




Wallace H. "Wally" Barrows

April 10, 2015

Wallace H. "Wally" Barrows, 86, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, passed away unexpectedly Friday, April 10, 2015, at his home. Born on November 21, 1928, in Chicago, Illinois, he was the son of the late Howard Mills Barrows and Juanita Hazel Robertson Barrows of De Soto, Missouri. Wally was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Sharon B Barrows of Cape Girardeau; his children, Thomas (Debbie) Barrows of Oak Ridge, Missouri and Terry (Lori). Barrows of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; grandsons Christopher Heath (Madalyn King) Barrows of Perryville, Missouri, Dustin Thomas Barrows of Fruitland, Missouri, and Wallace Clayton Barrows of Bartlesville, and granddaughter Haley Renee Barrows of Bartlesville; stepson David (Laura) Hulcy; stepdaughter Margaret (Tony) Wiggins; step granddaughters Zane Elizabeth and Gabrielle Hulcy, and Madalyn Wiggins of Cape Girardeau, as well as great grandchildren, Hunter Michael and Lydia Marie Barrows all of Perryville, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his parents. Wally spent his childhood in De Soto, Missouri and graduated from DeSoto High School in 1946. He achieved his B.S.E. in physical education and history in 1955 from Southeast Missouri State College, a masters  in education (M.E.) in physical education and school administration from the University of Mississippi in 1958, and a Ph.D. in school administration from St. Louis University in 1976. He served in the United States Air Force from 1948-1952, played varsity basketball at SEMO State, taught swimming for the Red Cross in summers and coached all levels

of baseball, including Cape American Legion. He worked as director of the Migrant Education Center in 1975 while working on his dissertation in migrant education for St. Louis University. He held many teaching and coaching positions in Parma, Bourbon and Potosi, Missouri, and then served in various positions as a principal before serving as superintendent of Nell Holcomb R-4 for 13 years. He met Sharon B. Barenkamp while working on his undergraduate degree. Life took a different turn for each of them but brought them back together and they married March 23, 1982. Wally was an athlete, an avid sports fan and loved spending time in the outdoors. He enjoyed Cardinal baseball, and would often be among the crowd at SEMO University basketball and Capaha baseball games, as well as a coach for his grandsons baseball teams and a supporter of his granddaughters' soccer, basketball and volleyball games. He was a talented artist and photographer, often surprising friends with pen and ink renditions of their homes and donating pieces for charity events. He loved vacations at Gulf Shores, Alabama and trips involving family and friends. Visitation will be from 4-8 pm Monday, April 13, 2015 at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Chapel, 1001 N. Mount Auburn Road, Cape Girardeau. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 10:00 am at the chapel with the Rev. Dave Conley officiating. The family request that memorial donations be made to the Capaha Field Improvement Committee.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Sharon, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Cape has lost a great baseball fan and a talented baseball artist. Will miss seeing him at Capaha.

Joan & Wayne McPherson - December 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ I was saddened to learn of the passing of Coach Barrows. He was held in great esteem in Bourbon by parents and students alike and coached some of Bourbon's best basketball teams. He will always be fondly remembered as an outstanding citizen and coach. Sincere condolences to his family.

Helen Valle Crist - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ I am very sorry to hear about your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. I loved having Dr. Barrows as a Superintendent at Nell Holcomb School. He was one of the best. He will be missed.

RAlina Fornkohl - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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RAlina Fornkohl - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Sharon, so sorry to hear about Wally. We will all miss him. Our thoughts are with you and his family.

Leon and Linda Wiggs - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *Jerri and I are sorry we were unable to come to the visitation. Dr. Barrows hired me at Nell Holcomb in 1983. Although he appeared to be gruff, he had a truly wonderful sense of humor. He was a good boss, too. I always enjoyed running into him around town after he left N.H. Lee & Jerri*

Lee & Jerri Pasborg - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *I graduated from Potosi High in 1964, had Mr. Barrows as coach in basketball and I think he was track coach also. My condolences to his wife and family, he was a good man, and a great coach.*

Randall Greenwood - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ *To the family of Dr. Barrows: Heaven is a little brighter now that Dr. Barrows is there looking down upon us. Dr. Barrows was a positive role model for me growing up. I remember him fondly from my days of youth at Nell Holcomb school. He was always a source of honesty and integrity. From a student's perspective, he was a tremendous leader and supporter of the teachers, staff, and students. Later, I remember him always walking the track at Central High School and would often see him watching baseball games. He will be truly missed by all who knew him. Respectfully, Ken Pemberton, Jr. Financial Advisor Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc.*

Ken Pemberton, Jr. - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Tom, Sorry to hear about your dad passing away. I always enjoyed talking to him when I was working for you. He told me that a college degree would open a lot of doors for me, and he was right. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Jim Boettcher - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Sharon we are sad to hear of your loss. You and the family are in our hearts and prayers. So sorry we can't be with you. With Deepest Sympathy

Gene and Carolyn McCalister - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Tom: So sorry to read of the death of your Dad. Our deepest sympathy to you, Debbie and the rest of your family.

Phil and Marilyn Freeman - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM