



Mr. Willie "Duke" Barker

October 4, 1948 - November 25, 2015

Appalachia Virginia,

Willie Earnest Barker Jr. "Duke"- 67 was embraced in the arms of Jesus November 25, 2015 at Indian Path Medical Center in Kingsport, TN.

He was preceded in death by his parents Willie Barker Sr., Thelma and Rob Taylor, brothers Joe Barker, Buster and Tommy Taylor, maternal grandparents Robert and "Big Mam" Lovell, paternal grandparents Otis and Lilly Barker, and his precious newborn son, Danny Wayne and great granddaughter; Kaydence Carroll.

Bro Duke was the Pastor and Co-Founder of Thee Church in Appalachia. He was retired from Bresee Trucking after 30+ years of service. He loved God, Church, and his family. Surviving are his loving wife of 48 years Shirley Barker of the home. Children Vera Mabe husband Kenny , David Barker and wife Renee all of Appalachia, and Willie Barker III of Big Stone Gap. Grandchildren Kasi Carpenter husband Rick, Hailee Conner husband Brad, Sarandon Bradley husband Charlie, Jordan Mabe wife Stephanie, Ariel Barker, A. J. Barker wife Marie, Brianna Tomlinson, Kirsten Barker, Justin Barker, Blake Carroll wife Kayla and Tyler Carroll, Amanda Barker, and Kiley Barker. Great grandchildren Jackson, Kristen, Jake, Dane, Rylan, Kenlee, Kenny Paul, Dalee, Bricen, and three unborn. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, and Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

A viewing will be held Monday November 30, 2015 from 4-7 pm at Thee Church in Appalachia. A church service will be immediately after with Preacher Willie Barker III bringing forth the message.

The family would like to thank Dr. Bryan Watson, and the staff of Indian Path I.C.U. the staff of the Mountain Empire Dialysis Center, and Mountain Region Home Health for their attentive care.

Memorial Contributions may be made in Duke's memory to THEE church in Appalachia Virginia; P.O. 366 Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219

You may go online to view the obituary, sign the guest registry, and leave the family a condolence

Holding Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

THEE CHURCH
717 West Main St
Appalachia, VA 24216

Service

NOV **30**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Willie "Duke" Barker*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Quentin Collier lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Duke" Barker*



Quentin Collier - August 10, 2021 at 10:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie "Duke" Barker.*



November 29, 2015 at 06:29 PM



“ *I will always remember when I was little coming to his house and he would let me get one peace of candy out of his "sweat stash" he would say I miss will miss u duke it says in the bible to rejoice when someone has died For they have went to the king and that's what I will do fly high love ya*

Spencer Floyd - November 27, 2015 at 01:33 PM

Owen
Rebecca
Carter

“ My heart is so sadden at the loss of Duke I loved him dearly he was always kind and loving He will truly be missed He helped me a lot in my walk with the LORD with love kindness and understanding never looking down on me but always building me up He had a big Heart full of the Love of JESUS and he would share it with everyone I could fill a book of Goodness and still not tell it all its through tears I write what I can because I really did and always will love Duke my heart is sadden but my Soul is rejoicing for Him because of that Blessed Hope we have in CHRIST JESUS!!.... My Thoughts and Prayers for the Family

Rebecca 'Beckel' Carter

Owen Rebecca Carter - November 27, 2015 at 12:13 PM

GT

“ Duke you will always be in our hearts. You will be greatly missed. Prayers for the family.

The Thomas family

Geneva Thomas - November 27, 2015 at 11:31 AM

JF

“ You always knew how to put a smile on my face and always had a listening ear with the best advice... You will be forever missed and i know you are shouting in heaven with mamaw...Love always Janet AKA Peanut....

Janet Floyd - November 27, 2015 at 11:23 AM



“ *Peggy Myers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Duke" Barker*



Peggy Myers - November 27, 2015 at 11:04 AM



“ *We are so sorry for the loss of your dad. We have known your dad and he was a good dad, father, grandfather, and husband. He will be missed by a lot of people that loved him. God Bless you*

Robert & Barbara Mullins - November 27, 2015 at 10:58 AM



“ *Roy, April, & Jared Glovier lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie "Duke" Barker*



Roy, April, & Jared Glovier - November 27, 2015 at 05:57 AM



“ *Mountain Empire Dialysis Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie "Duke" Barker*



Mountain Empire Dialysis Staff - November 27, 2015 at 05:55 AM

QC

Duke, sorry to have found you here bro. I remember the times as youngsters you , Tommy Taylor , Kenneth Gilliam and the rest played football along the street on railroad avenue. Quentin Collier

Quentin Collier - March 29, 2019 at 05:17 PM

CH

“ *Duke, you are my friend, i sure will miss you. thanks for being a part of my life.i hope to see you again in heaven someday. rest in peace.* ”



curt hall - November 26, 2015 at 01:00 PM