



James Franklin Barnette

March 2, 1946 - July 27, 2026

A full obituary will be posted when available.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

AUG **14.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619

Visitation

AUG **15.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Immanuel United Methodist Church
102 Schoolhouse Lane
Grasonville, MD

Funeral Service

AUG **15.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of my friend and North Mecklenburg High School classmate, Jim Barnette, on July 27, 2026. Jim and I first knew each other as teammates on the North Meck football field, where his steady presence and quiet determination made him someone you could always count on.



After graduation, our paths crossed again in uniform. Jim served in the U.S. Air Force from 1968 to 2006, a remarkable span of dedication and patriotism. I was also serving in the Air Force, and both of us spent time in Vietnam during those difficult years. Knowing Jim was out there—doing his duty with the same strength and integrity he showed on the football field—meant more than he ever knew.

In recent decades, Jim and I reconnected through our Class of '64 reunions, sharing stories, laughter, and memories of the long road we had traveled since our high school days. This year, at our 80th Birthday Reunion, we had the chance to catch up even more. Jim's warmth, humor, and genuine kindness were as strong as ever. It was a gift to spend that time with him.

Jim lived a life of service—to his country, to his family, and to everyone fortunate enough to call him a friend. My deepest condolences go to his Mildred, his daughter and son, and all who loved him. I take comfort in knowing that his legacy of strength, loyalty, and friendship will continue to shine brightly.

Rest well, Jim. You served your country with honor, and you walked through life with heart. It was a privilege to walk part of that road with you.

Rick Hyman - 2 hours ago