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He was born Oct. 2, 1923, in rural Columbus, Kan., to Urie and Mary (Miller) Barnes. He grew up on a farm in the West Mineral area in Cherokee County.

Mr. Barnes graduated from Columbus High School in 1942 and later that year joined the U.S. Army Air Corp [sic], where he was a radio operator; and tail bomber. He received the Distinguished Unit Badge, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Distinguished Flying Cross and Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

He graduated from Kansas State Teachers College in Pittsburg (Pittsburg State University) in 1949 with a secondary education [sic] degree and taught at Sedan High School. Later he worked at Sedan's First National Bank, became president and also was on the board of directors before retiring.

He was a member of the St. Roberts Catholic Church, the Lions Club, V. F. W. and American Legion, all in Sedan. He was a former board member of the USD 286 School Board, Sedan City Council and the Kansas Bankers Association.

Survivors include his wife Vernadean, a Sedan homemaker; four sons, Robert and William V. "Woody" Barnes of Wichita, Steven Barnes of Houston, Texas, and David Barnes of Coffeyville; two daughters, Mary Ann, Hills of Sedan and Marcia Lea Barnes of Annapolis, Md.; three brothers, Homer Barnes of McCune, Don Barnes of Pittsburg, and Karl Boyd of Wichita; three sisters, Mattie Hevel of Seattle, Wash., Mary Westervelt of Cherokee, and Mildred Hale of Columbus; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Charlie Barnes, Maurice Barnes and Paul Barnes; and one sister, Donna Spriggs.

Rosary vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today in St. Robert's Catholic Church in Sedan. Friends may call at St. Robert's church today from noon to 8 p.m. Funeral mass will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Scammon. Burial will be in St. Bridget's Cemetery in Scammon.

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