



Lewis "Brant" Barnes

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The State of Arkansas lost its second most ambitious entrepreneur on Friday, January 6th. Lewis "Brant" Barnes, 43, of Tontitown, AR was born on June 28th, 1979 in Mountain Home, AR to Marvin Lewis Barnes and Jana (Love) Barnes.

Brant loved life, loved his family, and loved helping others reach goals they thought unreachable. He grew up in Mountain Home, Arkansas and graduated from Mountain Home High School in 1997, winning the baseball state championship that same year.

Brant went on to graduate from the University of Arkansas in 2001 with a degree in business. He was a huge Razorback fan but especially admired Arkansas's own Mr. Sam Walton (who he would've called Arkansas's most ambitious entrepreneur).

Following in the footsteps of his father, Brant started his business journey by becoming an agent with Shelter Insurance. As with anything Brant got involved in, he wanted to be the best (and usually was). Within a few years he won the Shelter Insurance Agent of the Year in 2009, and never fell far from the top following that achievement.

At his core, he was an entrepreneur and in 2005 added restaurateur to his title when he became a Papa John's Pizza franchisee. He went on to open multiple stores in Mississippi, Arkansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma. To name all the businesses and endeavors Brant was involved in would take a team of writers a month to sort through, but the short list includes: agent, real estate investor, pizza maker extraordinaire, car flipper, pilot, boat captain, travel guide, diamond dealer. Brant worked continuously to push his businesses to the next level. He also pushed himself physically by running more than 1500 miles per year and playing racquetball twice a week at 5:00 AM.

Brant married the love of his life, Leslie Linville, of Memphis, TN in 2004. Per Brant's style, he proposed in Destin, FL and was married on the beach a few days later. Brant loved his daughter Morgan and her independent spirit.



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In 2005 they welcomed their son Lawson to the world. After Lawson's autism diagnosis, Leslie took on the additional role as primary advocate for their son. At the same time Brant redoubled his energy to make sure he could support Lawson as needed. He was so thankful for Leslie and the amount of respect and admiration he had for her was immense. She was his superhero! In the words of B. Barnes, "Buckle up and drive safe!"

He is survived by his wife, Leslie Barnes; his daughter, Morgan Linville of Witter, AR; his son, Brant Lawson Barnes; his parents, Lewis and Jana Barnes of Mountain Home, AR; his sister, Layne Bruce of Atlanta, GA; his sister, Lori Gregory of Mountain Home, AR; his paternal grandmother, Elma Barnes of Searcy, AR; and his two grandchildren, Jadeian and Nova Scott.

On Monday, January 16th, the family will receive friends beginning at 1:00 PM with a Celebration of Life service at 2:00 PM at Real Life Church at 1326 Rossi Road, Mountain Home, AR 72653. A public visitation will be held Wednesday, January 18th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Nelson Berna Funeral Home at 4520 N. Crossover Road, Fayetteville, AR 72764.

A private service for family and a small number of friends in Fayetteville will also take place. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to HALO (Helping Autism Through Learning and Outreach). More information may be found on their website (www.halo-soma.org).



Events


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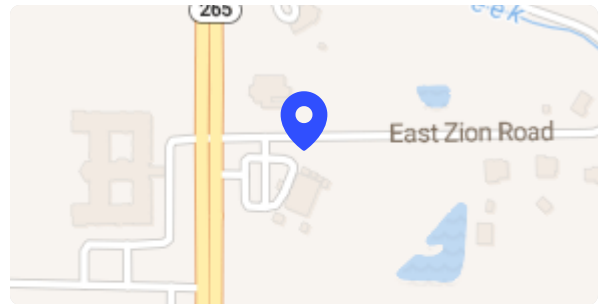
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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, January 18, 2023

 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM CT

 **Nelson-Berna of Fayetteville**
4520 N. Crossover Rd., Fayetteville AR 72703





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Berna Funeral Homes shared a **Webcast Video**.



January 18 at 10:35 AM



Carol Mccorkle posted:

Sending my condolences for your loss.

