



Roy Jack Barbee

August 29, 1942 - October 9, 2023

Roy Jack Barbee passed away October 9, 2023 at his residence in Newnan, Georgia. He was born on August 29, 1942 in Freer, Texas to Alfred and Louise Barbee. Roy grew up in Notrees (pronounced "No-Trees"), Texas.

After graduating high school in Odessa, Texas, Roy joined the U.S. Army and attended the Naval School of Music as a drummer. Roy played in the U.S. Army Band and was attached to the 82nd Airborne Division until 1964. Although in the band, he was required to make several parachute jumps.

After the Army, Roy earned a Music Degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. After college, Roy was the band director at Estacado High School in Lubbock during 1970-73. During the mid-70's, Roy moved to Nashville, Tennessee to pursue a career as a professional drummer. He performed not only with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra, but also with The Sonny James Band, The Dave Dudley Band, and had many appearances on the Grand Ole Opry.

Roy was first introduced to Scottish-style drumming in 1987 after attending a performance by The Grenadier Guards and Gordon Highlanders in Nashville. He was a founding member of Lubbock Pipes & Drums, and

has played with numerous other bagpipe/drum bands including Nashville Pipes & Drums, Atlanta Pipe Band, and John Mohr MacKintosh Pipes & Drums.

An interesting genealogical footnote: Roy is a direct descendant of Captain John Damron, who joined the Continental Army under George Washington as a drummer boy in 1776, and was present at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania in late 1777.

Roy is survived by his daughter Jennifer Brooks Barbee; granddaughter Saipelia "Sissy"; grandson Tavarrius; his band family and church friends.

A Celebration of Life service will be announced at a later date.

Cemetery Details

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