

**BARNETT, EARL** — a well respected math teacher and member of the Knoxville Community, departed this life on Wednesday, January 25, at Fort Sanders Hospital in Knoxville, Tenn., after a lengthy illness. He was 63 years old. He was born on March 12, 1932 to Marie and David Barnett. He attended Fontana School in Asheville, North Carolina and later, Nelson Merry High School in Jefferson City, Tenn. After graduation he joined the United States Air Force where he served with distinction. He attended Knoxville College where he achieved his Bachelor's degree in math, then he attended the University of Tennessee where he earned his Master's degree in math. He taught school at Christchurch, Virginia, Jefferson City, Tenn. and Knoxville, Tenn., where he retired in 1990. He was a devoted teacher who gained the respect of his students and spent many hours tutoring students and helping them achieve pride in math and employment in the field of mathematics. He participated in various math seminars and monitored learning activities for the students he taught. Mr. Barnett married Copplen Laster in 1995 and to this union two children were born. They made their home in Jefferson City and later in Knoxville. He was a faithful member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He is survived by his wife, Copplen Barnett; a son, Anthony Barnett, Knoxville, Tenn.; a daughter, Teresa Barnett, Corpus Christi, Texas; four sisters, Cleota Barnett of New York City, Sylvia Johnson of Detroit, Michigan, Julia Taliaferro of Jefferson City, Tennessee, and Sandra Safford of Detroit, Michigan; two brothers-in-law, Charles Johnson, Jr. and Lonnie Safford of Detroit, Michigan, all on his mother's side, on his father's side, two aunts, Blanche Jackson and Margaret Felder; two uncles, Herbert Barnett and William Barnett; four aunts, Medora Gibson, Gladys Reliford, Louise Bellamy and Inez Dunwoody; one uncle, Howard Ingram, all of Jefferson City; a host of other relatives and friends. Family will receive friends Saturday, January 27, from 5-6 p.m. at Unity Mortuary Chapel, funeral to follow, Rev. John Jackson officiating. Interment Tennessee State Veteran's Cemetery, Monday, January 29, at 12 noon. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the family.



God said you were getting weary,  
So he did what he thought best.  
He came and stood beside you,  
And whispered, "Come and Rest."  
You bade no one a last farewell,  
Not even a good-bye.

You were gone before we knew it,  
And only God knows why.

Arrangements by *Unity Mortuary*.