



Walter Raleigh Barker

September 5, 1937 - March 13, 2023

Walter Raleigh Barker, 85, of Laurel, Mississippi, passed away on Monday, March 13, 2023, at his home with his family at his side.

Walter was born on September 5, 1937, in Dentville, Mississippi. He earned his B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Mississippi and his Master of Science and his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin. After receiving his honorable discharge from the U. S. Navy, Walter spent his career with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers as a research civil engineer at the research facility in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Pitts Barker and Elma Sullivan Barker; his first wife, Carolyn Templeton Barker; his brothers, Robert P. Barker, James Barker, and Glen Barker; and sisters, Katherine Barker Hatfield, Elizabeth Ann Barker, Reba Murphey, Dorothy Banes, and Rachel Hill.

Walter is survived by his wife Katherine Britton Barker; his sister, Mary Francis Taylor; son David Harrison (Mona); daughters, Lesa Harrison Baker (Richard), and Katherine Harrison Tigar (Tom); grandchildren, Hannah Harrison, Matthew Harrison, Grace Harrison, John Harrison, and Thomas Baker.

Pallbearers will be David Harrison, Bob Barker, Matthew Harrison, John

Harrison, Richard Baker, and Thomas Baker. Honorary pallbearers will be Tom Tigar, Ellis Creight Britton, Al Barker Hill, Eulon Britton, Cameron Edwards, Drew Hunt, Mike Smith, and Sam Britton.

Visitation for Walter will be at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Laurel First United Methodist Church, and the celebration of life service will be at 10:00 a.m. A graveside service will be at 1:00 p.m. at Pine Bluff Cemetery, Hazlehurst, Mississippi.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the non-profit Aid to Infrastructure, 1150 Pratt Road, Blanchester, Ohio 45107, or at www.aidtoinfrastructure.com.

To sign the online guestbook, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Pine Bluff Cemetery

11188 Dentville rd
Hazelhurst, MS 390836

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Laurel First United Methodist Church
420 N 5th Ave
Laurel, MS 39440

Service

MAR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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420 N 5th Ave
Laurel, MS 39440

Graveside Service

MAR 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ *Walter and Katherine visited my wife, Pat, and me in Colorado, in June, 2006 Their visit remains a beautiful memory as we toured the high country of the San Juan mountains.*



Donald Murrell - March 29, 2023 at 05:53 PM

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“ *Walter was a kind upstanding gentleman. I was happy to introduce him to my sweet friend Katherine. They had many happy years together.*

Sending my sympathy during this time of loss.

Sincerely, Cheri Williams

Cheri Williams - March 27, 2023 at 05:45 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Walter Raleigh Barker.*



March 16, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ *Walter was always very welcoming anytime that I visited in his home. I will always remember the last visit with Walter and Katherine, they came by to see my new condo and he took us to lunch. We enjoyed the meal and talking politics. Rest in peace good man!* ”

wanda c james - March 15, 2023 at 07:16 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter Raleigh Barker.* ”



March 15, 2023 at 02:35 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Walter Raleigh Barker.* ”



March 15, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Walter Raleigh Barker.* ”



March 14, 2023 at 07:02 PM