

Norman Ralph Barker, 78, passed away on Sunday, October 31 in Fayetteville, AR after a long battle with cancer. Norm was born in Winfield, KS to Jack and Beverly (McGovney) Barker. At the age of 6, he moved with his family to Tucson, AZ, where he played and developed his fondness for the desert and mountains of southern Arizona. That's also where his love for flying and all things "airplane" began. Later in life, he could tell an airplane by the sound, and you sure didn't want to be on the other end carrying something heavy when one flew over; you would soon have the load by yourself or learn to put it down very quickly. When Norm was in eighth grade, the family moved to Lincoln, AR, quite a shock from the city and desert landscape of Tucson. In 1961, he graduated high school in Lincoln, while working and playing football. Following high school, Norman began a sixty-plus year career in carpentry. He was a master woodworker and had an eye for detail, as well as a "calibrated eye-ball". During the next few years, he became a Father, one of the most proud roles of life, to June (Barker) Brosius, Norman Barker, and Timothy Barker. During his late 20s, Norman met his beloved, Carol (McFee), they married and enjoyed almost 30 years of marriage before her passing in 1999. Out of this wonderful relationship came his children Amy (Barker) Campbell and Andrew Barker. Norman was wildly supportive of his children and anyone that was subject to the proud stories of his family, surely grew tired of hearing them. During his later years in life, he and his wonderful and supporting wife, Laurie (Carney) Barker, enjoyed traveling to Branson, taking care of their animals, dancing at the Elks lodge, and spending time with kids and grandkids. They enjoyed 19 years of marriage together. Norman was a member of the Springdale, AR Elks club and a Beta Sigma Phi Envoy husband.

Norman is survived by his wife, Laurie (Carney) Barker, children June (Mike) Brosius, Norman (Robin) Barker, Timothy (Vicki) Barker, Amy (Steven) Campbell, and Andrew (Carrie) Barker, stepdaughter Deborah (Barry) Wethers, and grandchildren Angus Middleton, Ayla (Luke) Schilling, Chelsea Barker, Leslea Barker, Brent (Amber) Barker, Travis Barker, Kevin Barker, Colby Campbell, Lauren Milam, Audrey Milam, Sybil

Campbell, Madisyn Barker, Jamon Barker, and Taylor (Dusti) Wethers, one step grandson Mayson Stroh and one great-grandson Cyrus Schilling. He is also survived by his sisters, Beverly (Jack) Bottoms, Sheryl Farris, Wendy (David) Baker, and Cindy (Kevin) Archer and many nieces and nephews.

Norman was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Beverly Barker, and siblings Jack Barker, Martha Ousley, Ramona Barker, and infant brothers Christopher Barker and Robert Barker, his wife Carol, and one stepson Michael Stroh.



#### APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

Luginbuel Funeral Home  
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

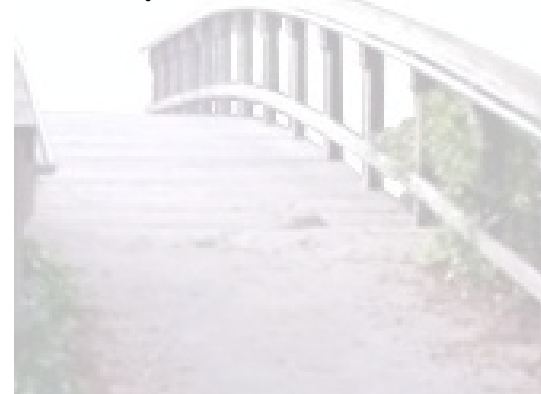
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## *Celebrating* *THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF*



## *Norman Ralph* *Barker*

January 30, 1943 - October 31, 2021



## HIGH FLIGHT

Oh! I have slipped the surly  
bonds of Earth  
And danced the skies on  
laughter - silvered wings;  
sunward I've climbed, and  
joined the tumbling mirth

Of sun-split clouds, - and  
done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and  
soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence,  
flitting there

I've chased the shouting  
wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through  
footless halls of air...

Up, up the long, delirious burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept  
heights with easy grace,  
Where never lark, or even eagle flew -

And, while with silent,  
lifting mind I've trod  
The high un-trespassed  
sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand and touched  
the face of God.



## CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF Norman Ralph Barker

**DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE**  
Friday, November 5, 2021 - 10:00 A.M.  
Luginbuel Chapel - Prairie Grove, Arkansas

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### ORDER OF SERVICE

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**PRELUDE** Family Memories Video

**OPENING SONG**  
Where Never Lark or Eagle Flew Springdale  
Symphonic at Midwest 1993

**READING OF THE OBITUARY**  
Amy Campbell

**OPENING PRAYER AND REMARKS**  
Tim Barker

**SONG**  
The Dance

**FAMILY SPEAKERS**  
Jeff Barker  
Cindy Archer  
Susan Burch

**SONG**  
Best Thing That Ever Happened to Me

**FAMILY SPEAKERS**  
John Wilhite  
Andrew Barker

**CLOSING SONG**  
Amazing Grace Springdale Symphonic 1999

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GRAVE SIDE SERVICES WILL NOT  
BE HELD AT THE CEMETERY.

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**FINAL RESTING PLACE**  
Mt. Olive Cemetery  
Elkins, Arkansas

**MEMORIALS**  
Willard Walker Hospice Home  
325 Longview Dr. - Fayetteville, Arkansas 72703

