



William Eugene Barker

November 24, 2015

William Eugene Barker, 77, of Thurmont, MD went home to be with his Lord & Savior on Monday, November 23, 2015 after an extended illness. Born on November 10, 1938, he was the son of the late Master Sargent Eustace and Jenny Grabill Barker.

Bill was a devoted husband and father and is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Nancy Barker and daughters Gwenae and husband Jerry Wachter and Krista Kae and Matthew Hazen.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1961 and was employed at Lehigh Portland Cement Company for 38 years. He attended both Pennwood Bible Church in Everett, PA and Thurmont United Methodist Church.

“Buzz” was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He fondly remembered his years as a Frederick County High School basketball referee. He had a deep love for the Thumont community, especially Catoclin High School staff and students and volunteered in area youth sports for over 30 years.

Services will be private at the family’s discretion.

In lieu of flowers, please remember & honor Bill’s devotion to Catoclin youth by donating to CHS Sports Boosters, Inc.-Buzz Barker Scholarship Fund,

14745 Sabillasville Road, Thurmont, MD 21788.

Tribute Wall

LE

“ *Nancy and Girls: It was a real shock to learn of Bill's graduation in spite of the fact that when he last visited us we knew he had been having problems. While Ron remembers little, he responded to his death. He surely was a good friend and a good hunting buddy. How thankful we are that we will meet him again someday! May God's strength and comfort be yours, Laurel (& Ron)*

Laurel Ellis - December 08, 2015 at 12:28 PM

LT

“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with such a dear family we love so much. Bill will be missed immensely - he was such a wonderful guy with a great personality and strong Christian faith. May the Lord comfort you and bring you peace.*

*With love & prayers,
Liz & Tom*

Liz & Tom - November 27, 2015 at 12:12 PM

JF

“ *Krista Kae, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. Buzz was a great man and wonderful role model for so many. I know your heart is breaking but I hope you have comfort knowing he is in heaven looking down. Miss you and will be praying for you and the family. Hugs!!!*

Juliann (Brauer) Frantz - November 25, 2015 at 08:08 PM

DG

“ To the Barker Family,

I am an 18 year IAABO Board 214 official and want to express my deepest condolences for your loss. Buzz was always a welcome face for me whenever I had a game at Cactoctin HS. He always greeted me with a smile and warm handshake which was always appreciated. He always made it a point to make sure the officials were treated well when we were there not just by him, but by everyone. On one occasion early in my career I remember being the referee and my partner was having a halftime review by an evaluator. Buzz just happened to be present and the evaluator made a negative comment to my partner and I concerning a jump ball situation. I knew the evaluator was wrong and so did Buzz and he was not going to let that go unnoticed. Buzz spoke up passionately about the injustice that was being levied against my partner and I and got the evaluator to relent. Buzz knew the value of integrity and displayed it everytime I was there in his presence.

I know you will miss him terribly. I just want you to know that others whose lives he touched, and that you may not even know about, will as well.

With my deepest sympathy,

*Doug Gardner
IAABO Board 214 Official*

Doug Gardner - November 25, 2015 at 06:08 PM

ML

“ So sorry to hear about Buzzy. I am Barbara Grabill's daughter and Robert Grabill (Jenny's Brother) granddaughter. I grew up playing with Gwenae at family functions. I think about you all often and send my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Love
Melissa

Melissa LeClair - November 25, 2015 at 07:13 AM

JR

“ Dear Barker Family- Please accept our sincere condolences. What a good man! With love, in Christ, the Richards family

Jim Richards - November 25, 2015 at 06:43 AM

LE

“ Our prayers for the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus are sent for the entire family. Buzz was a wonderful individual in many ways. The stories that could be told would fill a book. Now they are being shared in heaven with friends and family that have gone before. Rest in peace dear friend.

Larry & Donna Eby

Larry & Donna Eby - November 25, 2015 at 06:42 AM