

## Dr. H.E. "Sonny" Barker Jr.

September 21, 1935 - August 8, 2015

Dr. Hampton E. "Sonny" Barker, Jr. age 79, of Arab passed away Sat. Aug. 8, 2015, at Huntsville Hospital. Dr. Barker was born on Sept. 21, 1935, in Union Springs, AL to Hampton E., Sr. and Isabel Fowler Barker. Dr. Barker served in the US Army in the Signal Corp and the National Guard where he was a Warrant Officer. He graduated from the University of Alabama and then taught school for 2 years before he entered Dental School. He graduated from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry and began practice in 1965. Dr. Barker was a Charter Member of the Arab Rotary Club and was a member of the Jaycees. He was a Mason and a Shriner. He was an active member of the Arab First United Methodist Church where he served on the Finance Committee and Administrative Counsel. He was also active in the Men's Prayer Breakfast Group. He went on Mission Trips to Honduras, Ecuador and Mexico. He was a member of the Alabama Emmaus Community, Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association, Walking Horse Association of Alabama and the Alabama Cattlemen's Association. Dr. Barker volunteered for the Great Physician Clinic and was a member of the American and Alabama Dental Associations.

Survivors include his Wife: Nancy Barker of Arab; Son: Andrew "Bucky" and Wife, Laura Barker of Falls Church, VA; Daughters: Dr. Catharine Barker Willis and Husband, Jack of Arab and Aimee Barker Blackburn of Arab; Brother: Dr. Michael T. Barker and Wife, Deborah Barker of Boaz; Sisters: Dr. Isabel Barker Oldshue and Husband, Dr. Jerry Oldshue of Tuscaloosa and Carol

Scott and Husband, Dr. William A. Scott of Grand Junction, CO;  
Grandchildren: Julianne Willis, Andrew Willis, Matthew Willis, Trey Blackburn, Alie Blackburn, Lucy Barker and Maggie Barker. He was preceded in death by his Parents: Hampton E. Sr. and Isabel Barker and Sister: Diana Barker Presley. Funeral Service will be Wednesday Aug. 12, 2015, at 2 PM at Arab First United Methodist Church with Revs. Steve West, Mike Shirley and Roy Bryant officiating. Dr. Barker's Body will lie in state at the Church from 1 PM until 2 PM. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in Boaz. Visitation will be Tues. from 6 PM until 8 PM at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel. Pallbearers will be: Roye Marshall, Trey Blackburn, Nathan Clark, John McCaleb, Billy Wayne Tolton, Justin Alldredge, Zack Tankersley, Andrew Willis and Matthew Willis. Honorary Pallbearers will be members of Arab Rotary Club and Members of the Men's Prayer Breakfast Group .at Arab First United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Arab First United Methodist Church Building Fund.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

Marshall County  
Snellgrove Avenue  
Boaz, AL 35956

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel  
1340 North Main Street  
Arab, AL 35016  
(256) 586-4100

## Lie-In-State

AUG 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Arab First United Methodist Church  
1058 North Main Street  
Arab, AL 35016

## Service

AUG 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

Arab First United Methodist Church  
1058 North Main Street  
Arab, AL 35016



# Tribute Wall

PG

“ *He was my swim coach in Homewood. The best. Thank you Sonny.*

Paul M. Griffin - April 20, 2016 at 10:38 AM

DD

“ *So sorry to hear about Dr. Barker passing, he was a great dentist to us for over 10 yrs. and will be greatly missed.*

*Bob & Darla Dove*

Darla Dove - August 17, 2015 at 03:44 PM

JH

“ *Jr & Pam Hayes lit a candle in memory of Dr. H.E. "Sonny" Barker Jr.*



Jr & Pam Hayes - August 12, 2015 at 10:40 AM

JR

“ *I was so saddened to hear of Dr. Barker's passing. He sold me my first fullblood Italian Chianina cattle and got me started crossbreeding with my Angus cattle. I remember some bulls that he and I bought together back in the 1980's and me and my best friend Lance Alldredge went to pick them up in Stephenville, Texas. I pray for the family's comfort during this difficult time. God bless you all.*

