



Dr. Edwin Nowell Barron Jr.

August 12, 2019

Dr. Edwin Nowell Barron, Jr. passed from this life on August 12, 2019, surrounded by his family and loved ones at Arkansas Hospice in Little Rock. Always a fighter, Dr. Barron was “gutsy” until the end.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Bunny, and five of his six children, including sons, Edwin N. “Eddie” Barron III (Melanie) of Indianapolis, Indiana, Todd Barron of Black Hawk, Colorado and daughter, Whitney Barron Perser of Little Rock. He also leaves behind 45 grandkids, 15 great-grandkids and a host of friends and loved ones. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Catherine L. Neinaber of Kansas City, Kansas, and his parents, Dr. Edwin Nowell Barron, Sr. and Mrs. Francis Aylene Barron Bond of Little Rock.

A 1957 graduate of Hendrix College, Dr. Barron also received Bachelor and Master Degrees from the University of Arkansas and his M.D. from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Dr. Barron was a nationally recognized and respected physician who had a successful family practice for 53 years. He was inducted into the Arkansas Medical Society’s 50 Year Club in 2014. For 5 years, Dr. Barron was the face of the weekly medical “HealthWatch” program on KTHV, Channel 11 in Little Rock and for other national CBS affiliates. Prior to his medical practice, he served 3 years in the United States Army as a cryptographer.

Despite his love for practicing medicine and his devotion to his children, Dr. Barron still found time to volunteer for numerous causes and organizations and to serve his community. Among his many contributions, he founded and served as a director of the Catholic Clinic, a free health clinic, from 1970-1984, was appointed by Governor Rockefeller as Special Director for updating and organizing medical care in the state prison system, and to the Governor’s Committee on Highway Safety for which he served as Chairman. He also served as President of the Little Rock School Board, on the Board of Directors of the Salvation Army, as President of the Arkansas Palsy Association, as Chairman of the Board of the American Lupus Society and on the Board of Directors of Fulfill-a-Dream, Inc.

Dr. Barron lived his life as an example to us all...a loving husband, a devoted father, a passionate and giving physician, loyal friend and adventurous soul. We will celebrate his life at the Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, August 16 at 1:00 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church, 4000 N. Rodney Parham, Little Rock, with Msgr. Francis I. Malone as Celebrant. Interment will be in the church's columbarium, followed by a reception. The Rosary Service will be held on Thursday, August 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Christ the King. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Christ the King Catholic Church or to Arkansas Hospice, 14 Parkstone Circle, No. Little Rock, AR 72116.

Special thanks to Dr. Lawrence Mendelsohn, Dr. Stephen Sorsby, and the staff at Arkansas Hospice for their loving care and also to Gary Eubanks, Jerry Barakat, William J. Driggers, Jr., Mickey Conrad and Sean Hatch.

Arrangements by Little Rock Funeral Home, 8801 Knoedl Ct., (501)224-2200. Dr. Barron's online guestbook may be signed at www.littlerockfuneralhome.com.

Comments



“ We are so sorry for your loss and will keep your family in our prayers.

Charles and Kim Foster

Charles L Foster - August 16 at 09:41 PM



“ Dr. Barron was my family doctor for 35 years, beginning as a teenager. He was always there to help me with my issues and was always asking about my family. He saw me grow up! He made you fill like you were the most important patient he had, even though we know he was that way with everyone! There is no other man, that I know of, who can fill his shoes. Thank your Dr. Barron for caring and loving us all! You will be missed by so many people....R.I.P Oh and Bunny...he talked about you all the time!

Pamela Cable - August 16 at 03:34 PM



“ Dr. Barron was an extraordinary man who lived an extraordinary live. As a healer, he helped me through some of the more difficult times in my life. As a friend, he always made me smile. I am sure there are countless others who feel the same way about Ed Barron. He will be missed, but not forgotten.

David R. Trussell - August 16 at 02:10 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dr. Edwin Nowell Barron Jr..



August 15 at 03:00 PM



“ We send our sympathies to the family of Dr. Edwin Barron. Dr. Barron was a caring and respected physician, a generous and kind person. We are honored to have know him and his family and are sincerely sorry for their loss. Dr. Barron will live on in our memories, in his legacy of contribution and generosity, and in the hearts of the entire Little Rock community.

Allan and Laura Gold
Little Rock

Allan and Laura Gold - August 15 at 11:10 AM



“ Dr.B. was the best employer I ever had. His wit could never be matched. I will miss immensely. Fly high Dr.B! Love Cheryl Jones

Cheryl Jones - August 15 at 01:49 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to Bunny and family.

Marion Burton and Doris Davis

Marion Burton - August 15 at 10:21 PM



“ Dr. Barron was a family friend and physician for me and my family in the 1960s and 1970s until I left home for college. But he was more than that to me. As a child in the 60s, he was like a second father to me. He took me to Travelers baseball games, to special dinners and other events when my Dad was too busy with work. He was so much fun for a kid to be around. So many fond memories of him. RIP Dr. Barron, and my condolences to the family

Thomas Radford (Rad) Morris, Jr.
Millington, TN

Rad Morris - August 15 at 10:44 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

The staff of Richards Honda Yamaha

Richards Honda Yamaha - August 15 at 10:29 AM



“ Today the world lost a great man and I lost a dear dear friend and brother. A man with the greatest character, humility and compassion for others that I have the pleasure to be associated with. An honorable man, loved by countless people! When I first came to Little Rock nearly 40 years ago, Dr Ed Barron was one of the first to ever reach out to me and became a friend, and has never let go of my hand since. He was an indomitable human being who I loved. Cicero said " the life of the dead lives on in the hearts of the living " Ed will always be in my heart and I am much better man for his influence in my life and for having known him and his family, my family. The world is indeed sad today for the likes of this sweet friend shall not come our way again. I love you bro!!

Jerry Barakat - August 15 at 03:40 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Edwin Nowell Barron Jr..



August 15 at 12:15 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Dr. Barron. As a fresh out of college female newspaper reporter in the late 60's, one of my assignments was the LRSD. Dr. Barron was on the board and he was so helpful to me and one of the few who took me seriously. He gave me a lot of confidence and I had so much respect for him. I later years I was able to take one of his Cajun cooking classes that he held at his beautiful home. This was a chance to see another side of him and his infectious humor (and good food). Blessings to all his family. Rebecca Rather, Little Rock

Rebecca Rather - August 14 at 08:25 PM



“ We enjoyed taking care of many of your patients! Always a pleasure to work with.
Don's Pharmacy

Don's Pharmacy - August 14 at 03:05 PM



“ Sylvia Landers lit a candle in memory of Dr. Edwin Nowell Barron Jr.



Sylvia Landers - August 14 at 11:03 AM



“ I will never forget one statement Ed made to me about 25 years ago. I was not very outspoken and having a hard time finding my voice. There was a scenario where he encouraged me to stand up for myself, when I did, he looked at me and said "you've been Barronized!" It was so him. He lived his life with no regret, no excuses, an example for all of us.

Much love,
Rachael



Rachael Frazier - August 14 at 11:01 AM



“ My heartfelt condolences to Bunny, Whitney, and the rest of the Barron family. I have such fond memories of my time producing Heathwatch segments with Dr. Ed all those years ago at Channel 11. I also remember how he and Bunny treated me like family, including me in Christmas caroling, a trip to a Cowboys game, and other fun times. Rest In Peace, Dr. Ed.

Lucy Himstedt, Evansville, IN

Lucy Himstedt - August 14 at 09:06 AM



“ Condolences to a great medical doctor and person. We will all miss you!

Harold Green - August 14 at 08:23 AM



“ Heather Eubanks lit a candle in memory of Dr. Edwin Nowell Barron Jr.



Heather Eubanks - August 13 at 11:36 PM



“ Rodger & Linda Harrison Benton AR lit a candle in memory of Dr. Edwin Nowell Barron Jr.



Rodger & Linda Harrison Benton AR - August 13 at 09:48 PM



“ Jan Smith lit a candle in memory of Dr. Edwin Nowell Barron Jr.



Jan Smith - August 13 at 05:17 PM



“ Your work family, EFI Global Indianapolis, IN. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Edwin Nowell Barron Jr..



Your work family, EFI Global Indianapolis, IN. - August 13 at 02:23 PM



“ Pat Coffman lit a candle in memory of Dr. Edwin Nowell Barron Jr.





“ Treva & Pat lit a candle in memory of Dr. Edwin Nowell Barron Jr.



Treva & Pat - August 13 at 11:03 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dr. Edwin Nowell Barron Jr..



August 13 at 10:33 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Edwin Nowell Barron Jr..



August 13 at 09:12 AM



“ We love you, Poppy.

Millie Barron - August 12 at 11:31 PM



“ My family has many wonderful memories of Dr. Barron. Some of our fondest are when Bunny and Dr. Barron would come by Mon and Dad's in Christmas Eve dressed as Santa and Mrs. Claus. Sit by the fire and drink wine. Dr. Barron always took great care of me. God Bless him and his family.

Madeline Floyd

Madeline Floyd - August 12 at 10:21 PM



“ Prayers and support to the Barron family.



Gina Drawbaugh - August 12 at 09:47 PM



“ Love, prayers and support to the entire family! I STILL miss seeing his practice on the corner. Pretty sure he'd appreciate me not stepping in to the donut shop. Thank you Dr. B for the many years of service. Your smile, your advice and your giving spirit will be missed by all.

Brenda Malmquist - August 12 at 07:56 PM



“ I remember Dr. B gave me my first job as his radiological technologist the moment I graduated. He took me under his wing and taught me more than I ever dreamed I could learn! He quickly became a father figure to me after my dad passed less than a year later! Thank you from the bottom of my heart Dr. B!

becky goodwin - August 12 at 07:37 PM



“ Ed was the dearest man. I know he is in heaven giving my late husband, Jim, a hard time! Those who knew and loved him will miss his vibrant spirit. To his friends and family, I pray for comfort and peace.



Neena Grissom - August 12 at 06:46 PM



“ Love and prayers go out to all

Donna Smith - August 12 at 05:29 PM



“ Donna Smith lit a candle in memory of Dr. Edwin Nowell Barron Jr.



Donna Smith - August 12 at 05:27 PM



“ Doc Barron was not only my friend but also my Doctor for over 35 years. Because of his spirit, kindness and his love for Christmas and kindness he renewed my faith in many ways. I was so lucky to know him and his precious family.

Kay Simpson - August 12 at 05:26 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to the entire family. Rest easy Dr Barron.

Antoinette Garcia - August 12 at 05:01 PM