



## Garner Allen Barker

August 17, 1952 - March 9, 2018

Big Stone Gap, VA

Garner Allen Barker, 65, passed away Friday, March 9, 2018 at his home.

Garner was born August 17, 1952 to Julia and Elhanan Barker. He was a 1972 graduate of Powell Valley High School. He married his loving wife, Cathy, on November 7, 1973.

Garner was a former employee of Westmoreland Coal Co. and a recent retiree from Arch Coal. He was a member of the U.M.W.A. District #17, Local #1607. He served on the Big Stone Gap Fire Dept. for 27 years. Garner was also a member of the Big Stone Gap Masonic Lodge #208 AF & AM, Wise County Shrine Club and the Jericho Temple.

He is survived by his wife, Cathy; son, Clint Barker of Fairview, VA; his grandson, Clay Barker; his brother, James "Buddy" Barker and wife, Linda, all of Big Stone Gap; his sister, Marcella Garrison of Rogersville, TN; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday at the Cedar Ridge Freewill Baptist Church in the Crackers Neck community.

A masonic service, conducted by the Big Stone Gap Masonic Lodge #208 AF & AM will be conducted at 7 p.m. Monday in the church sanctuary. The funeral service will follow with Adam Swinney officiating and James Kincer reading a poem. Bagpipes will be provided by the Jericho Temple Highlanders.

Committal services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Riverview Cemetery in East Stone Gap, VA with Evangelist Buddy Wilson and the Big Stone Gap Fire Department officiating.

Family and friends will meet at the church by 12:30 p.m. to go in procession to the cemetery.

Pallbearers will be: Eddie Barnette, Tony Bartone, Robby Chandler, Charlie Culbertson, Jim Davis and Gary Johnson.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital or the Jericho Transportation Fund, c/o Jericho Temple, P. O. Box 5548, Kingsport, TN 37663.

To view the obituary online and offer condolences, please visit [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com).

Holding Funeral Home is serving the Barker family.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverview Cemetery

East Stone Gap Road  
East Stone Gap, VA 24246

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Cedar Ridge Freewill Baptist Church  
1413 Crackers Neck Rd  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

## Masonic Service

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## Funeral Procession

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MAR 13. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

## Committal Service

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MAR 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

Riverview Cemetery  
East Stone Gap Road  
East Stone Gap, VA 24246

# Tribute Wall



“ *Garner Allen Barker*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *So saddened to hear of Big G's passing. I met him when I worked at General Auto Parts. he was always ready with a smile and joke. Prayer for his family.*

**Wanda Rogers** - March 19, 2018 at 09:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Garner Allen Barker.*



March 11, 2018 at 10:13 PM



“ *I had the privileged to work with Big G at CRCC and enjoyed he's company. Big G was a special type of person who cared for other more than himself, Big G would help out on anything at anytime and no matter what the conditions, Big G had a personality that after a few minutes you had found a friend, I always loved eating he's cooking some of the best barbecue and low country that I ever eat. My prayers and thoughts are with Cathy and the family, My the lord comfort you in your time of loss. Mark Mayes*

**Mark Mayes** - March 11, 2018 at 09:59 PM

RW

*When we were all younger we were kinda close, then we got older and some of us moved away, like me, Ruth Messer Woldford, in mich, I hope and pray his family is doing well, they were blessed to have him for a husband, dad, grandpa, uncle*

**Ruth Messer Woldford** - January 28, 2019 at 02:30 PM

GR

“ *so sorry for your loss of Garner, our thoughts are with you Cathy, we will kept you in our prayers love, GREG and DEBORAH WADE*

**gregorywade** - March 11, 2018 at 11:43 AM

JW

“ *So sorry to hear of Garners passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**Janet wilson** - March 11, 2018 at 09:27 AM

CB

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you at this sad time*  
*Chuck and Charlene*



**charlene Blair** - March 11, 2018 at 12:31 AM

DH

“ *He was always so thoughtful and was always trying to give us plenty of food when he cooked and was always there when you needed help.*



**Debbie and Herb** - March 10, 2018 at 11:35 PM

HS

“ *CATHY AND FAMILY  
WILMA AND I ARE SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT GARNER. OUR  
PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOU AND FAMILY. HE WILL BE MISSED  
BY ALL. WE SEND OUR LOVE TO ALL  
HAROLD AND WILMA TRIGG SEYMOUR  
CLINTON, TENN.*

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**HAROLD AND WILMA SEYMOUR** - March 10, 2018 at 11:20 PM

RD

“ *Big G was true to his name. He was bigger than life. Never  
mentioned that something needed to be done that just quietly did it,  
no matter what. He was always there to help wherever he could.  
Like me, we could not do the big jobs, but he would stay till the work  
was done. We've smoked and cook many meals, he enjoyed  
cooking and he enjoyed watching folks enjoy what we cooked. We  
have lost a great friend. Prayers for Cathy and his family. Love you  
guys*

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**Ratliff Donald** - March 10, 2018 at 10:34 PM

EP

“ *I'm sorry for your loss. Our family will keep you  
all in our thoughts and prayers.*



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**Eric Parks** - March 10, 2018 at 07:51 PM

KB

*Oh Cathy, Dale and I are so shocked and saddened by the passing of  
your precious Garner. Please know that our love and prayers are all  
around you and your family. Heaven just got sweeter for you my friend.  
Love you always.....Kathy Brooks*

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**Kathy Brooks** - March 12, 2018 at 11:10 AM