



James Allen Barrum

February 14, 1940 - September 16, 2011

James Allen Barrum passed away peacefully at approximately 6:00 pm on Tuesday September 13th at Conroe Regional Medical Center after a courageous 7 day battle with pneumonia. James was born February 14, 1940, one of three children to Henry and Augusta Barrum of Beaumont, Texas where he graduated from Beaumont French High School. He attended Lamar University on a basketball scholarship where he was a four year letterman and Small College All American. He went on to become the first ever inductee into the Lamar Cardinal Hall of Honor. Upon graduation, he received written invitations from three separate professional basketball franchises, but elected to forgo that opportunity in pursuit of a professional career in education. He graduated in 1962 with a B.S. degree in Physical Education from Lamar University, and in 1964, he completed his Masters in Educational Administration from Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches. In 1969, he consummated his educational pursuit by earning his Doctorate degree in Counseling and Guidance from Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. In 1969, he moved his family to Huntsville, Texas and began his career in Criminal Justice as a professor at Sam Houston State University. Following 38 years of dedicated service to the university, he retired in July of 2007. He is survived by his wife Trinell; his sons, James and his wife Diane, Craig and his wife Michele and Chad Barrum and his wife Nancy. Six beautiful grandchildren Holden, Hannah, Harper, Avery, Palmer and Logyn Barrum. He was preceded in death by his daughter Robyn and a sister, Mary Jo Barrum. James touched

the lives of those he met with his smile and generosity while maintaining his trademark sense of humor all the way to the end. Friends and family of those he loved are invited to attend a visitation on Thursday September 15, 2011 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. with a rosary service to immediately follow. A Memorial Service will be held Friday, September 16, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Huntsville. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Robyn Leigh Barrum Memorial Scholarship Fund at Sam Houston State University. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *James Allen Barrum*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *To Chad and Family: I am so sorry for your loss. I couldn't even begin to imagine, so many prayers to you and your family. He was a good man that touched a lot of lives. Everyone will miss good ol' Silver!*

With Regards,

JBN

Jason Nolan - October 20, 2011 at 12:33 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about your loss. James was a wonderful person, a great father, and a real asset to the University and all the students whose lives he touched. He will be missed by many people. Our prayers are with you all during this time.*

Joe and Cheryl Lawson - September 28, 2011 at 03:54 PM



“ *To the Barrum family: I heard of your loss and am saddened with you and for you. May God grant you peace.*

Trent Henderson - September 22, 2011 at 04:11 PM

DH

“ I was sorry to hear about the passing of James. He and I had many great times together at SHSU and working in basketball at all levels. God bless him and his family.

David Henderson - September 21, 2011 at 09:48 AM

BL

“ Dr. James A. Barrum supervised my College Internship in Australia, 1993. With His support and encouragement I was able to experience the most rewarding and cherished time of my Life.

My sincerest condolences...

BART LeMAY - September 19, 2011 at 09:47 AM

WJ

“ Chad: So sorry to hear about your dad. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Dr. Barrum was one of my favorite professors and will be greatly missed.

Wendy Jasper - September 18, 2011 at 09:03 PM

TD

“ Trinell and Barrum Family,

I grew up with James in the Northend of Beaumont and went all through school together including Lamar. We played sports together in high school and were in ATO at Lamar. I know he will be missed by family and friends. My wife and I send our thoughts and prayers to you. FHS class of 1958.

Tommy and Gay Dawson, New Braunfels, TX.

Tommy & Gay Dawson - September 18, 2011 at 06:41 PM

DP

“ Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God give you all the comfort and peace needed now and forever. Love, Donna (Tyler) Robinson

Donna (Tyler) Paschall - September 18, 2011 at 04:27 PM

HC

“ Buffalo ave, edwards elementary, james bowie, french high, lamar tech. mrs barrum's cooking, cards and shooting pool at my house. never could best him at anything especially shooting hoops. sorry we didn't talk more. many thoughts and prayers. Harland.

HARLAND CALLENDER - September 17, 2011 at 08:29 PM

RM

“ To the Barrum Family,

I was shocked this morning to find out Dr. Barrum has passed away. I just spoke to him on the phone not too long ago. As a SHSU student, I had the privilege being a guest speaker in his class from time to time. I loved his personality, his demeanor, and his kind and thoughtfulness. He made a huge impact on my life. It was definitely a privilege to know him and to love him as well.

Brother in Christ

Ryan N. Fenley, MBA, MHM - September 17, 2011 at 03:36 PM

AB

“ My deepest sympathy to you in the loss of James. He was always friendly and funny to all of his classmates. I know he will be missed by everyone.

