



William "Bill" Barrett

December 12, 1944 - May 8, 2012

A memorial service for William D. "Bill" Barrett, 67 of Tyler will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 1:00 PM at Lanes Chapel United Methodist Church with Rev. Bob Green and Dr. Paul Powell officiating. A private burial will be held prior to the service at Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Barrett owned and operated Barrett Motor Company for 26 years in Tyler, selling the dealership in 2004, as well as a sister dealership, Barrett Trucks, LLC, in Texarkana, a year later. During his career, he was honored by General Motors in 2000 with the prestigious Jack Smith Leadership Award for being a top 100 volume dealership in the nation. After graduating from North Texas State University in 1967, Bill worked as a high school drafting and electronics teacher in Dallas schools before going to work for General Motors as a service trainer and working his way up to District Sales Manager for the Dallas metro division. After nine years with GM, he purchased the Tyler dealership and embarked on his long and successful career, selling GMC trucks and later Buick, Isuzu, Volkswagon, Volvo, and Pontiacs. A native of Emory, and graduate of Rains High School, Bill met the love of his life, Glenda Pittman, at a Methodist youth camp in Lakeview in 1962. They married in 1966 and enjoyed 46 joyful years of marriage. An avid outdoorsman, Bill especially enjoyed golfing, hunting and traveling with Glenda, with whom he also shared a love of photography. A member of Lanes Chapel United Methodist Church in Tyler, Bill was an active community leader. He served on the boards of directors of the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce

and the Tyler Economic Development Council, as well as on the University of Texas at Tyler Development Board and the Tyler Junior College Foundation Board. He also served as a board member of the Texas Automobile Dealers, Azleway Boys Ranch, and the East Texas State Fair. A lifelong advocate of higher education, Bill used his love for the game of golf to benefit UT-Tyler by being the major sponsor in the Eisenhower Golf Classic, a pro-am tournament that attracted such top-ranked professionals as Payne Stewart, Greg Norman and Fred Couples to an event that each year raised funds to benefit scholarship endowments for the school. Along with Glenda, the Barrett's continued to serve in various capacities with the Patriot Classic as well as contribute personally to provide student scholarships. Earlier this year, Bill and Glenda were honored as the 2012 recipients of the university's esteemed Patriot of the year Award. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, William O. Barrett and Lillian Mae Hare Barrett. In addition to Glenda, he is survived by sisters, Mary Louise Barrett Graham and Frances Joy Barrett Barry and husband Jim, niece Penny Graham Blair and husband Ken nephews, John Barry and wife Cathy and Matt Barry. . Other survivors include brother-in-law Rudy Pittman and wife Rosemarie; sister-in-law Betty Pittman Fleming and husband Rob; nephews, Michael Jones and wife Melissa, Tony Jones and wife Kelli, Alan Jones and wife Leisha, Shane Pittman and wife Tonya, Breck Pittman and wife Shanon and niece Robbie Fleming. Pallbearers will be Bill Sheehy, Gene Shull, Gene Molloy, Ben Poole, Ronald Mays, James Hardin and Joe Elliott. Honorary pallbearers will be dear friend Royce Townsend and employees of Barrett Motor Company. The family wishes to extend a special thank you to care givers, Chad Lincoln, Danny Malone, Barbara Wedgeworth and the Hospice of East Texas. Visitation will immediately follow the service. In lieu of flowers if desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Lanes Chapel United Methodist Church Building Fund, 8720 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler, Texas 75703.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ While I didn't get to spend much time with Uncle Bill, I did have the chance to learn what kind of person he was. He was always in a good mood and happy to see anyone who he ran into. I have no doubt that we, that are left here, are the unlucky ones not to have him with us anymore. I will miss him.
Aunt Glenda, I hope that you know I have you in my prayers at this difficult time and am truly sorry I couldn't attend the services. Love you, John and Cathy

John and Cathy Barry - May 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Glenda,
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May God Bless.

Donald & Judy Brown - May 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ William "Bill" Barrett

Mr. and Mrs David L Bundy - May 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ Glenda please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Harold & JoAnn Wilder - May 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Glenda,
Our thoughts & prayers are with you & your family. Bill was such a pleasure to know. I always enjoyed his visits to the Tax Office. He always made me smile and/or laugh. He will be missed.

Scott & Apryl Crum - May 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Bobby and I would like to extend our sincere sympathies to the family in the loss of Bill.*

We have wonderful memories of growing up together and going to school.

Bill will always be remembered as our friend.

Bobby and Sue (Sisk) Medders - May 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ *Hank and I would like to extend our sincere sympathies in your loss.*

Bill and his family lived neighbors to the Sisk family when we were in school8h.

Hank and Martha (Sisk) Lopez - May 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM