



Franklin Barnum Sr.

September 30, 1943 - August 15, 2025

Franklin “Frank” Barnum, a cherished husband, devoted father, proud grandfather, and honorable U.S. Army Veteran, passed away peacefully on August 15, 2025, at the age of 81. Born on September 30, 1943, in Tallahassee, FL, Frank lived a life marked by love, service, and unwavering dedication to his family, country, and community.

After graduating from high school, Frank answered the call to serve his nation, enlisting in the United States Army. Over the course of 27 years, including several tours in the Vietnam War, he demonstrated exceptional courage, integrity, and leadership. His steadfast commitment and sacrifice left a lasting impression on those who served alongside him and earned him the deep respect of his comrades.

Following his military career, Frank continued to exemplify the spirit of service in a civilian role at Camp Mabry, where his hard work, wisdom, and integrity inspired all who had the privilege to work with him.

Frank’s life was a testament to the values he cherished most: family, friendship, and kindness. He found joy in the simple pleasures of life—watching Westerns, cheering on his favorite football teams, playing bingo, and spending precious time with loved ones. A man of great heart and generosity, Frank was always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need, embodying the essence of compassion and selflessness.

Frank leaves behind an enduring legacy of love and devotion. He is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Sandra Barnum; his children, Frank Jr.,

Henry, Coretta, Glynnis, Marcus, and Franetta; and his grandchildren, Sydney, David, and Kaylie, who will forever hold him close in their hearts. He is also lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends whose lives he touched so deeply. Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Lillie, as well as his brothers, Albert and Richard.

A Celebration of Life Service to honor Frank's remarkable journey will be held at St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church – The North Star (12300 Amherst Drive, Austin, TX 78727) on Saturday, August 30, 2025, at 11:00 AM CST. His legacy of service will be further commemorated with a burial featuring full military honors at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen, TX (11463 Fort Hood Street, Killeen, Texas 76542) on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 11:00 AM CST. Frank's family extends their heartfelt gratitude to The Monarch at Cedar Park, Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home, and Scenic Mountain Medical Center for the compassion and care they provided during his final days.

Cemetery Details

Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery

11463 State Highway 195
Killeen, TX 76542-4945

Previous Events

Celebration Service

AUG 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stephens Baptist Church_The North Star
12300 Amherst Drive
Austin, TX 78727

Tribute Wall

PB

“ Great memories shared with a great man! Grateful to have Frank as a friend. Sandra, you and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Pete, Christine, Reagan & Claire Byers



Peter Byers - August 30, 2025 at 08:49 AM

PB

“ Pete, Christine, Reagan and Claire Byers purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Franklin Barnum Sr..



Pete, Christine, Reagan and Claire Byers - August 30, 2025 at 08:36 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Franklin Barnum Sr..

August 28, 2025 at 08:39 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Franklin Barnum Sr..



August 28, 2025 at 08:39 PM



“ Frank Jr. & Henry Barnum purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Franklin Barnum Sr..



Frank Jr. & Henry Barnum - August 28, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ Glynnis and Family,

We pray for the comfort and peace of God to be with you all as you celebrate Mr. Barnum's life. I am only familiar with Glynnis, but if her spirit reflects her dad's then what a wonderful example of well done. ❤️ You are all in our prayers.

In Christ,
Andrea & Derik Gadson

Andrea Gadson - August 28, 2025 at 09:12 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Franklin Barnum Sr..

August 28, 2025 at 09:08 AM

MM

“ Megan Manning planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Franklin Barnum Sr..

Megan Manning - August 27, 2025 at 02:22 PM

MM

“ Megan Manning purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Franklin Barnum Sr..



Megan Manning - August 27, 2025 at 02:22 PM

RG

“ Roderick and Wendy Gordon purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Franklin Barnum Sr..



Roderick and Wendy Gordon - August 26, 2025 at 05:36 PM

SM

“ Uncle Frank had a powerful presence. I'll never forget the summers that I spent with him, from my BMX bike to eating watermelon, he was more than an Uncle. He took care of me.

Sabrina R. McGregor - August 26, 2025 at 12:33 PM



“ *The Zanzarella Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Franklin Barnum Sr..*



The Zanzarella Family - August 25, 2025 at 07:04 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Franklin Barnum Sr..*



August 25, 2025 at 09:53 AM