



Dr. Ottie Eugene Barrett, Jr.

May 19, 1934 - December 21, 2022

Dr. Ottie Eugene (Gene) Barrett passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 21st, 2022 in the Woodlands with his family at his side.

Gene was born to Ottie E. Barrett and Annavieve Fraser Barrett on May 19, 1934 in Huntsville, Texas.

Due to asthma he moved to the west Texas town of Sheffield during high school

and lived with his great aunt, Betty Mitchell. After graduating from Iraan High School he attended Sul Ross College for one year and then transferred to Texas Tech

University where he received a B.A. Degree in Zoology and Chemistry.

As a student at the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston, Texas, he met Carole Anne Klapperich, a student at Methodist Hospital School of Nursing and they were married in 1958. Together they raised four wonderful children during their 64 years of marriage.

Following Dental School in 1959, he served as Captain in the United States Air Force Dental Corp. from 1959 to 1961.

He returned to Huntsville and was employed by the Texas Department of Corrections as a dentist and had a private dental practice for 43 years until retirement in 2002.

During his professional career he was a Life Member of the Texas Dental Association, the American Dental Association and earned a Fellowship in the Academy of General Dentistry. He completed all continuum courses at the

Pankey Institute in Florida. He served as president of the Brazos Valley District Dental Society and in 1992 he was nominated by the Texas Academy of General Dentistry for "Dentist of the Year."

As a native of Huntsville he wanted to give back to his hometown. He served eight years on the Huntsville City Council, was a member of the Huntsville Rotary Club, lifetime member of the Sam Houston State University Alumni, member of the Sons of the American Revolution, lifetime member of the Walker County Fair Association and a member of the Josey Scout Lodge Board of Directors.

Gene was a devoted member of St. Thomas Catholic Church and was actively involved becoming a parish of the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese. He was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus, served on the Parish Council and was a Eucharistic Minister for many years.

He dearly loved his family and looked forward to all their visits and family celebrations. Gene was an avid reader and loved playing tennis weekly with his tennis buddies at Elkins Lake and April Sound Country Clubs.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Joan Barrett Davis.

Those

left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife, Carole; daughters Amy Barrett Haney and husband John of Lufkin; Lisa Barrett Jordan and husband James of San Marcos; Julie Barrett Ginther and husband David of Dallas and son Daniel Barrett and wife Shawn of Houston.

Grandchildren include, John Haney III and wife Sarah, Anna Haney Garcia and husband Julian, Michael Haney and wife Hannah, Cody Brackeen and wife Caroline, Sarah Brackeen Goodman and husband Derek, Katie and Claire Ginther, Grace and Lauren Barrett and 7 great-grandchildren. Sisters Jane Ann Durbin and husband Chuck, Mary Elizabeth Russell and husband Lee, brother-in-law Robert Earl Davis and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation will be Monday, December 26th, 2022 from 5:00-7:00 P.M. at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 Normal Park, Huntsville, Texas.

A rosary will begin at 7:00 P.M.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Thomas Catholic Church, 1323 16th St., Huntsville, TX 77340, on Tuesday, December 27th, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. with Father Fred Valone officiating. A reception in the church hall will follow and interment will follow reception at Oakwood Cemetery in Huntsville. Donations may be made to the St. Thomas Building Fund or a charity of your choice. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at www.shmfh.com.

Due to it being the Christmas holiday, please either order flowers online at www.huntsvilleheartfieldflorist.com by noon on December 24th or call Sweet Karoline's at 936-291-6929 for your floral needs.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery Huntsville

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr
Huntsville

Rosary

DEC **26.** 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
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Huntsville

Mass

DEC **27.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Thomas the Apostle
1323 16th St
Huntsville, TX 77340

Tribute Wall

WK

“ *My sincere condolences. Unable to attend. Gene and I started to school together, played(at his house; we had a cottonwood tree).played tennis(at his house), rode bikes. blessings,wallace koehl*

wallace koehl - December 27, 2022 at 11:47 AM

JF

“ *Such a sweet and caring friend and family dentist. Love to all the Barretts.*

Janie Farris - December 23, 2022 at 11:41 AM

MF

“ *Carole & Family: I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Dr. Barrett was a wonderful man & dentist. Every time I drive by your house I wonder how y'all are doing. Christmas time makes a loss even harder. Please know that we will be praying for you.*



Mellicent Wiley & family - December 23, 2022 at 10:07 AM



Carol, we are so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. He was a fine person and friend of mine for 67 years. Prayers for your comfort. John Bailey and Judy

John Bailey - December 23, 2022 at 05:46 PM

VI

*Dear Mrs. Barrett & Family,
I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Dr. Barrett. I remember all the good times we had visiting your home and seeing you in Austin with Julie. You and your family are in our prayers. Love Vicki*

Vicki - December 26, 2022 at 03:43 PM

HD

*Dear Barrett Family,
I'm so very sorry for your loss. Gene was always such a kind and caring man. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
Love to all,
Holly*

Holly Hinkson Durbin - December 30, 2022 at 11:16 AM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Dr. Ottie Eugene Barrett, Jr.*



M. Hyvl - December 22, 2022 at 10:31 PM

PF

“ *Oh my.....To Mrs. Barrett and family: you all are in my prayers for peace and comfort.
I'm sorry to hear about Dr. Barrett passing away.
Dr. Barrett hired me when I got out of the Navy 41 years ago. Dr. Barrett helped me to have a 30 year career with TDCJ dental.
I will always appreciate what he did for me.
Dr. Barrett was a good man.
Penny*

Penny Fowler - December 22, 2022 at 04:41 PM

PM

Dr Barrett was a joy to work with.

pamela myers - December 27, 2022 at 09:09 AM

VT

“ *I loved Gene and was so glad to be a part of his life and he mine. He enriched me so much during our weekly massages ! He always made a point to tell me I was doing a good job. I loved going to his home and taking care of him. I am going to miss him so very much!*

Vanessa Thuesen

Vanessa Thuesen - December 22, 2022 at 03:49 PM