



## Ray Barnard

March 8, 1925 - March 8, 2011

Ray Barnard, 86, of Kingston, died Tuesday, March 8, at his home.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, Colleen Barnard; children: Mary Nancy Martin, Ramona and Rick Holt, and Margaret and David Hayes; grandchildren: Margaret Miller; Lara, Julia, and Joseph Holt; Alyson and Matthew Hayes; and great-grandchildren: Amanda, EJ, and Christian Melendez; and Maddie Sievert and Ethan Lininger. He is preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Josephine Barnard, and his grandparents, E.E. and Mary Barnard.

A lifetime resident of Roane County, Mr. Barnard's ancestors have been recognized by the East Tennessee Historical Society as a "First Tennessee Family," having been settlers in Tennessee prior to statehood in 1796.

Mr. Barnard graduated from Roane County High School. He attended St. Norberts College in Wisconsin and Marshall University in West Virginia. He also trained in a number of mechanical engineering programs through Borg-Warner, IBM, and Smith-Corona.

He was the founder and owner of Kingston Business Machines, a local business which he operated from 1963 until 2009. He also owned and operated Office Essentials for many years in Rockwood. As a businessman,

he was well known for supporting the area's law enforcement, medical emergency personnel, and the local VFW chapter providing donations or services to promote their important missions.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the 75th Division in overseas wartime assignments in England, Belgium, and France, including the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded three Bronze Stars and was qualified as an Expert Marksman. Following the wartime hostilities, Mr. Barnard served as a convoy lead, evacuating US soldiers from the Rhineland to ships that would bring them home to their stateside families.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in Ray Barnard's memory to Kingston United Methodist Church (212 W Church St, Kingston, TN 37763), First Baptist Church Knoxville Broadcast Ministry (510 W Main St, Knoxville, TN), or the American Cancer Society (871 Weisgarber Rd, Knoxville, TN).

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Kyker's Funeral Home, 350 West Race St., Kingston at 2:30 p.m. (DST) on Sunday March 13, with family receiving friends beginning at 1:30 p.m.

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ I am heart broken to learn of Mr. Barnard's passing. My father spoke of him several times because they both had mechanical engineering degrees and had somewhat of a mutual friendship. They both fought during WWII and my father spoke several times about his friend Ray Barnard. I honestly do not know where they met, but father spoke of him highly. Father passed on July 10th of this year and I imagine them both talking about their love of engineering together and their excursions overseas. My heart is with you during this heartbreaking time. May you find peace, happiness and love with the memories you share together as a family.  
Respectfully,  
Jane Hook-Stafford

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**Jane Hook-Stafford** - September 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Mrs. Barnard and girls,  
I want to convey my sympathy's to you in the passing of your husband and father. What a remarkable man he was.

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**Patsy Blanchard** - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Colleen, I fondly remember being a friend and customer of Ray's. It was a pleasure knowing him.  
I extend my condolences to you and the family.

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**Mark Barker** - March 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ We were so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. What a wonderful man, always with a smile.  
John and I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to your whole family!

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**Linda Stooksbury** - March 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ A friend and neighbor

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**Earl Thacker** - March 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ I have many wonderful memories of Ray at the Kingston Business Machines. I always called him "Roy".  
My deepest sympathy to you, his family, at this sad time.

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**Rita Johnson** - March 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Barnard family, I am thinking of you and sending you prayers from Georgia. I know how much your Father meant to you all. We have many wonderful memories of being together "south of the river" with the entire Barnard family. I hope those memories and many others will comfort you during this sad time. Love, cousin Dianne

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**Dianne Tate** - March 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM