



## James Thomas Barr

August 28, 1936 - January 7, 2015

James Thomas “Buddy” Barr went to be with The Lord on Wednesday January 7, 2015. He died peacefully at Florida Hospital North in Altamonte Springs, Florida. He was surrounded with love and prayer from his close, lifelong friends, his brothers, and his four sons, their families and extended families and friends. He also made very quick friends, as he always did, with his Doctors and Nurses, who honored him by showing him, his family, and friends a love and compassion rarely experienced.

Buddy was born on August 28, 1936 in Bristol, TN. He served overseas in Korea, while in the Army and was a graduate of the University of Tennessee. He was an avid reader and was passionate about UT Sports, fishing, and sharing laughs and countless memories with family and friends. He was a rock and could always be depended upon to lend an ear or to find humor in any situation. He will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved him.

Memorial Donations may be made to Heavenly Bags Food Ministry ICO Hillsdale United Methodist Church, 5018 US HWY 158 in Advance, NC 27006.

They may also be made to Crossings Community Church Men’s Ministry at 514 Walden View drive, Sanford, FL 32771 or to FARM (Feed all Regardless of Means) Café at 617 West King Street, Boone, NC 28607, [www.farmcafe.org](http://www.farmcafe.org).

He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Gene Barr. He is survived by Gene’s wife Phyllis Barr, of Louisville, KY, his brother Don Barr, of Phoenix, AZ, and his brother and sister-in-law Jere and Nancy Barr, of Atlanta, Ga. Buddy was also survived by his sons, Bryan and wife Laura, of

Lake Mary, FL, Todd and wife Lori, of Advance, NC, Greg and wife Cindy, of Boone, NC, and Mike, of Altamonte Springs, FL. In addition, he is survived by his 3 wonderful grandchildren, which he loved dearly and was so proud of, Tristan, Emma, and Evan. All know how blessed they were to have him in their lives and realize what a special gift Buddy has been.

It would not be fitting to write about Buddy's life, or his passions, without mentioning his closest friend, Ray Henry. It is so rare to find two friends that know each other for over 60 years, spend as much time together, and yet maintain the respect and true friendship that these two have shared. They both love fishing, but it was UT Sports that bonded them together. If UT was playing, they were watching, and if UT wasn't playing, they were known to put a recording on.

Buddy will be so fondly remembered for so many reasons, but most of all, he will be remembered for just being the man that he was and how he made you feel when you were with him. He had a gift that made you feel like he didn't care to be anywhere else.

# Tribute Wall

BR

“ It has been 1 month dad, since you went before us. I can't tell you how much we miss having you here. You have left a very special place, that I know will never be filled, and that is also such a tribute to the huge impact you had on my life, and that of Laura and Tristan. I thank God for making you my dad, and I thank you for being my best man.

*Bryan*

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**Bryan** - February 07, 2015 at 05:26 AM

SF

“ God has many people with many names in his home. God can now officially welcome the 1st and only "JAS" to his kingdom. Sorry for the loss guys. May we continue the name "Jas" in his memory for many years to come!!

*Scott Fowler*

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**Scott Fowler** - January 22, 2015 at 04:20 PM

BB

“ The "Dad" of our boys and our Grandchildren is going to be terribly missed. The good times will be cherished and will continue to thrive in the lives of each of these special ones.  
Not only were the angels waiting for him, Many family and friends were as well. The good times will continue!! Indeed he is going to be missed.

*Bev Barr*

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**Beverly Barr** - January 14, 2015 at 08:59 AM

BB

“ *Buddy is flying with the angels my prayers are with you Greg Mike Todd and Brian my you find peace and comfort from the Barkers*

**Buddy Barker** - January 13, 2015 at 07:34 PM

DD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers with Buddy's family and friends, Shirley Dowell "Speedy" and the Dowell family ...*

**David Dowell** - January 13, 2015 at 07:26 AM

BR

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



**Bryan** - January 12, 2015 at 01:21 PM

BR

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Bryan - January 12, 2015 at 01:14 PM

BR

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Bryan - January 12, 2015 at 01:09 PM

KW

“Buddy was a VFL and faithful member of the University of Tennessee Central Florida Alumni Association. Buddy loved people and everything Tennessee Volunteers. When he attended our gatherings, we loved to hear his stories-especially when he was telling them with his friend Ray Henry. Buddy will be remembered and missed.

*In sympathy,  
Karen Wilson VFL*

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**Karen Wilson** - January 12, 2015 at 12:33 PM

RH

“Buddy and I have been friends for 60 years. When he moved to Orlando in 1984 our homes were only 10 minutes apart, so we have spent enough time together these past 30 years to qualify as Brothers.

*Buddy's easy going nature and dry wit has always made for great company. We have fished, watched over a thousand UT Vol sporting events, enjoyed countless "hook-ups" with long time friends from Tennessee, shared a lot of Jim Beam, and enjoyed retelling funny stories of the past 60 years.*

*It is a blessing to have had such a wonderful friend for all these years. It is also very comforting to have so many memories to share with family and friends in the future.*

*Love and strength to Buddy's family. He will be missed by all who knew him.*

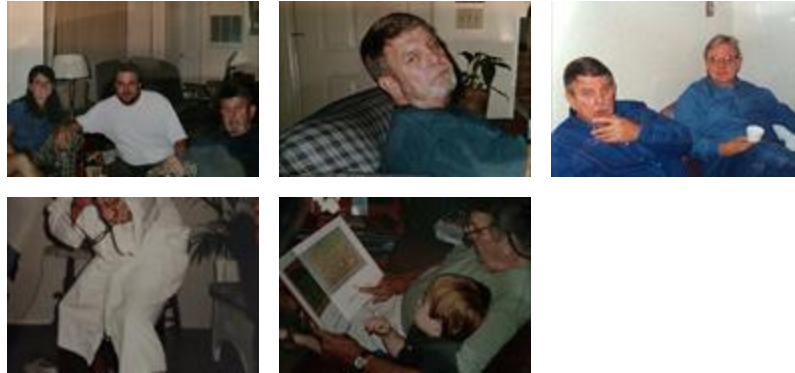
*Ray Henry*

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**Ray Henry** - January 12, 2015 at 12:04 PM

BR

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Bryan - January 12, 2015 at 11:28 AM

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Bryan - January 12, 2015 at 10:41 AM

SH

“ *I haven't seen Buddy in many years. I have fond memories of being with the Barr family when we were younger. Sorry for your loss from the Sams branch of the Boswell family.*  
*Sally Sams Huckleby*

Sally Sams Huckleby - January 12, 2015 at 08:42 AM

LD

“ *Linda Dannelly lit a candle in memory of James Thomas Barr*



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**Linda Dannelly** - January 12, 2015 at 08:37 AM

LD

“ *With heavy hearts we send our sincerest condolences to Buddy's family and friends. He will be missed by many. We are uplifting the entire family in special thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*Linda Barr Dannelly, Susie Barr Leonard, Nancy Barr Congleton*

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**Linda Dannelly** - January 12, 2015 at 08:33 AM

CB

“ *Enjoyed being with Buddy at Cindy and Greg's house in Boone. How Emma loved her Papa. Thoughts and prayers to all the Barr boys. Love Clara ( Mimi) Barker.*

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**clara Barker** - January 11, 2015 at 08:04 PM

 Renee Bready

“ *How nice to see this picture. I have so many good memories. He reminds me of my parents. Please give them a hug for me, Buddy.*

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**Renee Bready** - January 11, 2015 at 07:35 PM

SW

“ I have not seen Buddy in many years. He was an outstanding gentleman, a kind and loving father and grandfather. His sense of humour was well known among family and friends. As soon as you met Buddy, you became his friend. He will be missed by all who had the good fortune to have had him in their lives. He was a keeper, my ex-brother-in-law.

Susan Willis

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Susan Willis - January 11, 2015 at 06:06 PM

SW

“ So long to a great friend!! Sure will miss you!! Shirl & Mary Wolford

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Shirl Wolford - January 11, 2015 at 12:02 PM

CB

“ I had the privilege and honor to meet Buddy at his son Bryan's house on Thanksgiving 2013. He was a man of humility and boy, did he make some AWESOME cheese grits! I know more about Buddy through the many conversations that Bryan shared. He was an AWESOME father! The memories that he created over his life with his family and friends will live on forever. Grateful to God to call his son Bryan my brother! Thank you Buddy!

Cliff Blase Sorrento, Fl.

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Cliff Blase - January 10, 2015 at 09:52 AM