



McCauley "Mac" Ford Barnes Jr.

March 14, 1939 - January 28, 2025

McCauley Ford Barnes Jr. "Mac"

3/14/1939 - 1/28/2025

Born and raised in Orlando, Mac graduated from Boone High School in 1957. After serving a short time in the United States Army Reserves, he went on to study at Emory University and the University of Georgia. He was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity and graduated from Emory in 1965 as a Doctor of Dental Surgery. Mac moved back to Orlando, where he practiced dentistry for 52 years until his retirement in 2017.

Mac was a collector of all things and an avid outdoorsman that enjoyed hunting, shooting, fishing, and golf. Other interests included running road races in Orlando, the Single Action Shooter's Society, men's bible study, weekly lunches with lifelong friends, and UGA football. He had an amazing personal fitness routine his entire life, a passion for cooking his favorite meals, and loved a good steak dinner at Linda's La Cantina or Christner's.

Mac loved and cared so much for his family. He also cared for so many through his many friendships and dental practice. He had a great sense of humor and loved laughing with his buddies. Mac was a loving husband, father, and grandfather and known by many as "Gun Dawg", "Jogger", and "Poppy".

Mac was predeceased by his parents, Alice and Mac Sr. and brothers, Billy and Whit. Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Marlene, daughters Adair Owen (David) and McCauley Braswell, son Trey (Robyn), and grandchildren Sydney, Reece, Carter, and Austin.

A memorial service and reception will be held on February 26th at 11am at First Presbyterian Church of Orlando located at 106 E Church St, Orlando 32801.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a charitable donation to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the Wounded Warrior Project.

Tribute Wall

TN

“ *Terri Nelson lit a candle in memory of McCauley "Mac" Ford Barnes Jr.*



Terri Nelson - June 05 at 05:29 PM

TN

Dr. Barnes was great. I worked for him temporarily, While his dental assistant was out on maternity leave and he and his wife gave me a parting gift, a lunch cooler with 2 lobsters in it and his lobster recipe. Over the years, I have thought that about their kindness, many times. You shined a light in my life, thank ypu.

Terri Nelson - June 05 at 05:31 PM

LB

“ *Love, Marvin & Marcy Best purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of McCauley "Mac" Ford Barnes Jr..*



Love, Marvin & Marcy Best - February 08, 2025 at 08:35 PM

GI

“ *Ginny lit a candle in memory of McCauley "Mac" Ford Barnes Jr.*



Ginny - February 08, 2025 at 09:26 AM

GI

“ *Mac and Marlene were our neighbors for couple of years. We had a lot of fun. Mac was mine and my husband's dentist also. Sorry to hear of his passing, he was a great guy!*

Ginny - February 08, 2025 at 09:25 AM

JH

“ *We miss you coming down to the Gun Range all of the time after your breakfast with your friends. Oak Ridge Gun Range John, Jeannie, Taylor, Steve, Bob and Jennifer Per your request, we will send a donation to St. Jude.*

JOHN R HARVEY - February 03, 2025 at 02:14 PM

DW

“ I believe I met Mac in 1987 at the South Eastern Wildlife Show in Charleston SC. I was a new Knife maker and Mac became one of my first customers. In the coming years Mac and Marlene became not only customers but great friends to my wife/business partner Karen and me. Normally we would see them about twice a year. Once in Orlando and then again in Charleston. Mac was always one of our most enthusiastic collectors and acquired many of our best pieces. His collection was always on display in his home when we would visit. We will always remember him for his love of his family and friends his sense of humor and his eye for art items that were also functional tools. Later as his love of Cowboy Action Shooting grew, we missed seeing Mac and Marlene at the Shows. Gundawg was hooked on SASS and seemed to thrive in this lifestyle. Mac also never passed an opportunity to help with our support of the US Military and personally purchased equipment for our US Navy SEALs. He developed a personal relationship with Master Chief Thomas Ratzlaff. Another close friend. Unfortunately "Rat" was killed in action on August 6th 2011.

Mac was also there to help with a memorial for all the Service men who perished on Extorsion 17. I mention this because Mac was so proud to help the US Military any way he could and I want everyone to know he never missed a chance to show his support for what he believed in.

Mac will be missed and his memory will never perish. God bless Mac, Marlene and their family. Our lives are better for having known you.

Daniel Winkler

Daniel Winkler - February 03, 2025 at 01:10 PM

CD

“ Carl & Kathy Durkee lit a candle in memory of McCauley "Mac" Ford Barnes Jr.



Carl & Kathy Durkee - February 01, 2025 at 10:21 AM

CD

I started seeing Dr. Mac, Jr. in the early 70's when I moved to Orlando. I loved him as my Dr and as a wonderful person. He is in fact the most highly skilled dentist I ever had. I trusted him so much that, at my request, he did all my dental work without shots. It was perfect every time. I share this because it tells me of the caliber of man he was, not just as a professional, but as a human being. There was nothing phoney in him. He lived in faith and truth. His marvelous smile always gave me joy! He genuinely cared about his patients. I can't believe it's been 50 years and I will miss him and remember him for more! My deepest sympathies to the Barnes family. I pray the good LORD will bless all of you who mourn and wrap you in his peace and give you comfort. ❤️🙏

Carl & Kathy Durkee - February 01, 2025 at 10:38 AM

CW

*Mac was a great friend--starting in second grade--and our excellent forever dentist.
We will miss him. Charley and Linda Wells*

Charley and Linda Wells - February 02, 2025 at 07:55 AM

JM

*I too met Mac in second grade and enjoyed his friendship as Boone '57 buddies. I moved away after that, but always enjoyed reminiscing with him at every reunion. His laugh was infectious, and he laughed a lot. Mac was friendly, kind, genuine—and cute. 😊
I welcome the opportunity to pay tribute to a fine man, and to add my deep condolences to the many sent to Marlene and his children,*

Jean(Mrs.Harris) Donnelly Maclay

Jean Maclay - February 03, 2025 at 01:31 PM

KW

“ *Kathleen Ward sent a virtual gift in memory of McCauley "Mac" Ford Barnes Jr.*



kathleen ward - January 31, 2025 at 07:11 PM

KW

“ *Kathleen Ward lit a candle in memory of McCauley "Mac" Ford Barnes Jr.*



kathleen ward - January 31, 2025 at 07:09 PM