



## Brian James Barnes

June 13, 1965 - November 17, 2013

Brian Barnes, 48 of Fort Collins, CO died November 17, 2013 at his home. Cremation is planned and a memorial service will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday, November 23, 2013 at Discovery Fellowship Church, 6630 Brittany Drive, Fort Collins. Interment will be in Ottawa, Kansas.

Brian James Barnes was born June 13, 1965 in Ottawa, Kansas to Roy and Denise Barnes, where he was raised on the family farm. He graduated from Ottawa High School in 1983 and went on to Kansas State University in Salina, Kansas to study Civil Engineering & Surveying. He moved to Fort Collins in 1985 and began working for a local engineering firm. His passion was mountain surveying; the more rugged the better. He soon met and married Laura Cecchinelli and together they have a daughter, Kelsey.

Brian worked for many years as a crew chief for the Larimer County Surveying Department. He also owned and operated Precision Land Surveying. He was a devoted father, brother, and friend whose priority in life was to help anyone in need. He was exceptional at wood working, enjoyed dual-sport motorcycling, and spending time hunting, fishing, and visiting family in Kansas. Other favorite activities included shooting sports, cooking, and anything outdoors. Above all, his daughter was his pride and joy.

Brian is survived by his daughter, Kelsey, his mother, Denise Barnes of Baldwin City, KS; three brothers, Kent and wife Carol of Fort Collins, Mark and wife Sandy of Ottawa, KS, and Clayton of Ottawa. He is also survived by nieces and nephews, Cameron, Lauren, Carson, and Kaitlyn Barnes of Ottawa, and Sierra and Rachel Barnes of Fort Collins. He was preceded in death by his father Roy, and his brother Stephen.

Brian's family requests that any memorial donations please be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 400 S. Colorado Blvd. Suite 840. Denver, CO, 80246.

# Events

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**NOV**   **Memorial Service**   10:00AM - 12:00PM  
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Discovery Fellowship

6630 Brittany Drive, Fort Collins, CO, US, 80525

# Comments

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“ My heart goes out to Clay and the Barnes family. I graduated with Brian and he was one of my nicest guys you would ever want to meet. My deepest sympathies goes out to the whole Barnes family. Clay and his family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

**Stephanie Swanson** - December 02, 2013 at 09:02 AM

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“ I remember Brian and the Barnes family well. I have many happy childhood memories of spending time with Denise at their family farm. Brian was such a special person. I am so sorry to hear he is gone.

**Kathleen McGrath** - November 24, 2013 at 03:19 PM

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“ Laurie Betz lit a candle in memory of Brian James Barnes



**Laurie Betz** - November 23, 2013 at 01:35 PM

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“ AARON BOLLINGER lit a candle in memory of Brian James Barnes



**AARON BOLLINGER** - November 23, 2013 at 12:26 AM

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“ Sending my thoughts, my deepest sympathies, and my prayers to Mark and all of the Barnes family. I am so very, very sorry to have learned this sad news. May you find comfort and strength in the love of family, friends, your memories, and your faith during this difficult time. Thinking of you -

Linda Ruggles

Linda Ruggles - November 22, 2013 at 10:43 PM

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“ Cindy Blakeley-Cameron lit a candle in memory of Brian James Barnes



Cindy Blakeley-Cameron - November 22, 2013 at 06:10 PM

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“ I will always remember Brian in a dear and special way because he was a very popular boy in our class who was kind and supportive to me (and to everyone for that matter). During high school, some of the popular kids bullied me, but Brian would never take part in any of that. In fact, no matter what people were saying or doing, and no matter who was involved, Brian was always my friend, regardless. After surviving high school, I graduated from college, started a career, and had a family, but what they say is true--you never really completely recover from the bad way other people made you feel when you were a kid. Maybe Brian understood that because 25 years after we graduated from high school, he contacted me on the Internet.

Even though he was not at all a fan of the Internet or Facebook, Brian set up a temporary Facebook account and sent me a friend request. I never imagined a boy from my class would have done this for me, but Brian did. I was so happy, honored, and flattered that he had contacted me. He asked me how I was doing and wrote such nice comments about me. Our written conversation continued for a couple of hours. I felt incredibly special. Later, I checked his Facebook page and noticed I was one of only four friends he had requested on his account. It felt so good to know that Brian--our Homecoming King, our class President, and the handsome guy that everybody liked--had made me one of his four friends.

For the next few weeks, we continued to write to each other in broken Spanish—a little joke between us since we both had limited knowledge of the language from the one Spanish class we had in high school. Our messages, which were part English/part Spanish, were so humorous that I was always laughing and typing at the same time. After awhile, Brian let me know that writing on the Internet wasn't really his sort of thing, but it was the best way he could think of to check up on me to see how I was doing. I was so touched that he had found his own way to reconnect with me. He was able to make me feel good about myself in a way no other boy in my class had ever done. I felt liked and valued after all. I will always miss you and remember you, dear friend, querido amigo. You are now living among the angels, but you were a true angel here on Earth.

Reposar en paz,  
dulce y maravilloso Brian

Cindy Blakeley-Cameron - November 22, 2013 at 05:57 PM

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“ Janet Roberts lit a candle in memory of Brian James Barnes



Janet Roberts - November 22, 2013 at 03:52 PM

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“ Carol Poage(Smithey) lit a candle in memory of Brian James Barnes



Carol Poage(Smithey) - November 21, 2013 at 04:08 PM

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“ Barnes Family:  
Sending prayers and love your way. From what I know of all the Barnes boys (men) you all share the same winning smile, and very kind and very generous, giving hearts. Its nothing to hear that you all have stepped in to help someone in need and never expect anything in return. My heart breaks for you all. Praying that this hurt will soon pass.

Julie Hendricks Sieve - November 21, 2013 at 08:59 AM

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“ I remember a few years ago Brian came to watch my husband's band play at a local bar in town. Since my dance partner is always behind the drums, I don't typically get an opportunity to dance. I suspect Brian might have gotten a little prodding by his big brother that day, but nevertheless, he came over in his very quiet way and asked me to dance. I remember looking at his bright blue eyes and thinking I couldn't possibly refuse. But up until that point, I had been successfully keeping it a secret that I had no idea how to slow dance.

I'm not sure Brian actually said any words during the dance at all. The music was loud and I kept babbling on about how I had no idea how to dance. Every time I stepped on his toes, he just gave me a shy grin and kept going. When the song ended, I gave him a big hug and thanked him for taking pity on me and told him he was a sweetheart. He just nodded and grinned and walked back to his table. My memory of his pretty eyes, his handsome grin, his sweet demeanor will stay with me forever.

I am sure Brian was loved so much by everyone in his family. For his family members that I know so well - his brother Kent, his sister-in-law Carol, and his nieces Sierra and Rachel - he was a big part of their lives and will be missed. And I'm sure there are countless others whose lives he touched along the way as well.

For the entire Barnes family, please accept our deepest condolences. Brian was a great man who was well-loved by all. We are so sorry for your loss.

With sympathy,

The Tuckers - Lisa, Paul, Chloe and Greta

Lisa Tucker - November 20, 2013 at 09:47 AM