Jeff Reynolds - August 12, 2015 at 10:34 AM

MC

“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Wall*



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**Marlene Cruze** - August 11, 2015 at 07:37 PM

MC

“ 1 file added to the album *Sonny Barker's Pleasures*



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**Marlene Cruze** - August 11, 2015 at 07:27 PM

KJ

“ *So sorry to hear of Dr Barker's death. He became my dentst in 1968 and always was a joy to talk with. There will never be another one like him. I will see you on the other side!*

*Karen Irvin Jaquess*

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**Karen Jaquess** - August 11, 2015 at 05:01 PM

DL

“ *Dr. Lindsay Limbaugh purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dr. H.E. "Sonny" Barker Jr..*

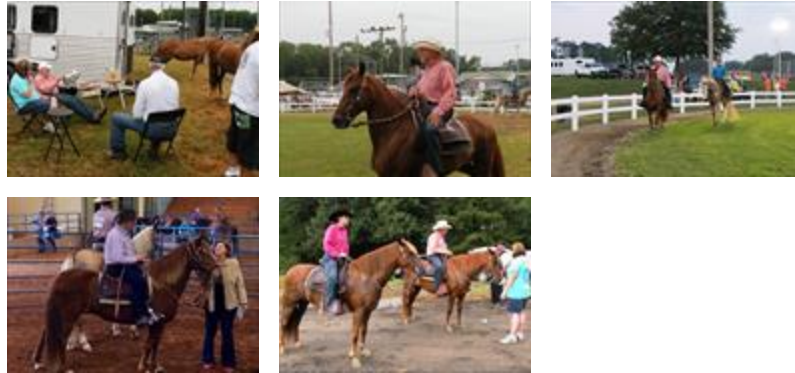


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**Dr. Lindsay Limbaugh** - August 11, 2015 at 02:16 PM

MC

“ 7 files added to the album New Album Name



Marlene Cruze - August 11, 2015 at 01:48 PM

VS

“ I loved Dr Barker. He was a great man. I have yet to find a dentist I have loved as much as I loved him. Not only was he our dentist but he was part of our family. You will be greatly miss by many Dr Barker. You have now climbed to the great mountian in the sky.

Valerie Simmons-Gaskin - August 11, 2015 at 09:55 AM

CI

“ Carl Ivey lit a candle in memory of Dr. H.E. "Sonny" Barker Jr.



Carl Ivey - August 10, 2015 at 08:19 PM

CI

“ When I was a child going to the dentist, Dr. Barker always made my experience less traumatic. His bedside manner was that of compassion and made me feel at ease. He will be greatly missed!!

Carl Ivey - August 10, 2015 at 08:18 PM

EB

“ *Dr Barker will be missed, Both my husband and Dr Barkers son Drew was in Affganistan together, Dr Barker was my dentist and he was the best I will truly miss him.*

Ellen Barnes - August 10, 2015 at 06:25 PM

LM

“ *Leara F. Miles purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dr. H.E. "Sonny" Barker Jr..*



Leara F. Miles - August 10, 2015 at 03:35 PM

JL

“ *His smile will be missed at reunions*

Jerry Litton - August 10, 2015 at 12:50 PM

JE

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family of Dr. Barker. Arab Historical Society appreciated so much his bringing his beautiful mules to our "Back When Day" and Arab Community Fair. Children and adults alike enjoyed interacting with him and his "girls!" He will be greatly missed by us and the community as well.*

Juanita Edmondson - August 10, 2015 at 08:12 AM

CP

“ I am so so sorry for your loss. I always treasured Dr Barker's ability to work on my autistic son. Before we moved to Alabama, we had to sedate my son -- not with going to Dr. Barker. He was referred to us by Lauchan Burgett & it was the best referral I ever had. My sincerest heartfelt wishes go out to his family, Dr Willis, and to his staff!



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**Cindy Peterson** - August 09, 2015 at 06:39 PM

JS

“ Mr.Barker was a good friend to me. I will miss him alot. He always gave me encouragement to do anything i wanted to accomplish. He was right. So i returned the favor to him when i could. I have lost a good friend, he was a good man. Prayers are with you Miss Nancy and all your family. Jerry Self.

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**Jerry Self** - August 09, 2015 at 05:24 PM