



James E. "Heavy" Barber

September 15, 1939 - April 21, 2020

James E. "Heavy" Barber was born September 15, 1939 and passed away April 21, 2020. Heavy was born and raised in Dallas. He graduated from North Dallas High school in 1958. In High School, Heavy excelled in both football and track and field. Upon graduation from North Dallas High School, he attended Southern Methodist University on a football scholarship and also pursued track and field. Football would ultimately win out as he was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles just prior to graduating from SMU. His career with the Eagles would be short lived due to the birth of his daughter.

Upon returning to Dallas, Heavy took a job with an ambulance company and would soon start a career with Pierce Chemicals Morticians Supply Company where he became the Manufacturing and Operations Manager. He spent approximately 17 years with Pierce Chemicals before taking his expertise in manufacturing to Carrington Laboratories. Heavy was also employed with the Aloe Science Council where he would have the opportunity to travel worldwide. Upon retirement, Heavy worked for Chase Couriers to stay active. He enjoyed his time as a courier as he got to meet many people and would never hesitate to ask, "what's in the box." Heavy would soon have to completely retire due to some physical challenges with bad knees from the old football injuries.

Throughout his life, Heavy was a member and Past President of the Oak Cliff

Optimist Club and was actively involved in the Soap Box Derby. He was a former member of Texas Funeral Directors.

Heavy was an avid sportsman and continued this passion throughout his life. He spent much of his time hunting and fishing in and around Texas but traveled to Alaska, Mexico and Central America as well. He enjoyed sharing his experiences with his children and taught them to enjoy the outdoors.

More recently, Heavy found a good recliner, remote control, and big screen tv with countless sports channels, TV Land, TBN and the Game Show Network was the best retirement not to mention a side table of snacks and his kids bringing home ice cream.

Heavy is preceded in death by his father and mother, Joseph Elvin Barber and Juanita Dunn Barber, and daughter, Janet Kimberly Westmoreland.

He is survived by his brother, Robert "Bobby" Barber, of Irving; sister Susie Branch of Dallas; the mothers of his children Nancy and Jana Barber; daughter, Janey Hood and son-in-law, Greg, of DeSoto; sons, Justin Barber of Carrollton and Jordan Barber of Mesquite; grandsons, Joshua Hartsell of Waxahachie and Colton Hood of DeSoto; two great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Heavy was a blessing to all who knew him and will be greatly missed.

Tribute Wall

WD

“ I also graduated from North Dallas in 1958 and remember how caring and handsome Jimmy was. Loved reading about his extraordinary life and family. Prayers for his family and friends.

Wyveda Scoggins Dowdy - February 03, 2021 at 08:17 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James E. "Heavy" Barber.



April 25, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James E. "Heavy" Barber.



April 24, 2020 at 10:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James E. "Heavy" Barber.



April 24, 2020 at 02:41 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James E. "Heavy" Barber.*



April 24, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jared - April 24, 2020 at 08:29 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James E. "Heavy" Barber.*



April 24, 2020 at 12:47 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James E. "Heavy" Barber.*



April 23, 2020 at 02:56 PM

JB

“ Jason, Amy and Ashlyn Barber purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James E. "Heavy" Barber.



Jason, Amy and Ashlyn Barber - April 23, 2020 at 01:49 PM

WR

“ With Love, Cliff and Sara Raines purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James E. "Heavy" Barber.



With Love, Cliff and Sara Raines - April 23, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of James E. "Heavy" Barber.



April 23, 2020 at 12:47 PM

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“ From the Stanley and Carolyn Scott Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James E. "Heavy" Barber.



From the Stanley and Carolyn Scott Family - April 23, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James E. "Heavy" Barber.*



April 23, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Jim's family. Growing up, I lived close to Jim's grandparents (Joe & Lena Barber) in Lancaster. We occasionally played together as kids during the summer months when he and Bob would be visiting them. My nephew (David Barber) and Jim were cousins; so I thought of Jim and Bob as "extended relatives". Again, please accept my most sincere condolences.*

Harold Thompson - April 23, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ *Red Rose Reverence Casket Spray was purchased for the family of James E. "Heavy" Barber.*



April 23, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James E. "Heavy" Barber.*



April 23, 2020 at 11:59 AM