



Mr. Gary Barton Obituary

June 25, 2013

Mr. Gary Barton died Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at his residence.

His memorial services will be held June 28, 2013 at 3:00PM at Kimbrell-Stern with visitation to be held following the service. Mr. Bob McKinney will officiate.

Mr. Barton graduated from Emory University and the University of Alabama, and was a retired librarian with the Dougherty County Public Library. He attended Westwood Church and was an example to those who knew him. A beloved husband and father, Gary will always be remembered by his loved ones for his kindness, wit, and quiet courageousness. A true gentleman and gentle man, he strived to make every day special for those around him. He always took the time to write detailed letters in his impeccable penmanship; everyone knew his letters before opening them by his carefully crafted envelopes. He loved Christmas, every type of food, playing the piano, and sweet tea. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria of Albany, two daughters, Mary Barton Prickett (Jarrod) of Athens, GA and Caroline Barton Schmidt (Nick) of Brookline, MA, his mother, Floetta B. Barton, a sister, Kathy Barton Long, both of Ooltewah, TN, a niece, Kelli Marie Long of Knoxville, TN and his dogs Buddy and Willie.

Memorials may be made to the State Botanical Gardens of Georgia, 2450 South Milledge Ave., Athens, GA 30605.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 28. 3:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Visitation

JUN 28. 3:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Gary Barton Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mr. Gary Barton Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *I just found out about Gary. :(I am so sorry. Gary was a very nice man...and I miss him at the Library and Publix. Thinking of you. GBU!*

Shawn - July 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gloria and family,
You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I pray that the Lord will give you strength, comfort and courage as you face the dawning of a new day. The loss of my husband a few months ago has been very difficult, but I believe in the Father's promise that he will be with us through all the difficult times.*

Ruby Bozeman Long - Albany, GA - acquaintance - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ A wonderful Librarian and scholar whom I had the pleasure of working with for several years passed this week. Gary Barton was a librarian who was always there for staff and most of all the public. He never put his values or morality on hold and all of us learned from him on a daily basis.
Rest in Peace Gary.

Ellen Rappaport - Largo, FL - Staff @ Northwest Public Library - June 30, 2013
at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Gloria and girls,
I am deeply sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace are with all of you. Gloria, I often remember the warm tales of family life at the Barton home that you told to me during our workdays.

I recall Gary's fondness for Christmas ornaments, mountain twig furniture and his devotion to his manual lawnmower.

I always think of Gary when I unpack my yearly Christmas decorations and I recall with laughter the time your Christmas tree fell over due to the many heavy ornaments and that it had to be tied to the window sash!

Most of all, I recall his warmth and tenderness to all of you: his three girls the loves of his life. May you be comforted by your heavenly father during this season in your lives.

Sala Rhodes Shierling - Friend - June 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Gary's character is beautifully described in Galation's 5:22-23. Gary was full of the fruit of the Spirit and we all have much to learn from him.

Gloria, Mary and Caroline, we love you and will continue to pray for you.

Curtis and Angie Berry - Albany, GA - friends and neighbors - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ Dearest Caroline, Please know that your St. Anne's family is thinking of you during this difficult time. We are sending thoughts and prayers to you, your mother and sister. You spoke so lovingly of your father I know he loved being your dad. We will raise a glass of Sweet Tea in his honor. Much love,
Elaine Christopher

Elaine Christopher - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Dear Gloria, we ,Lenora, Cheryl Tonya and myself, were so very sorry to hear about Gary's passing. As you know he and your family had been patients for many years and we always enjoyed seeing you all-keeping up with how the girls were doing,the U. of Alabama and when you next trip to visit your parents. Gary was always a true gentleman and a down to earth good guy. He will be missed in many ways but always remembered as one of Albany's best.

I am sorry that my wife and I will not be able to attend Gary's funeral or visitation as we had a previous engagement to attend a wedding out of town-but I did want to express my sorrow and sadness. With kind thoughts and prayers for you and your family, Bill Landau

Bill Landau - Albany, GA - Gary's dentist - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Dear Gloria, Mary Katherine and Caroline, our hearts and prayers are with you thru this difficult transition. Gary was such a special soul on this earth. we were all blessed to share in his journey. the innumerable and priceless memories I will forever cherish are the ones that were created with Gary.... and yet, today my world is a bit empty.....

Charlee Reasor - CA - friend - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ I was very sorry to hear of Gary's passing. I always remember him as a special warm caring individual. He will be greatly missed. Deepest sympathies --Ed Todd

Ed Todd - Brentwood , TN - Friend - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ Gary was such a pleasant, soft spoken man....it was always a pleasure to speak with him and he was so very willing to try to help you. He had a sense of humor always. I loved the columns he sometimes had in the Herald also. He will be missed by many. The world needs more like him. Sincere condolences from a library patron who will miss him.

Nell Masters - Albany - Knew from library - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ There will never ever be anyone like our Gary!! loved hearing him talk & do storytime at the Library.We worked together so many years & went through alot of changes together.He could always say something out of the blue to make me laugh!! know your hearts are heavy.He made such an impression on everyone he met.I will cherish my memories & know he is in the best place now.He loved his three women so much!God bless....

Lisa Jones - Albany, GA - friend - June 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Gloria, Caroline, and Mary I'm not going to tell you how wonderful Gary was because I know you already know. I will always remember the first time I came to Westwood & I heard Gary sing. It was the most beautiful thing I've heard. Chandler & I made sure we always got a seat behind him so we could really hear him. He inspired me with his courage. I will miss him.

Alice Heldenberg - Albany, GA - friend - June 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I am so very sad to read of Gary's passing. I always thought of him as one of the nicest and kindest men that I ever met. He was always so eager to be helpful and it was apparent that he loved his family with all of his heart. I am so sorry for your loss and pray that God will give you comfort and peace. Joy Davis

Joy O Davis - Albany, GA - June 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Gloria-I've seen your family grow and you've seen mine increase and grow. I remember how helpful Gary was with suggesting not just books but other activities for my son at a very young age. I know the love that shined in your eyes for each other will never dim, but I hope that reminiscences from friends (who should have been around more) will help lighten your burden. Gary was very special and will be very missed throughout this community. You and your family are also very special.

thinking of and praying for you,

Caryl Nemajovsky

Caryl Nemajovsky - Albany, GA - friend - June 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Gary's gentle ways will remain in my memory bank forever. Knowing that he has eternal peace comforts me, and fills me with joy. Loving you Gloria, Caroline and Mary.

Sherri Eidson - Albany, GA - Friend - June 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Dear Gloria, Mary & Caroline,

I feel so blessed and thankful to have worked with a smart, great, humble and loving person such as your husband and father. We talked about many things over the years, but one thing I do know is that he loved you guys soooooo much! Gloria he would stick his tongue out when he talked about his honey do list he had to tackle on his Friday's off and would always joke about the yard work. I knew better, it made him feel special and it gave him joy because he would talk about it with a smile. Mary & Caroline he would always tell me the story that you two were always on his heart, but REALLY on his heart even more when you two started driving! I know that he has left you all with so many fond memories and as you re-capture them and think about them I pray they give you comfort and smiles in the days ahead. If God has a library in heaven, I know that Gary was hired on the spot!!! I will miss him; he was the best and simply irreplaceable. Not only was he my supervisor, he was someone I enjoyed listening and talking to. His presence brought peace, kindness and many smiles into the workplace. He touched my life and inspired me in so many ways. I'll never forget Gary. During this difficult time I pray you all gather strength from one another and that you will feel God's loving arms around you. May God keep you and cover you with his healing grace.

With Deepest Sympathy,

Kim Dean Haywood

Kim Dean Haywood - ALbany, GA - Co-Worker - June 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EN

“Hearing someone saying Gary Barton had died the other lady said, "I did not know him." Then the person said "He was the soft spoken man at Northwest Library." And the lady said, "Oh, no! Not that nice man who helped me so often in the Library. I wondered where he was. What happened?" When told of Gary's battle the lady said, "It breaks my heart."

If folks who only knew him by his work efforts are lamenting, just think of how sad his family and friends are!

Good job in the Library, neighborhood, and in your whole life, Gary. You will be missed!

Elizabeth Champion - Albany, GA - neighbor-friend - June 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EN

“Dear Gloria, Mary & Caroline,

So sorry to learn of Gary's (your beloved husband & Father's) passing. I cherish the years I spent working with Gary as my manager at Northwest Library and learning from him. Gary's patience and understanding set him heads above the crowd. It was an honor to know him as a manger and friend. I know Gary would have be happy for me knowing I finally graduated with my M.L.I.S. In learning of Gary's illness I am thankful I reconnected with him by sending a birthday card just a short while ago. Gary's faith never waivered. I know he is with the Lord and in perfect health. I hope God's peace and faithfulness brings the comfort it brought me when my son passed.

With my sincere sympathy,

Ellen R. Rappaport

Ellen Rappaport - Largo, FL - Former library staff @ Northwest - June 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Sweet Tea! I never saw anyone drink so much sweet tea as when Gary and I went to Savannah for a GLA meeting. Yes, he was quiet too but when he talked he cracked me up! And made me think.... He and Gloria raised wonderful daughters and I know he loved them to the moon.

The thing that most impressed me was when we came back home from Savannah. There were kids in his yard as his daughters were young. They all came up to Gary just like he was their best friend and asked him to read to them. You cannot pay kids to do that (politicians note) but they sensed the calm spirit and huge heart that was Gary.

I will try my best to be there Friday but if I am not.... Gary I will always consider you my good friend God bless your family and may they carry your memory and spirit beyond...

Jimmy Bass - Newnan, GA - Friend - June 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Gloria and girls, your husband and father was such a well respected and honored man in our town -I know he will continue to be so! I will cherish the memories of the Palmyra Heights Christmas Tour of Homes and listening to him play the piano but especially getting that special treat of viewing all the miniature Nativity sets on display -wow! They truly need to be on permanent display somewhere -like in the library -what a gift that would be!

Gloria, you worked so hard to meet his every need from the time he got sick to the very end -you are truly a special help-meet. God bless you all and I hope he has made friends with my parents in Heaven and telling them all about his beautiful family and his wonderful Nativity scenes. :-)

He will so missed and I will treasure having known him.

Soraya Miller - Albany, GA - friend - June 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“Gloria, Mary and Caroline, I don't have to tell y'all what an awesome husband/dad/person Gary was. Gary was a blessing to all those who knew him. He was the best of the best and I will miss him so. I'm thankful that he was a part of my life for so many years and for all of the great memories I have of him! Love to you all!

Leslie Partridge - Albany, GA - friend - June 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM