



James Lawson Barker Jr.

November 13, 2020

Big Stone Gap, Virginia

James Lawson Barker, Jr, 84, went to his heavenly home on Friday, November 13, 2020 at Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, TN. Jim was the younger son of the late James Lawson Barker, Sr and Cora M. 'Tot' (Killen) Barker, born on January 22, 1936 in Appalachia, VA. After graduating from East Stone Gap High School he attended East Tennessee State University where he joined the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and met his late wife, Jo Ann (Roberts) Barker. Jim spent the majority of his career in insurance sales across the United States before becoming a church administrator in Findlay, Ohio. He enjoyed singing in men's choir groups, participated in the Toastmasters International organization and served as Rotary Club President. Upon returning to Big Stone Gap, VA to care for his aging parents, he served as the region's Hospice Support Director. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Appalachia, VA. Above all, Jim was the most passionate about loving his family well, sharing the love of Christ and living his life with purpose and an eternal perspective. He was excited to meet his Saviour!

Jim is survived by his wife, Doris Jones Cowan Barker; three daughters, Kathy (Gordon) Denmark of Lexington, KY, Karen (Mark) Peterson of Dublin, OH,

Molly (Joe) Johnston of Findlay, OH; nine grandchildren, Andrew (Devin), Eric and Jody Denmark, Kate Peterson, Mary-Katherine, Grace, Mitchell, Grant and William Johnston; brother, Robert E. Barker of Greenwood, SC; several nieces and a nephew.

Private graveside services will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Monday, November 16, 2020 at the Glencoe Cemetery, Big Stone Gap, VA, officiated by Dr. Nick Brewer. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Appalachia First Baptist Church.

Due to Covid – 19 state regulations, those attending the funeral services are asked to wear masks/ facial coverings. Social distancing guidelines will also be in place.

Cemetery Details

Glencoe

Big Stone Gap, VA

Previous Events

Service

NOV **16**. 11:30 AM (ET)

Glencoe
Big Stone Gap, VA

Tribute Wall



“ Roy A Green Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Lawson Barker Jr.



Roy A Green Funeral Home - November 16, 2020 at 10:16 AM

JN

What a beautiful tribute! I had such fun sharing this with my parents, Tom and DonnaRae Sterrett. We cherish being part of some of those wonderful memories. Love to all the family and prayers for God's peace, strength and hope.

Jill D Neuenschwander - November 16, 2020 at 10:02 PM

IC

jim was such a good man so glad i got to know him he always had a good word for everybody and he will be so deeply missed rest in peace my friend i know you are rejoicing with the angels we love you and will see you again

ISOM CAUDILL - November 17, 2020 at 06:41 AM

MM

*I will very miss you I'm sorry for your love one
Mason Mullins*

Mason Mullins - December 06, 2020 at 08:12 AM

MM

he was my best friend i can ever have

Mason Mullins - December 06, 2020 at 08:13 AM

MM

I will take care of you at glencoe because you was my best friend I'm going to miss you very very very bad I love your family

Mason Mullins - December 06, 2020 at 08:26 AM

SS

*I know this is a little late to send condolences. Jim and Doris were good friends to me and later to His Ministries. I miss seeing them. They were always a joy to see. They now rejoicing together. Prayers for his family.
Shirley Smith*

Shirley Smith - December 28, 2023 at 11:04 AM

RU

“*Let it be known to all people everywhere that Jim Barker of Findlay, Ohio and Big Stone Gap, Virginia...father of Molly and Karen and Kathy...husband of our dear Jodi...my boss/friend, administrator/elder/man of prayer & joy with endless hope - has been one of the best, most honorable, kind, constant, generous, gentle, and God-pleasing men I have known – 40 years later! I have had many instructors, but not many fathers...1Corinthians 4:15*”

Russ - January 08, 2024 at 08:27 AM

JH

“*Jim was quite the gentleman. He will be missed by all that knew him. May God grant the family a peace that passes all understanding.-John Hagan, Big Stone Gap*”

John Hagan - November 16, 2020 at 03:52 PM



“ *Doris, so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. Prayers and love to you.* ”



Janet Wilson - November 15, 2020 at 08:09 PM

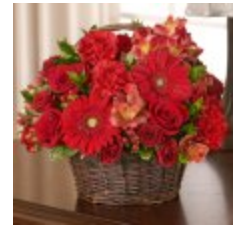


“ *Such a wonderful man of God. RIP, you will be missed. Prayers for Doris and all of the family.* ”

Peggy Cutting - November 15, 2020 at 06:46 PM



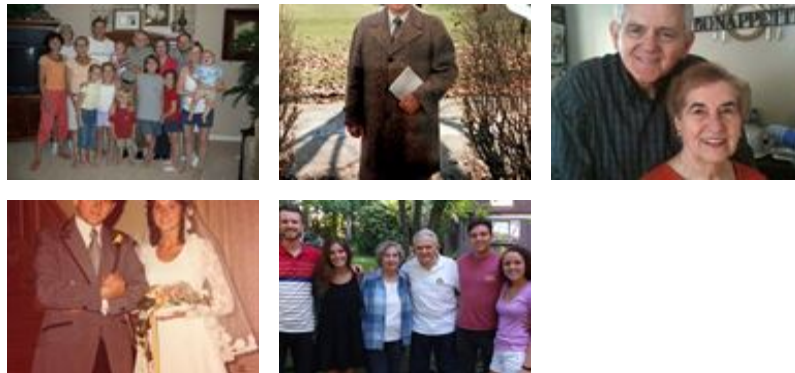
“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of James Lawson Barker Jr..* ”



November 15, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ *60 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Roy A Green Funeral Home - November 15, 2020 at 11:03 AM

FH

“ From Bill, Jill, John, and Will Hudson purchased the Eternal Love for the family of James Lawson Barker Jr..



From Bill, Jill, John, and Will Hudson - November 15, 2020 at 10:54 AM

JB

“ Jim Barker was the most loving, compassionate man that I have had the pleasure to know. His greatest talent was “encourager.” Appy First Baptist Church will miss you Jim & know you are finally meeting your Savior in Paradise.
Jan & Nick Brewer

Jan Brewer - November 15, 2020 at 10:20 AM

JF

Jimmy Barker family
I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the family on Jimmy's passing. Spent lots of time at the Barkers growing up in Crackers Neck. His family were salt of the earth Americans. Was fortunate to enjoy his fellowship later in life when he came back home to care for his parents. Jimmy was a fine Christian gentleman and a great asset in all endeavors. Look forward to seeing him in heaven. I pray for God's grace and love for the family.
Jerry Fraley Eagle Rock Va

Jerry Fraley - November 23, 2020 at 08:00 PM