



Robert William Barnard

February 27, 1933 - March 14, 2021

Robert W. Barnard passed away quietly Sunday in a local care home. He was born in Mankato, Minnesota, and has lived in Benicia since 1996. Bob served as a medic in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and, following his discharge, he attended Mt. San Antonio Community College in Walnut, California, and later U.C. San Francisco, where he earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree. He worked as a pharmacist for more than 38 years, many of those in San Francisco, including at Bowerman's Pharmacy and, later, St. Joseph's Hospital. For the final 10 years, he served as Chief of Pharmacy at San Quentin Federal Prison.

Bob was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Benicia. He also was an avid hunter and fisherman, Civil War buff, and enjoyed panning for gold.

He is survived by his wife Kay; son Charles Barnard and his two grandchildren Jasmine & Vanessa Barnard; daughter Kristin (Bruce Folsom) Barnard; stepchildren Glen Martin and Laurie Shaw; sisters Priscilla Berge and Sandy Behnke,

Private Services will be at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in the family plot in Minneapolis, MN.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert William Barnard*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM

“ On the 1st day of January 1955, my brother, Robert William Barnard, wrote in his diary:

“May God be with me now and in the years ahead. To guide and to show me the way. Make me a better man, and a Christian, citizen and civilian. Amen.”

On Sunday the 14th of March 2021, I spoke to my brother on the phone. I said, “Bob, I think you are on your way to heaven. Do you understand me?” He answered, “Yes.”

A few hours later, his aged body, ravaged within by Covid, succumbed to pneumonia. My brother is at peace now. I will carry him in my heart, forever.

When he wrote the above prayer in his diary, he was two months shy of being twenty-two. He had only been home about a week from serving as a medic in the U.S. Army in Germany. His father, George Hilliard Barnard, his mother, Harriette Alexandria Irwin, and his two sisters, Priscilla Ann Barnard and Sandra Ellen Barnard, all born in Minnesota, welcomed him home to Pomona, California.

His move to San Francisco and his life as a pharmacist, twice a husband, a father, grandfather, God-father, step-father and multiple times an uncle, cousin and friend, lay ahead of him. So many memories to share over the years.

I and other family members are making online donations to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Benicia, CA in his memory. If others choose to do so also, see: <https://www.stpaulsbenicia.org> and be sure to add a note "in memory of Robert William Barnard."

Love, his sister, Priscilla Ann Barnard Russo Berge

Priscilla Berge - April 01, 2021 at 04:39 AM