



My Love,

I couldn't have asked a better man to dance the night we met. A brilliant family man, taking care of your kids still amazes me to this day! Your kindness and love still mean the world to me. You showed me what it takes to be a real man. We put up a good fight didn't we! I will be forever missing my husband. Until we meet again!

Your Loving Wife,  
Michelle Ellis-Barkus



*Honorary Pallbearers*

Frank Smith  
Ben Williams  
Larry Manous  
Anthony Cavers  
Rocky Gentry  
Bill Desjardin

*Flower Bearers*

Lakita Benford  
Melody Ceasaer  
Danielle Tillis  
Aubyana Jones

Alyshia Washington

*Honorary Flower Bearers*

Rachelle Bruner  
Charleszetta Gentry-Sanyaolu  
Betty Williams  
Emma Williams

*Interment*

For those in attendance please meet at Temple Funeral Home at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. at  
Fort Gibson National Cemetery  
1423 Cemetery Road  
Fort Gibson, Oklahoma 74434

Please drive with your lights on for safety and fasten your seat belts.

*Acknowledgment*

The family of Cardell Barkus would like to thank OU Medical Center and Inspire Specialty Hospital for all the help and care during his stay in the facility.

*Special Thanks*

Remington Park HR Department. The hard work and prayers and kind words and support are greatly appreciated! Thank you and God Bless us all!!!

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*Celebrating The Life  
of  
Cardell Williams Barkus, Jr.*

*Sunrise  
September 14, 1975*

*Sunset  
January 1, 2022*

Services  
Saturday, January 15, 2022 - 2:00 p.m.  
TEMPLE & SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.  
EARL M. TEMPLE MEMORIAL CHAPEL  
2801 North Kelley Avenue  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Apostle Cynthia Petties-James - Officiating

# Obituary

After a courageous attempt at recovery following a motorcycle accident in September 2021, Cardell Williams Barkus, Jr. succumbed to his injuries on January 1, 2022.

He was the first born to Reverend Cardell Barkus and Sister Brenda Williams Barkus in Oklahoma City on September 14, 1975.

Cardell graduated from Del City High School in 1994, having played football and participated in Jazz Band throughout his high school career. Shortly after high school, he joined the United States Navy and served aboard the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower until August of 1997. Cardell continued seeking knowledge by accumulating various industry-specific certifications, culminating in receipt of his Associate of Science degree in Network Systems Administration in 2016.

At the time of his passing, Cardell had held the position of IT Director at Remington Park for more than 12 years.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, whether it be at a family and friends BBQ, or serving as a mentor to his cousins. An avid OU fan, he attended many games with his friends from Crimson Nation Tailgators. Additionally, he enjoyed taking a ride on his motorcycle or kicking back with a good cigar.

A devoted husband, father, stepfather, and grandfather. Cardell is survived by his wife, Michelle "Birdie" Ellis-Barkus, married 9 years; his children: Cardell Williams Barkus, III and Chade Lanae Barkus; his stepchildren: Mikiel D. Ellis and Geordan T. Jenkins; his grandchildren: Athena Ellis and Apollo Ellis who lovingly called him PaPa! He also leaves to cherish his memory, a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins who affectionately called him Cody.



## OUR LOVING FATHER

God took the strength of a mountain and the majesty of a tree.  
The warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea.  
The generous soul of nature and the comforting arm of night.  
The wisdom of the ages and the power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring and the faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity and the depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it . . ."Dad!"



# Order of Service

- Processional . . . . . Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family
- Praise and Worship . . . . . Apostle Cynthia Petties-James
- Prayer of Comfort
- The Reading of God's Word
  - Old Testament . . . . . Minister Novetta Small  
House of Prayer
  - New Testament . . . . . Minister Novetta Small  
House of Prayer
- Song Selection . . . . . Talitha and Taletha
- Poem . . . . . Chade and Cardell Barkus
- Special Remarks . . . . . Michael Chapple  
Other limit to 2 minutes
- Acknowledgments and Resolutions . . . . . Lakita Benford and  
Natesha Cavers
- Words of Comfort . . . . . Apostle Cynthia Petties-James
- Video Tribute . . . . . Temple & Sons Funeral Directors
- Recessional . . . . . Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family