



Barnard Thorne

February 7, 1931 - February 11, 2022

Bernard Derald, it's was welcomed into the arms of Jesus, Friday, February 11, 2022 at the age of 91 years and 4 days after a long battle with cancer. If you ever checked in and asked him how he was doing he would reply with a big smile and say "I'm blessed", and he truly was a blessed man.

Bernie, as his friends and family called him, was born February 7, 1931 in Lonetree Township, Clay County, Iowa to Dolly (Lorenzon) and John Robert Thorne. He graduated salutatorian from high school. Shortly after graduation, Bernie enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he served from 1950-1954 during the Korean War. While in service, he went to 1 year of EMS school in Treasure Island, CA learning to maintain and repair the electrical components of the radar systems on the ships. He was stationed on the General A.E. Anderson troop transport through 1952. In 1953 he was discharged to serve with new construction detail for the USS Willis A. Lee, DL4. After being discharged in 1954, Bernie moved back home to Iowa to work on the family farm.

On September, 27, 1957, Bernie was united in marriage to Arleen Loreen Prins. They moved to Northwest Arkansas in 1964 where they farmed green beans. In 1985, Bernie started a metal roofing company which he operated for the next 26 years along with help from his son. Later in life, their daughters moved them to Northwest Oklahoma so that they could watch over them. At 81 years young, Bernie, obtained his insurance license and worked in his daughter's insurance office in Alva until finally embracing retirement in 2016. Bernie enjoyed attending the Church of God in Alva, OK, and he was a

member of the American Legion and the Southwest Navion Air Group. In his younger years, he enjoyed flying airplanes. He also loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He was always interested in a round of card games after a family meal and passed on this tradition to his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Jo McDermott, sister Marjorie Scharnberg and her husband Darrell, brother, Herbert Thorne, brother-in-law Don Baumeister, and sister-in-law Charlotte Thorne.

He is survived by his sister Helen Baumeister (Pharr, TX), brother Harold Thorne (Hartley, IA); daughter Joy Haltom and husband Dennis (Alva, OK), son John Thorne and wife Robyn (Cheyenne, WY), son-in-law Donnie McDermott (Dacoma, OK); 12 grandchildren, Hannah Haltom (Alva, OK), Krista Prieto and husband David (Fullerton, CA), Marva Haltom (Glacier National Park, MT), Seth Haltom and wife Claudia (Alva, OK), Daniel Haltom (Winnabego, IL), Jillian York and husband Neil (Dacoma, OK), Ashley McDermott (Woodward, OK), Leah McDermott (Broken Arrow, OK), Wendy Forsythe (Greeley, CO), Kaitlin Thorne (Livermore, CO), Matthew Thorne (Cheyenne, WY), Christopher Thorne (Scranton, PA); and 10 great-grandchildren, Arianna and Ezra Scott, Kalina Prieto, Sofia and Miguel Haltom, Remington and Oakleigh York, Paisley and Ryder Forsythe, and Rylan McDermott; and by numerous extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the
Freedom Gates Boys Ranch
through
Wharton Funeral Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant View Cemetery

Pleasant View Cemetery, OK 73731

Previous Events

Family Visitation

FEB 17. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Wharton Funeral Chapel, LLC.
1302 W. Oklahoma Boulevard
Alva, OK 73717

Funeral Service

FEB 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

Church of God
517 9th Street
Alva, OK 73717

Tribute Wall



“ *Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Barnard Thorne*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - February 17, 2022 at 10:35 PM

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“ *Bernie was always so friendly, greeting others with a smile & calling us by name when he worked at Haltom Insurance. May each of you find peace & comfort in special memories.*



Vaughna Schmidt - February 18, 2022 at 08:49 AM

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“ *Very sorry for your family's loss. Always enjoyed visiting with Bernie. May God be with you in these sad times.*



Jim Scribner - February 17, 2022 at 12:20 AM



“ 92 files added to the album *Barnard Memories Album*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - February 15, 2022 at 07:56 PM

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“ *My deepest condolence to Arlene and family for your loss ! Bernie was an amazing man of great faith and I'll never forget no matter how bad he was feeling , Bernie always told us how blessed he was ! He will be greatly missed !*

Fred and Sherry Riggins - February 14, 2022 at 07:58 PM

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“ *Bernie was a wonderful man. Always was blessed no matter how he really felt.
I am sure he is truly blessed now being in heaven with his Lord. We miss you my friend .
Until we meet again in heaven peace.*

Gary Cue - February 14, 2022 at 07:58 PM

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“ *Fair winds and following seas sailor*

Jim Hurst - February 13, 2022 at 10:18 AM