*Aline (Bobbitt)Broussard
FHS class of 1958*

Aline (Bobbitt) Broussard - September 17, 2011 at 12:00 PM

CS

“ Dr. Barrum was a wonderful professor and man. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word. I was fortunate to have him in my undergraduate work as well as my graduate work. If it were not for Dr. Barrum, I would have never made it through my thesis. He taught me so many things that I still carry through in my job today. RIP Dr. Barrum. My prayers and condolences to his family. I know how much he loved and cherished you.

Cathy Schweitzer - September 16, 2011 at 10:32 PM

DH

“ The news had to travel through the French High family before I heard we lost our precious Dr. B. I am so sorry I was not there today. If I had known, I would have been. Your family has always been an image of strength and love. I enjoyed all classes I had with Dr. Barrum. He was more of an influence to me than he ever knew. I've been teaching CJ to high school kids for 13 years. I will never forget our wedding when it began to look like a French High/Lamar U. Reunion and there was Dr. B in the middle of it all. My prayers are with you all. God Bless You.

Dena M. Hickey - September 16, 2011 at 09:44 PM

LC

“ Sending our thoughts and prayers to the immediate and extended family of "A Gentleman and A Scholar"...Dr. James Barrum.

Lawrence and Dessie Cherry - September 16, 2011 at 09:39 PM

ER

“ *Trinell and family--my deepest sympathy to all of you. James was a terrific guy--I always enjoyed his friendliness and his sense of humor. He accomplished so much in his lifetime; I know you're so proud of him. Although death changes loving relationships, it does not end them--I know that he left you all with a treasure-chest of wonderful memories!*

*Love and prayers,
Ellen (Walker) Rienstra FHS class of '58*

Ellen Walker Rienstra - September 16, 2011 at 07:37 PM

MC

“ *Trinell, Having known James since he was a very small boy in the North End of Beaumont,I echo the thoughts and prayers that have been sent to you and your family. He was a great friend of my brother, Hoy, and also a great friend of my husband, Tommy,and a Fraternity Brother in ATO, at Lamar. I know Tommy was glad to see his friend come through those beautiful gates of Heaven. Stay strong.*

Marsha Kelley Crow class of FHS 1956.

Marsha Kelley Crow - September 16, 2011 at 05:58 PM

JC

“ *Dr. Barrum will be missed by all who knew him. He touched so many lives and I'm glad I had the opportunity to know him. He was a wonderful professor. My thoughts are with you all.*

Jennie Sigler Curran - September 16, 2011 at 10:36 AM

MF

“ James Barrum Family my prayers are with you in your time of sorrow. James and I played ball together at French High School. He was a great friend. We had many good times together on and off the court. What a great guy.

Mike Frank, FHS 57

Mike Frank - September 16, 2011 at 10:30 AM

JA

“ Trinell and Family, Dr. Barrum was a great mentor and helped many young men and women become successful through Education. I always loved his classes as SHSU. Prayers to you and your family.
Jim Alexander/SHSU/1989

James Alexander - September 16, 2011 at 10:12 AM

JH

“ Trinell,I'm so sorry for you and your families loss..James Allen (the Blue Goose),was one of my Heros growing up with him and my brother Stamps Jr.,I will never forget him ..He not only was one hell of a Basketball player but he was a Great Caring Person that would help anyone..I can remember so many great times we had growing up in the old neighborhood in Beaumont.. God bless you and your family.

JIMMY (Jim) HESTER

JIMMY HESTER - September 16, 2011 at 10:05 AM

JH

“ *Trinell and Family,
We are sorry for you loss.
Please know that we have each of you in our thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely,
Jo & Stan Hines*

Jo & Stan Hines - September 16, 2011 at 08:45 AM

RC

“ *Clarence & I enjoyed knowing James. Both of you added so much to the bible study. We were reminiscing about James, "the servant" (Eureka Springs). We will keep you and your family are in our prayers & thought. God Bless & Keep you.*

Ronda Kay Cooper - September 15, 2011 at 11:23 PM

CO

“ *Trinell and Family,
I really am lost for words. Tim said this morning this was like losing his Dad. He loved you guys so much and thought so much of you. You have a very neat family and I am so glad your boys and their families are close to you. In my heart I think it was God sending Tim down there a few weeks ago to see Dr. Barrum. He had a wonderful visit with him. Then I talked to him when he was in the hospital and I got to tell him I loved him and he was in our prayers. I know he will be with Robyn and that will make him so happy. We are going to send money in for Robyn's scholarship fund in lieu of flowers. There will always be a place in our heart for Dr. B and all of your family!
We love you and you and all of the family are in our prayers.*

