



## Dean Barnett

May 21, 1930 - October 27, 2015

John Dean Barnett, 85, died 27 October 2015. He was born 21 May 1930 in Payson, Utah, to George A and Frances Clare Harper Barnett. His family moved to Murray when he was ten years old. He graduated from Murray High School and received B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in physics from the University of Utah. He married Joan Casper 15 September 1954 in the Salt Lake Temple. They moved to the Provo area in 1958 when he joined the Physics Department faculty at Brigham Young University, where for thirty-seven years he taught classes, developed hands-on equipment for physics laboratories, and conducted experimental research on solids subjected to high pressure. His office door was always open to students. He was the recipient of the U of U Sigma Xi Research Award and the BYU Karl G. Maeser Research Award. In graduate school he worked summers at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D. C., at the National Atomic Reactor in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and for General Electric Company in Hanford, Washington. He spent sabbatical leaves at the U.S. Army Electronics Laboratory in Eatontown, New Jersey, and at the National Bureau of Standards in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

He was a faithful member and served in many positions in the LDS Church, including missionary in the Southwest Indian Mission, stake missionary, scoutmaster, ward building representative, high priest group leader, ward clerk, high councilor, stake clerk, bishop of the BYU 55th Ward, and bishop's counselor and bishop in the Pleasant View First Ward. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Growing up as the son of a building contractor, he learned to work and developed skills in building and repairs. He carried those abilities throughout his life. He found satisfaction in helping others and made particular effort to assist widows and others in the ward with home repairs and maintenance. He was a creative problem solver. He designed his own home as well as complex scientific equipment for conducting his physics research. For many years he contended with profound hearing loss, and the last ten years of his life he struggled with Parkinson's Disease.

He is survived by his wife Joan; children Teresa, Brent, Kathleen (Joseph) Stanford, Alan,

Cheryl (Robert) Davis, and Russell; 22 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and brother Max Barnett. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Afton, brother Don, and granddaughter Bonnie Walton.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, November 7th, at 11:00 am, at the Pleasant View Chapel, 650 East Stadium Avenue, Provo, Utah where Viewings will be held Friday, November 6th, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and prior to services on Saturday from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Interment in Provo City Cemetery, 610 South State Street, Provo, Utah.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Scholarship Fund, Physics Department, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602.

# Cemetery

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## Provo City Cemetery

610 South State Street  
Provo, UT, 84606

# Events

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**NOV 6 Viewing 06:00PM - 08:00PM**

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Pleasant View Chapel

650 East Stadium Avenue, Provo, UT, US

**NOV 7 Viewing 09:30AM - 10:30AM**

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**NOV 7 Funeral Service 11:00AM - 12:00PM**

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Pleasant View Chapel

650 East Stadium Avenue, Provo, UT, US

# Comments

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“ Dear Joan and Family,

Dean was a "Dear Friend."  
So Many Wonderful Memories . . .

"What Greater Goodness Can We Know  
Than Christ-like Friends, Whose Gentle Ways  
Strengthen Our Faith, Enrich Our Days . . ."

- Hymn #293

Thoughts and Prayers Are With You  
From Our Family,  
May Heavenly Father Comfort and Guide . . .

Sincerely, Bob and Yvonne Halliday

**Robert K. Halliday** - November 07, 2015 at 09:18 AM

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“ Interesting, that just a glance at a picture can take a person back seventy years or more! Joan, I am remembering your sparkling eyes and infectious smile. It's no wonder Dean lost his heart to you.. I was only a little younger than you, and it was fun, watching - in ward and stake events - as your romance with Dean blossomed.

I remember your singing with other cute gals - in the Murray ward and in high school events. I know you had a reputation as a real scholar! ~ Such an appropriate life-partner for Dean! I sometimes wondered how he could read all those big, heavy books he carried on his hip!

It appears that not many miles have separated us, yet our paths never crossed after high school. Well, your dear husband's pictures, in the newspaper, brought "everything" back to me. I just want to express my warm feelings for you and for your dear family. May the comfort of the Holy Ghost be and abide with you at this temporary time of parting.... until you are once again with your sweetheart, to continue your eternal romance.

Sincerely,

JoAnn (Eddington) Nichol  
Murray Class of '55

**JoAnn Nichol** - November 05, 2015 at 02:31 PM

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“ I remember when I started dating Grandpa's grandson, Matthew Stanford. We were holding hands, and Grandpa warned, "Be careful, because that will get you in trouble." On our wedding day, he walks up to us and says, "See, I told you holding hands will get you in trouble."

When we visited Grandpa and Grandma Barnett a few weeks ago, Grandpa told me that he was writing his life history. I told him that I wanted to read it. He said, "There is some stuff about my work in the physics department. That will bore you to death. You'll want to read about my favorite subject in the world. You'll want to read about my children, and grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Did you know I have 10 great grandchildren now?" Grandpa Barnett, I love you so much! I am grateful to be part of your eternal family!

Kira Ann Stanford



**Kira Stanford** - November 03, 2015 at 12:00 PM