob when I was at the Sheriffs Dept. He was always there to lend a hand no matter the problem or hour and I am forever gratefull. May GOD comfort you all.*

Stephen Tillery - March 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *We loved Bob!!! We owned Mike's TV in Bolivar for 22 years & moved last year to Oregon to be near Mike's family. Prayers out to all of his loved ones during this most difficult time for all of you.*

Mike & Wanda Green - February 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Please accept our sympathy at the news of Bob's passing. We will miss his ready smile and conversation when we came to pay our bill. He was always good at asking how John was doing.

John & Carolyn Spiegel - February 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ Kelly, I was sorry to hear about Bob's passing. You and the boys are in my thoughts and prayers.

Wayne Covert - February 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Bob was a very special person.

Jerald Andrews - February 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Bob was a pleasure to work with when I dispatched for the sheriff's office & Bolivar P.D. He was a tell it like it is guy and always meant what he said....and did what he said. Of course Greg enjoyed the stories that were told when he stopped by the lot. He will be missed by many and always remembered. So sorry for your loss.

Greg & Theresa (Scurlock) Hunt - February 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ This is Janet's brother who just past a couple days ago. Great man, brother, father, husband, grandpa a person could ask for. Janet's family is also my family. When something happens on her side I feel for all of them. They're great people, easy to talk to, helpful, loving, caring, devoted, always helping out others in need. Doesn't ask for anything but to be grateful for what you have. I love you guys and I'm sorry I can't be there tomorrow

Angela Kostron - February 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Dear Barnhouse Family,
We are sorry for your loss. We will be out of town & unable to attend Bob's visitation/service. We know Bob is at peace now & in no pain. You are all in our Thoughts & Prayers.

Helen & Mike Stanek - February 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ sorry for your lose . we know how you feel

allan and jeniffer pitts - February 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ so sorry for your lose

jody beesley - February 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Bob McChan - February 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Sorry about your loss. Please accept my sypanthy on behalf of my selfand Bolivar Masonic Lodge.

James H. Whitman - February 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Sorry for your loss

Brent Coleman - February 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Was so sorry to hear about Bob. God bless each of you.

Royce Slagle - February 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ My prayers are with Bob's family during this difficult time. We were classmate at Bolivar High School Class 1966.

Joan Moran Jeal - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Kelly and Boys,
Bob was too unique for words. He was always very fair and good to us.
We are sorry for your loss.
Love and Prayers,
Cheryl and Gene Fast

Cheryl Noblitt & Gene Fast - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Thinking of you all during this difficult time. May you find peace and comfort with your family. Prayers,

Colette Potter and Family

Colette Potter - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ I enjoyed knowing Bob as a member of the BHS class of 1966. My sincere condolences to his family.

Jane (Playter)Weiler - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Kelly and Family,

My Symphathy!

Carol Standley

Carol Standley - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family.
Have many memories of being around Bob.

Dan and Judy Carman - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *I am sorry for your loss.*

Sharon Whitman Easter - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Robert 'Bob' Barnhouse*

Dannie and Mary Jane Hubert - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *We will miss Bob. He always had a joke and a story tell. Thoughts
and prayers for the family.*

Doug Maack - February 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *Thinking of you all right now especially you Justin!*

Rhonda Jump - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *My prayers go out to you. Kelly, and your boys. May God give you strength thru this difficult time. God Bless.*

Darlene Haney - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *So sorry for the loss of a good man. Always liked to visit with him.*

Ryan Letterman - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *We are sorry for your loss.
We pray for strength for the family as you face this difficult time.*

Estal & Bonnie Stewart - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *You and your family are in my prayers Kelly.*

Melissa Crites - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *So sorry for your loss, Kelly, Clay & Jason. I'll bet he & Lavern are up there telling lies to each other!*

Mary Moore - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. Bob was a good man and will be missed.*

Donna Sierp-Binns - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ So sorry for your loss. The family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Russell and Lucinda Crouch - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I went to bolivar school's with Bob and he was always pleasant and made everyone around him laugh. He will be missed.
God Bless

Joyce Roark Hahn - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Bob will be greatly missed but he leaves many wonderful memories.
Love & blessings to the family.

Patty Swihart Balaguera - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Harlie and Nancy Gallatin - February 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM