



Mr. Junior Ray Barker

July 4, 1941 - April 1, 2026

Mr. Junior Ray Barker, age 84, passed away on April 1, 2026. He was born on July 4, 1941, in Reagan, Tennessee, to the late Opal and Delphia Singleton Barker.

Mr. Barker was a graduate of Sardis High School, where he enjoyed playing baseball. A machinist by trade, he worked at Harding Machine for 40 years. He was married to the late Carolyn Barker for 60 years. Together they raised two sons, and it was obvious to anyone who knew them that they were truly best friends. She often enlisted him to deliver cakes and home-cooked meals wherever needed. A follower of Jesus Christ, Junior was known for his quiet faith, evident in the way he lived. He and Carolyn were members of Calvary Baptist Church in Parsons, Tennessee.

He was known for calling friends and family to sing "Happy Birthday." He loved a good prank, and his laughter was contagious. Through the years, he made many great memories fishing with his siblings, sons, and friends. He was a St. Louis Cardinals fan through the good years and the bad, and a lifelong Tennessee Volunteers fan. More than anything, he enjoyed being at home with his family, where he and Carolyn made ordinary days feel special for their children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his two sons, Jeff Barker (Kim) and Gary Barker (Sarah); two brothers, Jerry Barker (Judy) and Stanley Barker (Vicki); three sisters, Jenece Scott (Norman), Carol Horn (Robert), and Pam Chandler (Tracy); and four grandchildren, Micah, Haven, Stone, and Cross Barker. In addition to his

parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two siblings, Joan Barker Neely and Larry Barker.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 PM on Friday, April 3, 2026, in the chapel of Pafford Funeral Home in Scotts Hill. Burial will follow in Cedar Grove Baptist Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday from 10:00 AM until the time of the service at 12:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

Mr. Barker will be remembered for his faith and dedication to his family. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Ms. Vicki Yeager and Arden Hospice for giving them precious time with him at home.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Baptist Cemetery

Scotts Hill, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Scotts Hill, TN
Highway 100
Scotts Hill, TN

Chapel Service

APR 3. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pafford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Junior Ray Barker*



Pafford Funeral Home - April 02 at 04:56 PM

CS

So Sorry for the family's loss, knew Junior for many years, he, Jerry Middleton and Mack Singleton were always present in our community while growing up. May your memories sustain you in this time of sorrow.

Carolyn Middleton Smith - April 11 at 09:40 PM

LR

“ *Heavens gain, prayers for the family.*

Larry Rushing - April 03 at 10:02 AM

AF

“ *It was a blessing and privilege to have known Mr. Junior and Ms. Carolyn.*



Ann J Smith & Family - April 02 at 10:04 PM



“ 110 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pafford Funeral Home - April 02 at 04:52 PM

AK

“ *Anna Kirk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Junior Ray Barker*



Anna Kirk - April 02 at 06:45 AM

AM

“ *May Almighty Father God bless and comfort the family 💖 and strengthen the family 💖*



Anthony Martin and jashon Johnson martin - April 01 at 10:03 PM

BM

“ I can't put into words how sorry I am for Carolyn and Junior both to leave us but so proud. They are together again.. to their sons and family. You have my prayers for the days ahead for his and her family. You have my prayers. Also love all of you.



Brenda Marr - April 01 at 08:13 PM

AK

Prayers for his family 🙏❤️

Anna Kirk - April 02 at 06:46 AM

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Prayers for his family! 🙏❤️

Anna Kirk - April 02 at 06:47 AM

DB

“ Danny & Shelia Beecham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Junior Ray Barker



Danny & Shelia Beecham - April 01 at 06:27 PM