



James Harold Barron

December 6, 1920 - June 2, 2010

James Harold Barron, 89 passed away on June 2, 2010. Born to the late Thomas Kellam Barron and Othera Spraggins Barron, he graduated from Newnan High School and attended the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

Harold was married for 62 years to his childhood sweetheart, Mary Catherine Sanders, who preceded him in death. They were married on Christmas Day in 1941, shortly before he reported for duty in the United States Army Air Force. He was a business leader in Newnan, serving on various committees and boards, including his service on the board of directors of The Citizens and Southern Bank, a board member of Newnan Utilities, president of the Newnan –Coweta Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Downtown Merchants' Association, City of Newnan Alderman, and committee co-chair for the City of Newnan 150th Anniversary Celebration. He was a member of the Newnan Kiwanis Club and Golden K Kiwanis Club. Harold was awarded the Newnan-Coweta Citizen of the Year Award in 2003. One of his projects in which he invested countless hours and for which he proved to be one of the guiding forces, was the creation of the Veterans' Memorial Park on Jackson Street. Central Baptist Church was the center of his spiritual life, as his grandmother was one of the founding members and his parents were active members their entire lives. He was a Sunday School teacher and superintendent, a deacon, chaired countless committees and sang in the chancel choir for over 70 years. He was a charter member of the Newnan High School Booster club and loved

sports, especially University of Georgia football. He served as president of the Newnan Country Club, and with his lifelong friend Bill “Whooper” Lee, he founded the Flash-Whoop Golf Tournament – Harold being the holder of the moniker “Flash”. He also served on the Coweta County Sports Hall of Fame Committee.

Harold is survived by three daughters; Sandra Glover and her husband John of Atlanta, Jane Barron of Decatur, Katie Brady and her husband Keith of Newnan. Also surviving are his grandchildren Merrilee and John Glover, Jr. of Bozeman, MT, Carrie and Jeffrey Glover of Atlanta, Mattie and Jason Brady of Newnan, Laura and Brian Smith of Newnan. There are three great grandchildren; Amelia Glover, Alec Glover and Grier Brady. His surviving brother is Dr. C. M. Barron of Newnan. Harold’s father was one of 12 children, so there are countless cousins in the Barron family.

More important to Harold than all of his accolades was his desire to be remembered as a loving family member and a loyal and faithful friend to all. His life of dedicated service was driven by his desire to simply leave the world a better place – to be a part of the solution and never part of the problem. None could argue that he accomplished that mission.

Funeral services are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street in Newnan. Visitation with the family will be held on Friday, June 4, 2010 between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM at Central Baptist Church in Newnan on West Broad Street. The funeral service will be on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 2:00 PM at Central Baptist Church with Dr. Joel E. Richardson and Dr. Harry Barrow officiating. Interment will be in Oak Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, it is suggested that memorial contributions may be made in Harold’s memory to his beloved Central Baptist Church P.O. Box 1221 Newnan, GA 30264. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Service

JUN 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Central Baptist Church
14 West Broad St.
Newnan, GA 30264

Tribute Wall

DL

“Katie, I am sorry to learn of Mr. Barron's passing. He was a dear man that I appreciated the short time I was in Newnan. He loved his church, his family and his community. I know that you and all of the family will miss him, but know he changed many lives and brightened many people's lives, including mine. In HIM, Danny

Danny Lewis - June 08, 2010 at 08:18 AM

BB

“Our hearts and prayers go out to you all in this time of loss. Mr. Harold was always in our Church and chioras long as I can remember back (50 years). I will miss him tremendously. What a fine man. What a true family friend as well. Love, Bob Blackburn

bob & Jenni & Matt& Tori Blackburn - June 07, 2010 at 01:45 PM

JM

“Jane, Please accept my condolences. I remember your father's smile from years ago. Junie

Junie Austin Merkle - June 07, 2010 at 08:52 AM

GW

“Jane & Katie I was so sorry to hear the news about Mr. Harold. Sorry we weren't in town to see you & give you a hug (hugs are always good during this sad time). Not sure we can decorate for another reunion without Mr. Harold's help! Know your family is in our thoughts & prayers in the coming days.

George & Peggy Williams - June 05, 2010 at 11:48 PM

DG

“ To the Barron Family, I am a nurse at Newnan Health and Rehabilitation Center, formerly Beaulieu Convalescent Center. I just learned of Mr. Barron's death and read his obituary about his devotion to his family and how he wanted to be there for his family. I just wanted you to know I did not know Mr. Barron before his parents came to our facility. The things I remember about him was his devotion to them, his love and respect for them, his daily visits, and his kindness to others. Please accept my condolences. Donna

Donna Kee Garrett - June 05, 2010 at 07:07 PM

MN

“ So sorry to hear about your father, Katie. I know he is so glad to be reunited with his bride. And I'll bet he and my Dad are swapping stories and reminiscing already! Prayers are with you. Mimi

Mimi Fair Nowell - June 05, 2010 at 01:12 PM

LB

“ Flash had the unique ability to make each person he met feel special. I always enjoyed his cheery greeting....."Hi, Sugar"!!!! His talk on the evening of the Country Club anniversary party was a very special look into the past and those who attended were privileged to share his memories. He will be missed.

Linda Brown - June 05, 2010 at 09:59 AM

DC

“ Flash may be gone-----but surely not forgotten. His friendship will live in all that shared his life. My deepest sympathies to family. dave clemens

Dave Clemens - June 04, 2010 at 09:21 PM

AS

“ Even God needs additional souls occasionally to bring His special affection, joviality, and untiring energy to bear upon those of us still in waiting for His call. What an energized carriage of saintly action will Harold offer at His right hand. I came to know Harold through my new position as mathematics teacher and coach at the Newnan High School in 1951, and through co-working projects in Kiwanis. He was vitally interested in both of these endeavors, whatever it may include. Of course, being a lifelong citizen of Newnan and Coweta County, Harold epitomized the ultimate in local citizenry. My friendship continued until 1960 within which my family and I found it necessary to leave Newnan reluctantly to aid our ailing elderly parents. It was not until February, 2006 that I was able to renew our friendship while attending the Coweta Sports Hall of Fame banquet. Upon entering the area, coming up to greet us was no other than Harold Barron with his usual big smile and effervescent personality. We had a great, though short lived conversation, primarily talking about our common ground of the past. It was, "How your doin' Coach!" And, so you see, all of you will miss this personality plus gentleman of the South. I have had practice during these some fifty some years. You will have to learn to live without him. Please do allow me to say to you, "I am so sorry that all of you have lost a father, a grandfather, a great grandfather. I do share your sorrow, but remember that he is with God, still being the active person that he always was." May God bless all of you in giving of His graces for strength.

A. Jack Schiffli - June 04, 2010 at 04:43 PM

GW

“ We are grateful that Harold Barron allowed us to be a part of his life and we will forever remember the influence that he had on our lives. Our prayers are with the Barron family.....

Geraldine/Bobby Welch - June 04, 2010 at 03:55 PM

BP

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the family from a dear friend. (RCA)*

Barbara Pettit - June 04, 2010 at 02:28 PM

JG

“ *Kittie & I* would like to extend to all of you the Barron Family our heartfelt sympathy during your time of sorrow. May the Good Lord above continue to bless and keep you.*

James & Katie Gay - June 04, 2010 at 01:45 PM

BB

“ *To the Barron Family Newnan and Coweta County has lost one of its "treasures" - a role model for living for us all to strive for. I never saw him or talked to him without somehow feeling a little better. Truly another one of the "good guys" that will be greatly missed. God Bless.*

Bill & Bobbie Breed - June 04, 2010 at 12:32 PM

JH

“ *Mr. Harold was a wonderful man. Always had a smile and kind words or laugh for each one he saw. I will always remember that smile. My prayers are for all of the family and I know he is rejoicing being with Ms. Cathernine.*

Joan Hanson - June 04, 2010 at 10:35 AM

DJ

“ Family of Harold, We are so sorry to hear of Harold's death. The Good Lord has him another Choir Member. We have known and had many buisness dealing with him for many many years. He was a good man and had many friends. May God bless you and give you peace and understanding during this difficult time. Don and Mildred

Don and Mildred Jones - June 04, 2010 at 10:13 AM

BJ

“ Barry and I were so sorry to hear about Mr. Harold's death. He will be truly missed by the town of Newnan. He waited on us many times in the store. I always loved to see and hear him in the choir. I'm sure he has already found a choir to sing in up in Heaven. Just know that he is no longer in any pain and is in a much better place.

Barry and Ruby Ann Jackson - June 04, 2010 at 09:53 AM

BD

“ To the Barron Family, please know that you have my deepest sympathy. So many of us played and spent time on Hollis Heights growing up. "Mr. Flash" was loved and repected by so many of us.

Billy Deacon - June 04, 2010 at 09:21 AM

RB

“ The Flash Whoop Golf Tournament will once again be played. Only this time the Club Pro (GOD) has no handicap. Our deepest sympathies' to the entire Barron Family.

Richard & Donna Brooks - June 04, 2010 at 07:37 AM

NN

“Katie, I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad. He was truly a good man and father to you. I know you will miss him greatly. I will always have the memory of being able to walk around the court square at Christmas time and hear Christmas Carols playing from your Dad's store. God Bless You and your Family.

Nancy Ferrell Neal - June 04, 2010 at 07:15 AM

PS

“My condolences go out to the family of Mr. Barron, I met Mr Barron while an employee at Newnan Utilities. The first time we met, we talked about electronics and repairing TV's and such. He had time to talk to almost anyone, he will be greatly missed.

Pete Stevens - June 04, 2010 at 07:11 AM

KP

“Our love and sympathy to each of his wonderful family. We are out of town and sorry we will not be present to hear the tribute to such a special person. Newnan has lost a hero!

Kermit & Betsy Perry - June 03, 2010 at 06:47 PM

RS

“to the barron family we have lost a very special person but if we live the live mr harold did we will see him and mrs kathrine again I cherished the memories I had when I did his tv repair work I never forget what he told me when I told him about A boat i was buying he told me the the two happiest days of my life was the day I bought it and the day I GOT RID OF IT and he was right our thoughts and prayers are with all of you

REV DANNY SPENCER - June 03, 2010 at 05:56 PM

JW

“ Dear Barron family, I was so sorry to hear of Mr. Harold's death. I have many fond memories of him and Miss Catherine as I would visit their store, first on the South Court Square and later at the other location where the fire trucks used to be. For a young boy and then as a young adult, Mr. Harold's store was full of the electronic things that so interested me. Mr. Harold and Miss Catherine would take time to talk to me about the latest TV, VCR, antenna or other gadget even though I was just 13 or so. I can remember purchasing blank video tapes from Mr. Harold when no one else in town carried them in the early 1980's. Later I bought a console TV from Barron's. Mr. Harold made the sale as Keith was not in the store that day. The TV is still in my den and working over 20 years later! I always made a point to speak to Mr. Harold when I saw him out. I can hear him say "good to see you Jim". Newnan has lost a true original. Thankfully we had him with us as long as we did. Know that you're in my thoughts and prayers. James Williams

James Williams - June 03, 2010 at 05:39 PM

BW

“ Jane, Katie, & Sandra, Your Dad was a true gentleman. He is what Newnan is all about. His love of this town, Central Baptist Church, and all of the people he has touched is a great tribute to him. He has always been a wonderful part of our family history. He was such a good friend to my grandfather, Nolen Walls, and all of our family. If you wanted to know anything about Newnan, he was the man to ask. Beth and I will miss him, and his smile that he always greeted you with. Our thoughts and prayers, and love to all of you. Beth & Jimmy

Beth & Jimmy Walker - June 03, 2010 at 05:39 PM

MY

“Katie and Family, we will miss Mr. Harold. Each time I spoke with Mr. Harold I could always learn something new about Newnan history. He was an amazing man with wonderful stories. You are in our prayers, Mike and Bev Yeager & Family

Mike Yeager - June 03, 2010 at 05:25 PM

MM

“Dear Barron Family, We were deeply saddened by the death of "Mr. Harold". He is the gentleman you knew would live forever. He was a constant here in Newnan. I sure will miss his sweet greeting of "Hey Suga" and that big hug. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathies,] Mike & Renee

Mike & Renee McGraw - June 03, 2010 at 04:09 PM

BW

“Katie, So sorry to hear about Mr. Harold. I am planning to see you at the funeral. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during these days of loss. Love you, Becky

Becky Woodruff - June 03, 2010 at 03:22 PM

GS

“I am writing to extend our deepest sympathies to you and your family. I had the honor and the pleasure to know Mr. Harold and I was very sorry to hear about his passing away. I will miss working with him, his generous nature and sharing his remarkable sense of humor.

Gina and Pete Snider - June 03, 2010 at 02:59 PM

SP

“ *Katie, I have always loved your dad as well as your mom. I know you will miss him but I am glad that they will be together again. My thought and prayers are you and all the family.*

Sarah Pike - June 03, 2010 at 02:56 PM

RD

“ *Our heartfelt sympanthy to the family and friends. That Heavenly Chours has gained another voice and a faithful servant.*

Ray & Linda DuBose - June 03, 2010 at 02:35 PM