



## Bill Barnette

February 12, 2008

Walhalla, SC—Billy Joe “Bill” Barnette, 70, husband of Carolyn Elliott Barnette, of 207 Lakeside Drive, Walhalla, died Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at Oconee Memorial Hospital, Seneca.

Born in Prattville, Alabama, Mr. Barnette grew up in Inman, SC. He was the son of the late William W. and Mary Kate Spencer Barnette. He was a graduate of Chapman High School in Inman, SC; received a B.M. Ed. Degree at Louisiana State University; and earned an M.S. degree from Western Carolina University. Mr. Barnette served in the 525th U.S. Air Force Band. He served as Band Director of Walhalla Schools for 27 years and retired from the School District of Oconee County Technology Department in 2000. Mr. Barnette was a former member of Walhalla Lions Club and a member of MENC. He was a member and former Deacon of the Walhalla Presbyterian Church.

In addition to his wife of 50 years, Mr. Barnette is survived by brother, S. Eugene Barnette and wife, Elizabeth DeFrehn Barnette of Pinehurst, NC; sister, Sandra Barnette Godwin and husband, Hilton H. Godwin of Prattville, AL; several nieces and nephews; and his beloved pets, Katie and Molly.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 PM, Thursday, February 14, 2008 from Walhalla Presbyterian Church with a private interment to follow in Heritage Memorial Gardens, Westminster.

The family will receive friends from 1-2:00 PM, Thursday, February 14, 2008 at the church prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to Walhalla Presbyterian Church for the Xpujil Mexico Mission Trip, P.O. Box 917, Walhalla, SC 19691 or to the charity of one's choice.

The family is at the residence.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bill Barnette*

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January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Mr. Barnette was my of course my band teacher and I have alot of great memories being in the band. I am sorry to hear of your loss and my heart is with you. With warm regards, Inger Thompson##imported-begin##Inger Thompson##imported-end##*

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February 21, 2008 at 07:11 PM



“ *Mr. Barnette was a great band director and man. Some of my fondest memories are of being in band at Walhalla Middle and High Schools. I was always amazed with his music arrangements and his gift for the marcing band field show designs. He was a truly dedicated teacher. Mrs. Barnette, you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Tracy Chalmers Garcia##imported-end##*

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February 16, 2008 at 08:54 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you and your family. We both thought so highly of Bill, especially when our computers were not cooperative. It was always a pleasure to have this gentle man guide us through our technological problems. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Gil and Pat Huggins##imported-end##*

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February 14, 2008 at 08:34 PM



“ Carolyn,  
My deepest sympathy!  
Mr. "B" was a very positive influence on my life growing up in  
Walhalla.  
I started band at Pine Street Elem. in the 5th grade and all the way  
thru to High School, what a time we all had!!  
He will be missed.  
Sincerely, Bob Zetwick###imported-begin##Bob Zetwick###imported-  
end##

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February 14, 2008 at 01:09 PM



“ Carolyn: It is with sadness that we learned of the passing of Bill. We  
shall always remember Bill and his zest for the bands at WHS. He  
even talked me into going with them to band camp one year as a  
chaperone! Later, he was my tech support person for the district and  
always handled every item with dignity. May God bless and comfort  
you during this time. We know that the music in heaven is being  
enjoyed by a master musician himself.

God Bless###imported-begin##Larry and Martha LeCroy###imported-  
end##

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February 14, 2008 at 12:54 PM



“ My condolences and prayers go out to the family of Bill Barnette. I  
was privileged to know him through our employment with the  
Oconee School District. He was highly respected by all who knew  
him. He will be greatly missed.###imported-begin##Larry  
Crain###imported-end##

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February 14, 2008 at 12:15 PM



“ I recall a gentle man, quiet in nature and loving to his beautiful bride. Loved the smell of his pipe. He will be missed by all.

Carolyn, you are and always have been surrounded by family that loves you dearly. Lean on them now in your time of need. They will be a source of strength for you and will help lift you up. My Prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Ted Smith##imported-end##

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February 14, 2008 at 11:38 AM



“ Carolyn, I am so sorry to learn of Bill's passing. He was such an inspiration to my children as he taught all three from middle school through high School. I fondly remember Band Parents. I shall pray for strength and peace for you. Take care of yourself, my friend.##imported-begin##Katherine Grant##imported-end##

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February 14, 2008 at 09:45 AM



“ Sending our deepest sympathy over the loss of Bill.

Allen, Sherry & Zeke Moore##imported-begin##Sherry Moore##imported-end##

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February 14, 2008 at 09:11 AM



“ Carolyn, I enjoyed working with you and Biil during your times with the school district. I want you to know that you are in my prayers this day and for future days to come. I fwe can be of assistance in any way please feel free to give us a call. I can be reached at 886-4423.##imported-begin##Wayne Putnam##imported-end##

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February 14, 2008 at 08:30 AM



“ Carolyn, Cathy and I share in your grief and we praise God that he has you in His hands for safe keeping. We mourn the lose of Bill, but celebrate in all the lives he has touched in a positive way. May God bless you and your family in this time.##imported-begin##Steve Willis##imported-end##

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February 13, 2008 at 05:28 PM



“ Please accept my condolences. I was so sorry to hear this news. Mr. Barnette helped guide me through middle and high school and the lessons he taught me continue to help me.

*I play the trumpet to this day in my church orchestra and think of him almost every time I open my instrument case (I still use the same trumpet I did in high school - that he even played a few times).*

*Rest well teacher and friend.##imported-begin##Barry Loudermilk##imported-end##*

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February 13, 2008 at 04:44 PM



“ Dear Carolyn,

*My heart goes out to you in this time of sorrow. Mr. Barnette was a steady influence in my life growing up. He was a great music teacher. I will never forget his wisdom.##imported-begin##Keith Duncan##imported-end##*

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February 13, 2008 at 03:26 PM



“ *Dear Carolyn,  
Please know that you are in our prayers now and in the weeks to  
come. We grieve with you and for you.*

*From the Heart  
Doug and Kay Deal###imported-begin##Doug and Kay  
Deal###imported-end##*

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February 13, 2008 at 01:13 PM