*Love you so much,
Cathi and Tim O'Hearn*

Cathi and Tim O'Hearn - September 15, 2011 at 07:45 PM

DH

“ *Trinell, Craig, James and Chad (and all of your families)-- Dr. B. was loved by so many and he touched our lives in so many ways. He was like another father to me for so many years. You are all in my thoughts and prayers and no words can express how sorry I am for your loss. I know he is with Robyn and I take some comfort in that thought. I love you all very much and wish you strength in your time of loss. Your faith and the love of your very special family will see you through. Denise*

Denise Acebo Hansen - September 15, 2011 at 06:54 PM

PR

“ *Trinell, I have been fortunate enough to know James since the 1960's, even before you two married. Marshall Jr. High in Beaumont brings back so many memories of such a terrific Math teacher. Upon HS graduation, we renewed our friendship at SHSU in 1969. James was a fine example of a teacher, husband, father, and friend. He will be sorely missed, and I will keep you and your family in my prayers at this very difficult time.*

Patty Heins Story Robson - September 15, 2011 at 05:31 PM

JD

“ *The James Barrum family, Sorry to learn of the loss of your love one and father. I attended Lamar University and SFA while James was enrolled there. We became friends and later coaching colleagues in Beaumont. He was a tenious player and I know that he played to win up to the last. Once again I share in the sorrow of your loss. Sincerely, John Donaho*

john donaho - September 15, 2011 at 04:14 PM

JD

“ *The James Barrum family, Sorry to learn of the loss of your love one and father. I attended Lamar University and SFA while James was enrolled there. We became friends and later coaching colleagues in Beaumont. He was a tenious player and I know that he played to win up to the last. Once again I share in the sorrow of your loss. Sincerely, John Donaho*

john donaho - September 15, 2011 at 04:10 PM

JM

“ *Trinell and family, we are thinking of you in this time of sorrow but remembering what a great person James was. Our best to you*

Joyce & Jimmy Merchant - September 15, 2011 at 04:00 PM

PC

“ *Trinell, Chad, and Family, My thoughts, prayers, and love are with you at this difficult time. May GOD wrap you in HIS loving arms and give you peace and comfort always. Patti*

Patti Corcoran - September 15, 2011 at 02:26 PM

DH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss my sweet friend. What a wonderful testament your family life has been. My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. Love you*

Dalia Harrelson - September 15, 2011 at 12:32 PM

LC

“ *Trinell and family,*

Know that you are in my prayers during this difficult time.

Tonya

La Tonya Cole - September 15, 2011 at 12:28 PM

KW

“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. May God bless you and give you the strength to help you get thru this. God was ready for another angel to watch over His flock.*

Ken & Theresa Westbay & family

Ken & Theresa Westbay - September 15, 2011 at 10:51 AM

EM

“ *I will miss Dr. Barrum greatly. He was a wonderful person and I enjoyed conversations with him at my workplace. My son also thought very highly of Dr. Barrum as he dealt with him professionally. My condolences to Trinell and their sons.*

Eleanor McWilliams - September 15, 2011 at 10:18 AM

DS

“ *Trinell and family,*

Your husband and father touched so many lives here throughout the years. How blessed we are to have known him and know his heart and love for his family, friends and this community. Please know that we are praying for you all and the strength in the healing days ahead. God be with each of you!

Dale & Donna Story - September 15, 2011 at 10:12 AM

SD

“ Mrs. Barrum.....
I would like to express my deepest sympathy to each of you during this very difficult time. Just know that my thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Shirlette Deveraux - September 15, 2011 at 09:58 AM

SG

“ *Trinell and family.....please know that we are thinking of you and praying for Him to bless you with continued strength and love.*
Bo and Sharon Graffagnino

Sharon Graffagnino - September 15, 2011 at 09:16 AM

CW

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of such a man. What a sweet sentiment you wrote concerning his passing, Trinell. How precious to know it is true that he is with loved ones including our Lord. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Caro I Wood - September 15, 2011 at 08:40 AM

BN

“ *Dr. B, you were a very caring individual and it has been a pleasure to have known you. Rest in peace with your Lord and Robyn. I'm sure he will let you play some golf from time to time. May God give the Barrum family strength in their time of loss. Trinell, you and the boys are in my thoughts and prayers. Dr. B has made such an impact on so many lives, he will not be forgotten.*

Beverly Conner Niederhofer - September 14, 2011 at 07:31 PM

NJ

“ *What a horrible loss to all who knew the wonderful man! He touched so many lives. All of the students!!!! Every student that ever had him learned so very much. How I enjoyed knowing you both when I was the SHSU Alumni Director! We will miss you, my friend! Our prayers and thoughts are with you all! Norma Dell and Jerry Jones of Lovelady.*

Norma Dell Jones - September 14, 2011 at 06:39 PM

BN

“ *We have you in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless!*

Bill & Debbie Nowlin

Bill & Debbie Nowlin - September 14, 2011 at 05:25 PM