



Richard Dean Barton

April 19, 1930 - February 22, 2019

Richard (Dick) Dean Barton departed this life on Friday, February 22, 2019 in Cornelius, NC. Dick was born in Columbus, Ohio on April 19, 1930 to Alva Glenn Barton and Irma Russell Barton. His family moved to Middlesboro, KY in the mid 1930s. Dick grew up in Middlesboro, and graduated from the Memphis College of Optometry in 1951. Shortly after, he married his high school sweetheart, Georgia Ellen Spangler. They were married for over 62 years. Dick worked in Middlesboro as an optometrist with his father; then on his own for many years. Dick and Georgia raised their family, then moved to North Carolina in 1991.

Dick is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Alva Glenn Barton, Jr., Jack Russell Barton, and his wife.

He is survived by five children, Jane Barton McKenzie (Jim), Julie Barton Richardson (Scott), Jennifer Barton McClung (John), Jill Barton Mounts (Jimmie) and Adam Conroy Barton (Hollie); four grandchildren, Jeffrey Barton McKenzie, Jami McKenzie Regan, Lindsay Pitz Dunn, Meredith Marthers Carver; and three great-grandchildren, Ava McKenzie Regan, Ella Rylee Regan and Zachary Lee Carver.

Dick was recognized as a leader in his profession and achieved many citations, fellowships and awards. He was a life-long lover of literature and

music. A gifted musician, he played many instruments. He had a marvelous singing voice and sang in Barbershop groups and church choirs.

Dick was a cherished son, husband and friend. He was the best Father anyone could ever have. His quick wit, generous heart and unfailing memory will be missed. Not to mention, the cornbread!

Services to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 2nd at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Morresville, NC.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Barton family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
164 Fairview Road
Mooresville, NC 28117

Public Viewing

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Dean Barton*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Richard Dean Barton*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Richard Dean Barton*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Sending prayers to you and your family. Dick was a very good friend.*
Bo Campbell
San Antonio, TX

Bo Campbell - March 03, 2019 at 09:51 AM

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“ Jane, Julie, Jennifer, Jill and Adam,
I was so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He and your Mother were so kind to me when I came to Middlesboro in 1964 to work for Girl Scouts. I lived in the Colgan apartment at the head of your street and was invited to meals, went to the Disney ice show in Knoxville and attended someone's birthday at the skating rink with your family. I used to come get the stroller in the afternoon's and take Adam out for a walk.

Georgia sang at our wedding. Such good memories of your parents and family.

Betty Nagle

Betty Nagle - March 01, 2019 at 02:09 PM

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“ We are so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He and Georgia were dear friends and we cherish the memories we have of times shared with them!

Don and Bette Emmett

Don and Bette Emmett - February 27, 2019 at 11:13 AM