January 26 at 3:34 AM



Rodney C Turchi posted:

Lewis, JanaSo sorry for your loss. Brant was a great kid. I remember him mostly from the time you came down and stayed with us. I believe it was his senior year 1997 when Mountain Home won the state championship. And of course, from all the great times at the Razorback golf tournament.Rodney & Toni Turchi.

January 20 at 9:33 AM



Mark Zweig posted:

Brant was a truly amazing person. So wide-ranging. So entrepreneurial. Such incredible energy and enthusiasm. Our hearts go out to the family.Mark and Sonya Zweig

January 18 at 1:44 PM



Jeff And Kathleen Ferro lit a candle in honor of Lewis "Brant".

It's been years since we've seen Brant but will always remember his big grin and politeness. He was a special person to all of those that knew him. He'll be missed but memories of him will last forever. Our thoughts and special prayers are with your whole family and close friends!



January 18 at 9:53 AM



Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Barnes family.



January 18 at 7:17 AM



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SS

Steve Snyder posted:

Brant was a light in this world and we are all better people for having known him. Godspeed, brother.

January 18 at 5:47 AM

SH

Steve & Traci Hogan posted:

We didn't know Brant but knowing his parents and sister we're sure the world has experienced a great loss. Comfort, love and and prayers for all of his family Much love, Steve and Traci Hogan

January 18 at 3:05 AM

AW

Allen & Mary Walton posted:

So sorry for your loss.

January 17 at 12:14 PM

JT

Jeremy Turley lit a candle in honor of Lewis "Brant".

Brant, you were one hell of a salesman! Whether it was slinging insurance, Real-Estate, Pizza or the occasional Car or Truck. You always made time for others and I always enjoyed everyone of our 1-2 hour conversations over the years. You were one of my favorite clients and you will be sorely missed!



January 17 at 11:24 AM

JA

Jeremy Turley And Tpc sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Barnes family.



January 17 at 11:16 AM



Anonymous sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Barnes family.



January 17 at 10:07 AM



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CW

Charles Wallace posted:

Brant was an active pilot, aircraft owner and member of the airport community at Fayetteville Drake Field Airport. He will be remembered at the next meeting of the airport board. Charles "Doc" Wallace, Chair, Fayetteville Airport Board

January 17 at 6:00 AM

ER

Erin Booth-O'rear lit a candle in honor of Lewis "Brant".

Jana and Lewis, it's been some time, my mom shared the news of "Brants" passing. Please accept my sincerest sympathy and know that our prayers are with you and the entire family at this time.



January 16 at 1:22 PM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Barnes family.



January 16 at 4:11 AM

EM

Eric & Lori Mathis posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss and your family is in our prayers.

January 16 at 1:15 AM

BK

Bill And Lyn Keaster posted:

Sending our sincere condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

January 15 at 4:38 PM

JW

Jackie Wing posted:

Dear Jana and Lewis my heart breaks for you and your family. I know your pain. You all are in my prayers

January 15 at 9:37 AM



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DB

Dick Bump posted:

I am sorry for your loss and I will continue to keep the entire Barnes family in my thoughts and prayers. Dick Bump

January 15 at 9:12 AM

ED

Eddypeters posted:

So sorry for your loss. We love you guys very much. Eddy and Lujean

January 15 at 7:52 AM

TN

Teresa Nelson posted:

Our deepest condolences for your family's loss. May God comfort you during this very difficult time.

January 15 at 5:43 AM

SR

Sandi And Frank Rhodes sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Barnes family.

January 15 at 4:57 AM



MR

Mike And Dianna Roller lit a candle in honor of Lewis "Brant".

So sorry for your loss. Gone too soon. Sending prayers and comfort. Sincerely, Mike and Dianna Roller Gassville, Ar.

January 15 at 4:26 AM



PR

Paula Roddy lit a candle in honor of Lewis "Brant".

Sorry for your loss Sincere sympathy to all the family Paula Roddy

January 15 at 4:03 AM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lewis "Brant" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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