



Tommy Ray Bara

March 12, 1979 - September 25, 2008

Tommy Ray Bara was escorted into the presence of Jesus, his Lord and Savior, on Saturday the 20th of September 2008. Tommy was born in Houston on March 12, 1979. He moved to Huntsville as a young boy and graduated from Huntsville H.S. in 1997. He spent 10 years with McCaffety Electric Company of Huntsville and committed himself to the service of the Kingdom as a faithful member of his church, First Assembly of God. While at First Assembly he played a leading role in working with young couples and had recently devoted himself to the Royal Rangers, a scouting program dedicated to helping young men grow to know the Lord through exploration of the outdoors and acts of service. Everything that his world had to offer paled in comparison to the joy he felt in the presence of his treasured wife Rachel and son, Zeke Thomas. They were the crowning achievement of his life but weren't his only gifts from heaven; his face beamed as he eagerly awaited baby Issac Ray who is due this February. Tommy lived everyday to the fullest, an avid hunter and fisherman, domino player, and like all of us, a frustrated golfer. His courage and perseverance in the face of obstacles will forever stand as an example to his two sons- Never backing down and refusing to accept anything less than all that he believed the Lord has promised. He is survived by his wife Rachel Michelle Bara of Huntsville; his son, Zeke Thomas and soon to arrive son, Isaac Ray; his parents, Wayne and Rayma Bara of Lake Limestone; his brothers, Tony Bara of Bossier City, LA, and Timmy Bara of Willis, Texas; and numerous other family members and friends. When he

slows down from exploring the treasures of Heaven, he'll have a message waiting for him from Rachel, "I love you Tommy!! You are my life and I look forward to meeting you again in Heaven. Forever yours, Rachel." The "Tommy Bara Memorial Fund" has been established at First National Bank. The address is First National Bank – P.O. Box 659 – Huntsville, Texas 77342-0659. Services will be held Thursday September 25, 2008 at 10 AM at First Assembly of God Church, Huntsville, Texas. Interment will follow at Brooke Cemetery. The family will receive friends Wednesday September 24, 2008 from 5 to 7 PM at the funeral home. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Tommy Ray Bara

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ I know words cannot express my sorrow for you Rachel and the Bara family, but I am very sorry for your loss. What a wonderful, loving man he was. I just found out this month. Rachel, you are a strong woman, God is with you.

Darla Bara

Darla Bara - November 11, 2009 at 07:52 PM



“ Wayne and Rayma, I am so sorry for your loss. We have not seen each other for many, many years and Tommy was only a very little boy when I last saw him, but I cannot imagine the unbearable pain and loss you must still be suffering. After so many months, I don't know if you'll ever see this message, but know that my thoughts are with you. My deepest and most sincere condolences.

Ann Zaring - July 29, 2009 at 04:16 PM



“ Rachel,
Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. We love you.

*A million hugs,
Lori, mom and dad (Scogin)*

Lori Sogin - October 01, 2008 at 09:05 PM

DG

“ Wayne, Rayma and family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of great loss. Tommy will be greatly missed by all. We can not imagine the grief that you must be feeling, but know that you are in our prayers and that Tommy is in heaven looking over you all. Dean, Janine, Sarah and Jessica Groseth

Dean and Janine Groseth - September 28, 2008 at 11:00 PM

PH

“ Rachel and the Bara Family, I am devastated to hear about your loss. Tommy was a wonderful and spirited being and even though he might not be here in person, his spirit will always live on in your hearts. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Paige Hackey - September 27, 2008 at 02:36 PM

KW

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful person and will be missed by many.
To the Bara Family- We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.
Kelly & K-K Wilkerson

Kelly & KK Wilkerson - September 26, 2008 at 03:18 PM

TT

“ Rachel, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You, Zeke and Isaac will stay in our prayers. Tabitha and Smiley Rylee

Tabitha Taylor - September 25, 2008 at 02:57 PM

DW

“ *Rayma and Bara Family,
I want you to know how heart broken my family. I very much want to send you a card to express my feelings and love for you, but I do not have an address. Please e-mail your address to me. Our prayer and thoughts are with you and your family.*

Dorothy Willett - September 25, 2008 at 01:29 PM

TG

“ *Rachel, I can not begin to find words that would comfort you or help you in any way. I wish I could. Since we found out Saturday I have continously thought about you. Though I never knew Tommy that well, knowing you and watching your precious family at church was always a blessing and encouragement to me. I want you to know that I am praying for you continously. And if you need anything at all. Please let me know. -Tanya*

Tanya Gray - September 25, 2008 at 01:09 PM

EW

“ *Rachel and the Bara family:
My deepest sympathy goes out to you. Tommy and I played basketball and fished together as teenagers. I can honestly say that I am truly sadened to hear of his passing and will miss him. He was a great man and a great friend.
God Bless,
Eric*

Eric Wright - September 25, 2008 at 11:01 AM

GA

“ My deepest sympathies to you and your family. I understand his loss is so painful that it is difficult to put one foot in front of the other right now, but somehow you do. I recently (July)lost my brother in a horrific accident. I am still reeling, but with the Lord's help, I am recovering. I know that you "just want him back," and I can't help you with that, other than to say I will pray for you and your family. I found comfort in a book--God is in Control. It is a very "short read," and it reminded me that Jesus wept with Mary and Martha when Lazarus died. I know he is weeping with you. Again, my deepest sympathies.

Gloria Andress - September 25, 2008 at 10:15 AM

KS

“ The Bara family and Rachel, I am so sorry for your loss of son, friend, brother, father and husband. Tommy was a great friend as long as I can remember. We made our 1st communion together, went to 8th grade homecoming together and had many classes together during junior high and high school. He will be missed by many and will definitely bring a smile to all the angels, as we all know his personality just made you feel happy. I hope in some time you can find peace. All my prayers. Katie

Katie Stefaniak - September 25, 2008 at 10:06 AM

VH

“ To the entire Bara family.....I am truly sorry for the sense of loss that your family is experiencing at this time. I wish no family had to ever to endure such a loss. With the Lord and Savior at your side, he will see you through this tragic time in all of your lives. I never got a chance to meet you Rachel, but I heard many many great things about you. My heart goes out to you and your family and hope that the Lord can bring you peace in this time of sorrow. You and your entire family have my deepest sympathy.

Vicki Bozeman Harris - September 25, 2008 at 08:17 AM

JF

“ Dear Bara Family, I went to school with Tommy, what a character he was! I too will never forget him walking across the stage at graduation and pulling up his gown to reveal his polka dotted pants! That moment will be forever etched in my mind. What a true blessing to know that Tommy was living his life for our Lord and Savior. What a blessing it is to know that you can grieve with hope. May you feel the arms of our Savior surround and comfort you.

The Feaster Family

Jaime Parrish Fester - September 24, 2008 at 10:27 PM

MC

“ For Tommy's family.....there is nothing in the world I could say to make any of your sorrows disappear not matter how much I wish I could. All I can offer is all the sympathy in my heart and prayers that the Lord will bring you comfort in such a tragic time. I know Tommy is looking down on you and will always watch over each of you. May peace be with you and may the Lord bless you with all you deserve. With exceeding love, the Carrell Family.

Monica Bozeman Carrell - September 24, 2008 at 04:30 PM

BM

“ Rachel,

I am so sorry for your loss, please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this time. Your two little boys will carry Tommy's spirit now and he will forever be with them.

Brooke

Brooke (Sims) Milam - September 24, 2008 at 03:58 PM

HT

“ I was heartbroken to hear about Tommy. I haven't seen him since we graduated high school in 1997 but he was ingrained in my thoughts permanently the moment he lifted up his robe at graduation to reveal polkadotted pants; the final clue to who painted Hard Hat's shed.

I don't know how you miss someone you haven't seen in 10 years, but upon hearing this news an inexplicable sense of loss came over me. I can only attribute that to the wonderful person that Tommy was and the lasting impact he had on all those who were fortunate enough to meet him.

Heather Toronjo - September 24, 2008 at 03:40 PM

NZ

“ To all of Tommy's family: We feel the loss and sadness of losing Tommy recognizing what a great guy he was. He blessed many people including our family. His friendship was important to Nate and I both as we were getting to know people at church. He was our son Aaron's favorite teacher. However, we know your loss and sadness is much more profound. So our hearts and prayers go out to you.

RACHEL, WE LOVE YOU!

Nate & Angie Zgarba - September 24, 2008 at 03:24 PM

KG

“ Dear Rachel, Zeke and baby Isaac,
Our hearts are broken for your tragic loss. You and your sweet family are continually in our thoughts and prayers.

Kevin, Sherry and Emily Gray - September 24, 2008 at 02:34 PM

SN

“ Rachel and Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. You are all in my prayers.

Sara

Sara (Larson) Norman - September 24, 2008 at 01:56 PM

PB

“ Rayma, Wayne, Tony, Timmy, Rachel, Zeke and baby Isaac and all other family members. Our hearts break for each one of you. Tommy was truly an amazing man and loved our Lord with all his heart and soul. We pray for God to give you comfort and peace. Remember - There are only one set of footprints in the sand right now - because God is carrying you. With all our love, Peggy and George.

Peggy and George Bozeman - September 24, 2008 at 01:31 PM

A(

“ To the Bara Family,
I am so sorry to hear about Tommy. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless and comfort you and may you find strength in the memories and love that Tommy shared with each of you.

Amy Owens (Birmingham) - September 24, 2008 at 01:13 PM

BL

“ To Rayma and all the Bara family, my heartfelt sympathy to all of you. Sincerely, Betty Lewis

Betty Lewis - September 24, 2008 at 10:47 AM

TC

“ To the Bara family, you will be in my thoughts and prayers. I have so many memories with Tommy as we grew up in Sunday School together. I cannot count the times that I got in trouble in class because I could not stop laughing at his quick wit and humor. Who would have known that we would both become Sunday School teachers to serve our Lord and Savior. Tommy will certainly be missed.

Tony Culak - September 24, 2008 at 10:46 AM

JK

“ Rachel,
I'm so sorry for this tragedy. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
God bless you and your family.

Jess Koy - September 24, 2008 at 08:43 AM

RJ

“ To the Bara Family: We are so sorry to hear of your loss. It came as a shock to all of us. Our prayers go out to all of you in this time of grief. God be with you!

*The Jacobsons from North Dakota
Donna (Groseth), Willard, Ron, Toni and Family*

Ron Jacobson - September 23, 2008 at 11:19 PM

JK

“ RACHEL,ZEKE, AND NEW BABY, DEEPEST SYMPATHY ALL THE WAY FROM ILLINOIS. WE ARE WITH YOU IN SPIRIT, CONTINUALLY HOLDING YOU UP IN PRAYER. I THANK GOD FOR LETTING US GET TO KNOW THE BOTH OF YOU WHILE WE LIVED IN TEXAS. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. MAY THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND AND GIVE YOU PEACE THAT PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING. WE LOVE YOU! JAMIE & STEVE

JAMIE & STEVE KOCHSMEIER - September 23, 2008 at 10:54 PM

JK

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JAMIE & STEVE KOCHSMEIER - September 23, 2008 at 10:50 PM

LM

“ *To the Bara Family. We were so sorry to hear of the loss of Tommy. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Pauline, thank you for calling and letting us know.*

Linn & Mary Jane McBride - September 23, 2008 at 10:14 PM

KP

“ *Rachel, I am thinking of you and your boys. My heart breaks for you, and you are in my prayers. Everytime you see those two boys you will have Tommy in your heart.*

Katie (McCarley) Phelps - September 23, 2008 at 08:28 PM

SC

“ Rachel and Zeke, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I know Tommy is looking down on you and will continue to guide you through the tough times. I love you guys so very much and please let me know if you need anything at all. Love always, Stephanie

Stephanie Cole - September 23, 2008 at 07:30 PM

JT

“ Wayne and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you. Hug each other close, life is sometimes way too short, Jerry Turner

Jerry Turner - September 23, 2008 at 06:28 PM

LK

“ To the Bara Family: Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Thinking of you in your time of sorrow. God bless you.

Laura and Lynn Redden, Courtnie and Katie - September 23, 2008 at 04:39 PM

ND

“ MY DEAR RACHEL, I HAVE NEVER MET YOU BUT I HAVE WORKED AT MCCAFFETY ELECTRIC FOR MANY YEARS WITH TOMMY. HE WAS SUCH A FINE YOUNG MAN. HE;S IN HEAVEN WITH THE LORD NOW AND LOOKING DOWN ON YOU AND YOUR SON AND KEEPING WATCH OVER YOU. WITH LOVING THOUGHTS. NAOMI DUENSING.

NAOMI DUENSING - September 23, 2008 at 03:55 PM

TF

“ To all family and friends, we are so heartbroken for your loss. Our prayer is that God will sustain you through this week and the weeks to come, that you will feel every prayer for peace and comfort and that God will be the very portion you need at every minute of every day. We loved Tommy, watching him grow in Christ was amazing. He set such a great example for all young men to follow. We love you and God bless you all!

The Smith Family - September 23, 2008 at 03:40 PM

LB

“ Dearest Rachel,
We would like to convey our deepest, heartfelt sympathies to you, your family and Tommy's parents for your loss. We have all endured a great loss. Tommy's life was an example for godly young men and for our church family. He and his little "side kick usher" were a sight to behold and we treasure the memory.

We know "to be absent from the body is to be present with The Lord." We who believe will see Tommy again, Praise God.

We love you Rachel, sweet little Zeke and the new little one to come, Isaac Ray.

Lynn & De'Anna Brayshaw - September 23, 2008 at 03:39 PM

CC

“ Rachel and Zeek,
We pray that you will rely on the strength and peace that comes from knowing God's sovereignty. We know that God is with you always and that he has a special plan for you and your children. He will see you through this. He loves you!
In Christ, with love.
Charlotte and Curtis Collier

Charlotte and Curtis Collier - September 23, 2008 at 03:35 PM

RY

“ See you guys tomorrow; until then, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. In the short time we grew to know Tommy through First Assembly, we were greatly blessed!

Love,
Rachel & John Yarabeck

Rachel Larrison Yarabeck - September 23, 2008 at 02:19 PM

EG

“ We love you all so much, and want you to know that you are in our prayers.

Eli and Mary Gautreaux - September 23, 2008 at 02:09 PM

DM

“ Dear Rachel, Zeke, Isaac, and Wayne & Rayma ... Pauline & I have been friends a long time and though I do not personally know you I feel like, in a way, that I do. I was so saddened to hear of Tommy's tragic accident. May you find strenght and peace, through your faith, during this most difficult time of your lives. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Most Sincerely,
Dorothy Michalec

Dorothy Michalec - September 23, 2008 at 01:52 PM

MV

“ Rachel, Zeke, Baby Isaac, the Bara Family and to all the hearts Tommy touched: Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I am deeply sorry for your loss even though Heaven has gained a great person! Our faith gives us comfort knowing that Tommy IS exploring in Heaven! What a wonderful gift God gave to you! Always remember - his legacy lives on in Zeke and in Baby Isaac. May the Lord bless you and comfort you and give you peace. We love you.

Mr. James, Miss Nicole, JR & Skylar Venette - September 23, 2008 at 12:37 PM

WB

“ Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Walter Bennett - September 23, 2008 at 11:36 AM

MO

“ Rachel, my heart goes out to you and your family. There are no words that can comfort such a loss, but hopefully your large network of support from your family and friends will provide some comfort. May your faith help you through the difficult times ahead. God bless you.

Michelle Oates - September 23, 2008 at 11:22 AM

DF

“ Rachel,
We love you and I hope you know you and your family are in our prayers. We will be here for all of you in any way you might need.

De Ases family - September 23, 2008 at 10:23 AM

DB

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” Matt 5:4

Rachael, God gave you and Tommy to each other for such a short time, but His plan is bigger than we can imagine. Tommy touched everyone he came in contact with. His boyish charm and smile won you over. He will live on through his sons. He is loved!

Rayma and Wayne, Nothing can compare with a parents love, or grief...My prayers are with you.

Tony and Timmy, You are so precious to me!

I love you all!

Debbie

Debbie (Bujnoch) Barnes - September 23, 2008 at 09:24 AM

KG

“Rachel, we were so sorry to hear about your loss. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Krissa Graham & Ariana(toddler 1 class/kids korner)

Krissa Graham - September 23, 2008 at 09:20 AM

CB

“Rachel, my heart is absolutely broken. Tommy was my favorite. I remember the very first time I ever met him. You brought him to church on a Wednesday night and he and I became friends from that moment. His smile was so warm and genuine. He was such a wonderful, wonderful man. God bless you my dear one. I love you all.

Cynthia Barnes - September 23, 2008 at 09:05 AM

JD

“ Rachel and Sons, Rayma and Wayne, Words cannot express my deepest sympathy. I know that Tommy will be missed so very much by all of you and all of the others in his life as I know he was a wonderful husband and father, son, brother and friend. Please know that you are in my prayers and will continue to be. I pray that God will wrap you all in his loving arms and keep you there until He feels it is time to let you go. Remember, "If God brings you to it - He will bring you through it" and I am living proof of that. God bless you all!
With deepest sympathy, Jeanette Dierschke

Jeanette Dierschke - September 23, 2008 at 08:56 AM

JB

“ To Rayma and family,
We am so sorry for the loss of your son. I cannot even begin to imagine the pain that you & Tommy are going through right now. You'll have those wonderful grandchildren to keep your memories & love of Tommy alive. Please know that you are in everyone's thoughts and prayers. Good Bless You.
Jamie & Don Brinegar

Jamie Brinegar - September 23, 2008 at 08:26 AM

NM

“ To the Bara Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Our heart's go out to you and your family. May God's peace comfort you at this time. You are are in our thoughts and prayers.
Herman and Nancy Myers

Nancy Myers - September 22, 2008 at 09:12 PM

DW

“ To the Bara Family- May God give you peace and comfort in the days ahead. Tommy will be missed by all lives he has touched.
Bobby and Debbie Walton

Debbie Walton - September 22, 2008 at 08:08 PM

JT

“ Rachel, my prayers are with you at this time of loss. You have a beautiful reminder of Tommy everyday in the faces of your children. Stay strong for them and lean on the Lord and your family and friends.

Josette Trantham - September 22, 2008 at 05:24 PM

JM

“ Rachel, I am so very sorry for your loss. My heart is heavy with sadness for you and your family. Even through your sorrow and grief, I know you must be so proud of this honorable man. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers. I know and trust that He will comfort you and help you through this difficult time.
Jeanmarie

Jeanmarie Murray - September 22, 2008 at 05:23 PM

KF

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. You are such a precious person, that I know Tommy had to be a wonderful man. How blessed your sons will be to have a mommy who will keep their daddy alive in their days forever. I will be praying for acceptance for you and peace in our Lord's love. Rachel, you are held high in my prayers and thoughts today and for years to come. May God's peace comfort you. Kay

Kay Fountain - September 22, 2008 at 04:57 PM

DH

“ Rachel,
Words cannot express my sorrow for you and your family. Please
know you are in my thoughts and prayers. If you need anything,
don't hesitate to contact me.
In His Love,
Dina

Dina Herrick - September 22, 2008 at 04:49 PM