



## Mr. Raymond Cary Barker, Jr. Obituary

May 5, 1954 - March 20, 2014

Mr. Raymond Cary Barker, Jr, died Thursday, March 20, 2014 at his residence following a long illness.

His memorial service will be Sunday (today) at 4 PM in the Walden Chapel at First United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends Sunday 3 to 4 PM in Walden Chapel.

Born in Albany, Mr. Barker was a 1972 graduate of Riverview Academy which his family helped found. At the age of 15 he started performing piano, organ and vocals professionally and studied music under four different private instructors. His biggest joy in performing was seeing the joy in people who appreciated hearing him play his music.

Mr. Barker dearly loved his family, pets and especially First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his mother, Cheri Barker ; brother, Rev. Jeff Barker and his wife Vickie; nieces Anna Griffin and her husband Josh, Hope Trumbull and her husband Joey of Baconton; uncle and aunt, Les and Earlene Persall, New port Richie, FL; special friends Jeff Poole, Putney, Tonia Helvik, Albany and Don Holcomb, Conyers.

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“ *I loved Cary with all my heart.*

**Arlene Macon - Santee, CA - friend and he played for me - March 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM**



“ *I admired Cary's kindness and of course his musicianship . I got to know him when he was serving at Hand memorial church here in Pelham . my husband I and also took our daughter Lucy to have lessons with him . Rest in peace Cary I can only imagine the joy you having now with heavenly music . Prayers for the family . What a good man he was .*

**Mary Glynn Stelmack - Pelham, GA - friend - March 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM**

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“ Cary was a close family friend, teacher, and mentor. He told me at an early age I had the potential to be on stage as a career and never left it since. I think about him every day and I know he would be proud of where i am now.

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**timothy stoeckel - albany, ga, GA - Piano teacher/friend** - March 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I am so sorry to hear about Cary. His talent now resides with the Angels. Jean Wills Satterfield (Cyndi's roommate at GSW)

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**Jean Satterfield - Friend** - March 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I just wanted to say that I am very sorry to hear of Cary's passing. He taught me piano at Carson's Piano Company many years ago. He will be missed. RIP Cary!!!

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**Denise Coleman - Albany, GA - previous piano student** - March 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I just learned of Cary's passing on Facebook. I want to offer my condolences to the entire family, especially Mrs. Cherie. Cary always made music so much fun and I won't ever forget the day that he and I made candles in Mrs. Cherie's kitchen. There was a lot of laughing and a lot of mess made that day. I don't think Mrs. Cherie ever got over the wax in her good boilers. The world has truly lost a magical, musical gift and it will never be the same again. There is a special star burning brightly now that is all Cary. My love to you all.

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**Susan Freeman Jamerson - Pelham, GA - friend, neighbor, former student** - March 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Today was one of those life-altering events when I read my parents' email about Cary's passing. I met Cary when I was just a child, & he was my first musical mentor, instructor, supporter, & friend. He once invited me, when I was just a kid, to sing 2 songs at one of his gigs at Garganos East. It was my 1st public appearance. If not for him, I might not be a musician today. I owe him so much, & I sorrow for your loss. Please feel free to contact me anytime. May God bless you & support you in this time,

Ace

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**Ace** - March 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I have many fond memories of Mr. Cary playing piano at my grandparents news years parties. He had such a talent and will be missed. My prayers are with his family.

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**Catie Duskin - Dothan, AL - Friend** - March 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Cary was a magnificent man, loving, compassionate, honorable and I will mourn him every day that I live and until I see him again one day.

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**Dane Arreola - Albany, GA - Friend & entended family** - March 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I am so sorry for the passing of Cary. Your family is in my prayers. Know that I am thinking of you all at this time of sorrow. Love to you all.

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**Marsha Ward - sylvester, GA - friend** - March 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Cary's passing. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with his family. Cary is singing and playing in the angel choir now. He will not be forgotten by his many friends.....Debbie Sutton

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**Debbie Sutton - Albany, GA - friend** - March 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Any time I heard Cary playing the electric piano, I always enjoyed his music, as did so many people. He will be missed. He was so talented.

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**Janice Jordan - Albany, GA - musician friend** - March 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Rest in peace, dear Cary, free of all your earthly pain. The angel choir has a new soloist and musician. I will miss your delightful sense of humor and your kindness and ability in so many different areas. Your music brought much joy to many, many people and what a legacy that is! God's peace to your friends and family. Mitzi

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**Mitzi Cook - Albany, GA - friend** - March 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Cary played piano and sang at my wedding in 1993. What a beautiful talent. He truly had a gift. My prayers are with his family and friends.

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**Bambi - Albany, GA** - March 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Praying for the Barker family during the time.

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**Alison - Albany, GA - family friend** - March 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ So sorry to hear of Cary's passing. He use to teach me piano and I really loved taking from him! The world will really miss him!

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**Brenda Darbyshire - Albany, GA - friend** - March 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM