



Jeremy Lee Barnette

August 31, 1979 - November 29, 2023

Jeremy Lee Barnette, 44, passed away November 29, 2023.

A native of Spartanburg, son of Jerry Leon and Anita Phillips Barnette of Campobello, he was an educator for Blue Ridge Middle School and a member of His Vineyard. Jeremy was an exceptional musician who played multiple instruments. Jeremy served on staff previously at Motlow Creek Baptist Church as the After-School Coordinator, Children's Minister, and Administrator. Jeremy earned his undergraduate degree in Church Music and Master's in Education from North Greenville University. Jeremy led the Blue Ridge Robotics – 29651 team to a first place win at the State Championship in 2022. The teams have also competed at the Vexs World Competition and in addition won numerous other awards.

Also surviving are his wife, Melissa Merritt Barnette; son, Michael Devan Patterson Barnette and his wife, Halley; and Jeremy's dog, Blu Barnette.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 4:00 p.m. Monday, December 4, 2023, at His Vineyard in Greer, SC, conducted by Dr. Keith Kelly.

Honorary escort will be the educators of Blue Ridge Middle School.

Visitation will be held after the service at the church.

The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to Blue Ridge Middle School Robotics, My School Bucks, 2423 E. Tyger Bridge Road, Greer, South Carolina 29651.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 4. 4:00 PM (ET)

His Vineyard
656 Arlington Road
Greer, SC 29651

Tribute Wall

DA

“ I had Jeremy in my robotics class in sixth and seventh grade, he always cared about all of us so much, and so his passing hit all of us like a truck. I remember sitting in that media center trying not to cry, but it was impossible, he made a huge impact on my mindset for class, school, and everything in between in the best way ever possible. If I could go back to do one thing then it would be to thank him, sincerely and lovingly. So thank you barney, for the best experiences of middle school ever!

-Dane Campbell

Dane - December 29, 2024 at 09:53 PM

MA

“ barney was my favorite teacher you made school fun for me you were always my favorite and I will miss you my best friend and you made me happy and I know you are looking over all of your students and you made everything fun and you were like my mentor you made me bl eve in my self when I said I cant do it you said I can do it and you were the best and kind to me you made me happy barney you were the best thank you for being their for me good bye barney I'm glad i had you as my teacher I just wont to say thank you. you were the best hope your watching over us rest easy now barney and good bye.

Maxwell - December 14, 2023 at 02:07 PM

JH

“ *Man, I was Supposed to have him for Robotics and Science of Technology next Semester at BRMS, But he has left us for the Sky above, a Better place, Hopefully with that awesome beard he has.*

R.I.P Barney, Lover of Dinosaurs, Robots, Science, and the people met along the way of his amazing life.

Jayden Hernandez - December 05, 2023 at 09:02 PM

NH

“ *Mr Barnette was one of my best teachers. A specific memory is when he was passing out pies in class on pi day. His class was really fun. I'm sad that no one will ever be able to experience that class the way we lucky students of his did. Mr Barnette always made class fun. It was really hands on, and he always helped if you needed it. Thank you, Mr Barnette. 💙💙*

Nancy Holcombe - December 05, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jeremy Lee Barnette.*



December 04, 2023 at 02:26 PM

SS

“ *To Melissa and Family-*

We just want to send our deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family. Mr. Barnette was a very special friend and a teacher to my boys, Owen and Evan. They were both involved in Robotics and his classes at BRMS. He made such an impact on their lives and went over and beyond helping them succeed. We loved our time with him in Robotics and our time together at LHBC chaperoning the Youth. He will be greatly missed, but our sweet memories we will treasure forever.

Shea and Adam Shealy, Owen and Evan Shealy

Shea Shealy - December 04, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jeremy Lee Barnette.*



December 04, 2023 at 10:07 AM

WS

“ *Wayne and Sharon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeremy Lee Barnette.*

Wayne and Sharon - December 04, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeremy Lee Barnette.*



December 04, 2023 at 07:04 AM



“ *Mr. Barnette was an amazing and super supportive Robotics Teacher who helped his students grow. We will never forget the impact he made on BRMS.*
- Corrina Giacalone

Thank you, Mr. Barnette. You have inspired my daughter and so many other children through your teaching, caring, and energy. You are one of Corrina's favorite teachers ever, and I know that she'll never forget you. Wishing your family peace at this difficult time.

Katie Callahan - December 03, 2023 at 05:51 PM



“ *A truly wonderful robotics teacher who is missed greatly by his students. Barney you were such an encouragement and supporter of all the Blue Ridge Middle kids. You were his favorite teacher and made school fun.*



Janet Howell - December 03, 2023 at 03:48 PM

BL

“ You were more than a Teacher to our son, you were his Mentor. Carson idolized you and was always talking about you. We often heard him confess that “Barney is my favorite Teacher ever.” Our Family is deeply saddened by your passing, but we know that you are in Heaven watching over your students. Thank you for making your classroom a safe space for ALL of your students. We will always miss you!!

Ben and Heather Ludwick - December 03, 2023 at 10:31 AM

BM

“ There are teachers that one will remember for the rest of their life. The teacher that made learning fun and easy. The teacher who taught the class you looked forward to going to. My children experienced robotics with Mr. Barnette and he will always be that teacher for them. Your presence meant so much to my children’s lives. Our house mourns your loss, but we also have talked in happiness and laughter in your memory. A person who touches someone’s life that they take those memories with them for the rest of their lives, is what a teacher should always strive to do. Mr. Barnette has done that to many students who came through Blue Ridge Middle school. Thank you for your contribution in your life to so many. You will always have a place in the hearts of everyone in my family and will be remembered always.

Brendan McGrane - December 02, 2023 at 10:48 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Jeremy Lee Barnette.



December 02, 2023 at 07:52 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Jeremy Lee Barnette.*



December 02, 2023 at 07:46 PM



“ *You were a 2nd dad to me.*

Eli Tracy - December 01, 2023 at 08:46 PM



“ *Mr. Barnette was the best teacher I've ever hade. He was such a funny and loving guy who made things better whenever times were tough. I love you Mr. Barney ❤️*

Eli Tracy - December 01, 2023 at 08:44 PM



“ *My son took his class and loved the class but more so loved him. I remember a Friday afternoon , my son came home upset about an incident with another student in Mr Barnette's class. I emailed Mr. Barnette anticipating that I would get a phone call back in Monday. Within minutes of sending the email my phone rang. Mr. Barnette had taken the time to call me on a Friday night because he was worried about my son, he did more than teach GTT, he made his students feel important and cared deeply for them. There are no words that will make his loss easier, but with time I hope you all find some peace in knowing that he touched so many lives.*

Theresa A Spooner - December 01, 2023 at 07:48 PM

DW

“ *In lasting memory of Jeremy as he was a student at Mabry Junior High School 1991-1993...
Prayers for his family during this difficult time!!
-- David E White, Teacher/Administrator MJH*



David White - December 01, 2023 at 07:31 PM

SD

“ *Jeremy, I'm not sure how to deal with your passing. I know I can't accept it yet. I remember how delighted I was when I was ready to retire from choral music and you wanted to take over the program. I knew the program I had spent almost 10 years developing would be in good hands. I knew you would love the students like I did, and that meant the world to me. You and Fox have made heaven a better place.*

Sharon Dunn - December 01, 2023 at 05:55 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jeremy Lee Barnette.*



December 01, 2023 at 04:56 PM

LC

“ *rip mr barnette 🕊️😞 you were the best robotics teacher*

Liam Carr - December 01, 2023 at 03:35 PM

KC

“ All 3 of my daughters attend Blue Ridge Middle School and 2 of them have grown to know Mr. Barnette. My oldest daughter Angelina has been crying for the past 2 days she has really took it hard because she said mom he wasn't just my teacher he was my friend he took the time to listen and understood me. Please know that your whole family is in our prayers. I know Mr. Barnette will be deeply missed by so many. Fly high Mr. Barnette until we meet again

Kayla Carrillo - December 01, 2023 at 02:55 PM

AB

“ Jeremy Barnette touched lives he didn't even know, he had a good heart and loved others more than himself his heart was for his kids that he taught and I will never forget the impact he made on my sons life during the 3 yrs of middle school. He loved him like his own, he fought for him and supported his decisions and valued his opinions that means so much to my son. Jeremy you will be missed, thank you for putting others before yourself now your with your KING enjoying heaven. One day we will meet again!

Amber Berck - December 01, 2023 at 02:43 PM

CD

“ Carol Duncan lit a candle in memory of Jeremy Barnette



Carol Duncan - December 01, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Mr. Barnette was the best teacher in the whole world. He was like a second dad to me. I will not forget you Barney. You have guided our robotics teams to state this year and I know that you will be watching over us at state and helping us go to worlds for the first time. We love you man.* 🕊️🕊️🕊️



Carson Ludwick - November 30, 2023 at 09:04 PM

RA

“ *Jeremy was one of my first friends in middle school. We were always seated near each other because of our last names. We shared a birthday together along with many jokes and laughs. I don't think I ever saw him without a smile on his face. Although we lost touch over the years, I will always remember him for his humor, smile and steadfast faith.*

Robby Anders - November 30, 2023 at 07:57 PM

JS

“ *Melissa and family,
My heart hurts for you as you endure this time of unexpected and deep sorrow. Although I didn't know your sweet, talented husband, I know he touched hundreds of people through his church work and in the classroom and the community in the short number of years he lived. What an impact! I know you will gather strength through your own amazing faith and friends, but right now, there are really no words to make it better. Just know your third grade teacher cares very much.*

Janet Sherbert

Janet Sherbert - November 30, 2023 at 06:38 PM

LH

“*Jeremy made a huge impact on my life—he was there to cheer me on when I succeeded, and he was there to cheer me up when I wanted to quit. I will always cherish the memories we made as coworkers who became true friends over the years.*

To his family and students and friends, I'm so sorry for your loss.

*Love,
Lauren Hightower (and family)*

Lauren Hightower - November 30, 2023 at 04:37 PM

AF

“*Melissa & family - I'm so sorry for your loss. Please know you have my sympathy and prayers. May God comfort you during this difficult time!*

*Angela Fowler
Anderson University*

Angela Fowler - November 30, 2023 at 04:06 PM



NG

“*Our hearts break for you Melissa. We will be here for you when you need us!*

Nancy Griffeth - November 30, 2023 at 04:04 PM



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November 30, 2023 at 04:03 PM



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November 30, 2023 at 03:43 PM



“ *Mr Barnette was my choirs teacher from 6th-8th grade he was a good man and will be dearly missed. Rest easy to the best teacher anyone could ask for. Praying for the family*



Gabriel Nunez - November 30, 2023 at 03:42 PM



*Melissa,
Praying for you and the family. May you feel the strong arms of God's love surrounding you.
With sincere condolences,*

Beth Felkel - December 03, 2023 at 08:39 AM



“ *Department of Music, Furman University purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Jeremy Lee Barnette.*



Department of Music, Furman University - November 30, 2023 at 02:39 PM

DU

“ Department of Music, Furman University planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeremy Lee Barnette.

Department of Music, Furman University - November 30, 2023 at 02:39 PM