



## Mr. James Thomas Barnes

June 11, 1940 - December 2, 2018

### His Story:

James Thomas Barnes Sr. "Tucker" was born on June 11, 1940 to parents Merlin Barnes and Della Moore in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

James Barnes Sr. "Tucker" attended public school and was voted best dressed in his high school class. He graduated from P.W. Moore Sr. High School in 1961. Then he joined the US Navy in January 1962. He attended boot camp in Great Lakes, Illinois. He was later stationed in Tennessee, Florida and Virginia, he served proudly and received a honorable discharge in May 1966. Upon discharge he left North Carolina and moved to Michigan for a career in the automobile industry. He worked for Detroit Diesel and retired after 30 years of service.

James Thomas Barnes Sr. "Tucker" married his high school sweet heart Pearlie on April 8, 1962. They were married for 56 years and blessed with three children: James Barnes Jr., Ronald Barnes and Yolanda Renee Barnes.

James Thomas Barnes Sr. "Tucker" loved to cook especially on holidays. But his passion was gardening. He always had a vegetable garden and many flowers and plants in the yard and inside the house. Even in his last days he would be in the garden planting seeds and pulling weeds.



# Cemetery Details

## Detroit Memorial Park West

25200 Plymouth Road  
Redford Twp., MI 48239

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Wednesday, Dec. **5**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Thursday, Dec. **6**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
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## Funeral Service

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Thursday, Dec. **6**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Thomas Barnes*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Saundra Sutton, Ed.D. lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Thomas Barnes*



**Saundra Sutton, Ed.D.** - December 06, 2018 at 01:20 PM



“ *Pearlie and family,  
May the memories of Tucker keep him alive in your hearts and minds, and may the prayers of his friends and classmates bring comfort to each of you. I will forever remember the days at PW Moore and life in Elizabeth City with Mrs. Carleigh, Lena and Snook. Be blessed.  
Saundra Gibson Sutton, Ed.D.*



**Saundra Sutton, Ed.D.** - December 05, 2018 at 09:39 PM



*To Aunt Pearlie  
I will miss Tucker especially when I call and he answers and all I have to say is auntie in and he knew it was me I remember the first time we met he had that quiet smile . There's no more flying down the highways breaking records to get home now he is resting and can take his time. Rest in peace cousin your work has been done no more pain or anything anymore.  
Love Jacquelyn Reid and the Reid family*

**Jacquelyn Reid** - December 07, 2018 at 10:52 AM