



## WALTER LELAND BARNES

April 12, 1929 - August 8, 2014

Walter Leland Barnes, 85, passed away Friday, August 8, 2014.

He was a native of Huntington, West Virginia, the former Executive Director of the Chestnut St. YMCA for over 42 years, 1948 graduate of Douglass High School in Huntington, West Virginia, 1953 graduate of Kentucky State University, and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Martha Barnes, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation: 10 a.m. – noon, Thursday, August 14, 2014, at Calvary Baptist Church, 1368 So. 28th Street, funeral service to follow at noon. Burial in Woodmere Memorial Park, in Huntington, West Virginia.

Arrangement entrusted to A. D. Porter & Sons, 1300 W. Chestnut St.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that you make donations to the Chestnut St. YMCA.

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ To Jean Sorry to hear of Walt's passing. He was quite a friend and one of the main reasons I volunteered at the Y. My prayers are with you.

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**Joe Blincoe** - August 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Walt's passing. He was truly a inspiration to me during my YMCA career. Jean you are in our thoughts and in our prayers.

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**Norm** - August 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Walt was a wonderful man who devoted his life to his family and the Chestnut Street YMCA. I had the pleasure of working with him when I was an achiever and no one could work any harder! He deserved to retire, but the "Y" was never the same without him. God Bless his family and especially his wife for sharing him with the community.

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**Clest Lanier** - August 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ My sincerest condolences to the family, friends and lives Mr. Barnes has touched.

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**Ralph Shelburne** - August 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ I have known and worked with Walt since he first came to Louisville in 1954 to work at the Chestnut St YMCA. He has always demonstrated a passion and concern for Louisville's youth, particularly young Black men.

We worked together at the very beginning of the Black Achievers Program and I think he considered it one of his crowning achievements.

He will be missed, and I am pleased to have considered him both a friend and a colleague.

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**Ned Harris** - August 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ Thank you for mentoring me during the YMCA Black Achievers program. I am a product of your work in 1985. Rest well deserved. God bless

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**Felicia Lee** - August 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ A class man. My classmate at KENTUCKY State College 53”

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**Kenneth Combs** - August 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ My condolences and prayers to Jean Sad to see our oldest cousin leaving. But his legend will go on forever. Rest in Peace big Walter Columbus Ohio. Connection saying farewell

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**Michael Barnes** - August 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *WALTER LELAND BARNES*

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**Rosanne Scott Hunter** - August 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *When I was a young exec at the SE YMCA, Walt taught me so much. He was so kind in sharing his remarkable experiences with me. I always felt like I was in the presence of someone special who so humbly and quietly - was changing the world as we knew it through his incredible work with people. We were all honored to know him. His light will live on forever through the generations he has impacted. God blessed us with Walt. Now Walt reaps his much deserved rewards for doing God's work here on earth. Peace to his wife, family and friends.*

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**Theresa McCauley** - August 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *Walt ran a great YMCA. It was great working with him. Martha, please know you're in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

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**Kent Rea** - August 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *God is good he will sustain you God is loving he will comfort you*

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**PETE SHIVELY** - August 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ My life has been tremendously touched by the life of Walter L. Barnes. From him hiring my mother to work for the YMCA CEP Program to my son receiving the Chestnut Street YMCA Service Award named after him. His example of selfless giving lives on in the staff at the Chestnut Street YMCA as well as throughout the world in each every alumni of the Chestnut Street YMCA Black Achievers and all programs. Well done good and faithful servant! Well Done!!!

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**Ria Chandler** - August 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ A Life that has made a difference in so many other lives will be well remembered. A soul that has lifted up other souls and encouraged the climb will be well honored. A person who turned the spirit of God's love into living action will be well revered. Mrs. Lee Anna ,Larry, Linda & Leborah Goodwin

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**Leborah Goodwin** - August 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ A rock in our community. Thank you for your service to the Chestnut YMCA. God gives strength.

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**Carl White** - August 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked with Walt at the YMCA way back in the late 70s/early 80s. He was a fine man and always a pleasure to talk to. My condolences to his family.

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August 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Dearest Jean, Our thoughts and prayers are with you today. All our love, Dave and Stan Rosenthal, Sharon and Mitch Wayne

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**Sharon Wayne** - August 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ A True Louisville Legend and Icon. They don't make Men like Walter L Barnes anymore. He was truly a blessing to my life. God Bless

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**Kevin Wigginton** - August 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM