



## Barry Birkhead

June 24, 1944 - October 29, 2016

Barry Birkhead of Waldron, Arkansas went to be with his Lord and Savior, Saturday, October 29, 2016 in Little Rock, Arkansas surrounded by his loving family. Barry was born June 24, 1944, in Russellville, Arkansas to Jack Birkhead and Nadine {Sills} Birkhead. Barry was 72 years old.

On December 18, 1966, Barry married the love of his life, Beverly Brown. Together they built a life in Waldron, Arkansas where they raised one amazing daughter and then enjoyed being grandparents to the light of their life, Jacob. Barry was retired from National Auto Diesel College. He was infamous for telling jokes and old stories. He loved being a substitute teacher in the Waldron School District. He enjoyed spending his days with the student's and faculty at Waldron Middle School. His favorite thing besides spending time with his family, was following Jacob's music career and watching Jacob flourish as a talented musician and watching him grow into the wonderful man he is today.

Barry leaves behind to cherish his memory, his loving wife of almost 50 years, Beverly of the home, one daughter, Kelli Evans and husband Ric of Waldron, Arkansas. Barry will forever remain in the hearts of his grandchildren, Jacob Campbell of Fayetteville, Arkansas, adopted grandson, Eric Vongphakdy of Fayetteville, Arkansas, step-grandchildren: Beau Evans and wife Jade of San Diego, California, Brooke Evans of Greenwood, Arkansas, mother-in-law

Dean Brown of Waldron, Arkansas, and one sister, Sandra McLeon of Lindale, Texas.

Barry was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Nadine Birkhead and one brother Stanley Birkhead.

Barry's memorial life celebration will be 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at the First Baptist Church in Waldron, Arkansas with Dr. Ken Overturf officiating. Arrangements and cremation are being entrusted to the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Waldron, Arkansas.

Barry's visitation will be Monday, October 31, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Waldron, Arkansas where Barry's family will receive friends from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sehorn Cemetery, 1509 Hinkle Dam Road, Waldron, AR 72958.

# Previous Events

## Family Will Receive Friends

OCT 31. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Heritage Memorial Funeral Home  
1879 West 6th Street  
Post Office Box 358  
Waldron, AR 72958

## Celebration of Life

NOV 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

Waldron First Baptist Church  
Hwy 80 & Main Street  
Waldron, AR

# Tribute Wall

LF

“ Beverly and Kelli

*I am just now aware of Barry's death. I was at my daughter's in Chicago so missed the obit in the Times Record. Barry's smile in greeting was always a day-brightener. Loved looking at your pictures online. I remember attending your lovely December wedding.*

*God Bless and comfort you both and your entire family.  
Louise Owens Finney*

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**Louise Owens Finney** - November 09, 2016 at 10:38 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Barry Birkhead.



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November 02, 2016 at 03:19 PM

DR

“ We are sorry for your loss. May God be with you all.  
Ila Trene Rollans  
Phyllis & Deon Rollans

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**Deon Rollans** - November 02, 2016 at 07:34 AM

KK

“ John and I are so sorry for your loss. Just remember he may be gone from our sight, but never from our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers will continue for your family.

Love,  
John and Kim Keener

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**Kim keener** - November 01, 2016 at 11:07 AM

DL

“ I will miss Barry. He always had a smile and a joke. I appreciated getting to know him. My thoughts and prayers are with you Bebe and and for all the family.

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**Dan Lokey** - November 01, 2016 at 09:52 AM

AB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Barry's passing. Prayers for you all.

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**Ann Bingham** - November 01, 2016 at 08:38 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barry Birkhead.



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November 01, 2016 at 08:30 AM


JB

“ *Joe And Debbie Balkman lit a candle in memory of Barry Birkhead*



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**Joe and Debbie Balkman** - November 01, 2016 at 05:51 AM

  
Amanda  
Elizabeth

“ *My sincere condolences... you all are in my thoughts and prayers. - Amanda Goodwin*

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**Amanda Elizabeth** - November 01, 2016 at 05:42 AM

RM

“ *You guys are in our thoughts & prayers. Barry will be greatly missed. God bless you and Kelli.  
Love ya,  
The May's*

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**Ricky May** - October 31, 2016 at 05:23 PM

MB

“ *Beverly, Kelli, Jacob and family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you all! Jeff and Melissa*

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**Melissa Brewer** - October 31, 2016 at 04:18 PM

LY

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Barry's passing. I will always remember Ethan coming home from school telling me all about his and Barry's interesting conversations, lol! I always thought he challenged Ethan, and they always gave one another different and new perspectives. Ethan had told me about visiting with him in town recently and said they "had a real good visit"....He touched a lot of lives and will be missed by SO many! Prayers for Beverly, Kelli, Jacob, & the rest of Barry's family 🙏

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**Lisa Yandell** - October 31, 2016 at 03:29 PM

RD

“ Sending prayers to the family. You all are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of your loss.



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**Ronald Doyel** - October 31, 2016 at 03:08 PM

DD

“ Beverly and Kelli I'm so very sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you.

*Barry, I will miss our Wal-Mart visits!*



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**Darla Dozier** - October 31, 2016 at 03:08 PM

VM

“ Vicki Metcalf lit a candle in memory of Barry Birkhead



Vicki Metcalf - October 31, 2016 at 01:30 PM

MS

“ Martin Short purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barry Birkhead.



Martin Short - October 31, 2016 at 11:58 AM

SH

“ Steve&Cassandra Holmes lit a candle in memory of Barry Birkhead



Steve&Cassandra Holmes - October 31, 2016 at 11:16 AM

JH

“ We were sorry to hear of Barry passing away the family is in our prayers God bless Kenneth and Janet hunt



janet and kenneth hunt - October 31, 2016 at 11:11 AM



“ 73 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Heritage Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory - October 31, 2016 at 10:51 AM



“ Ryan Rogers lit a candle in memory of Barry Birkhead



Ryan Rogers - October 31, 2016 at 10:49 AM



“ Kelli McCurry lit a candle in memory of Barry Birkhead



Kelli McCurry - October 31, 2016 at 10:01 AM

AH

“ Dearest Bebe, Kelli and Jacob,

*Our hearts are heavy and saddened in losing our dear Papa Bear. I looked up to him often and wanted his opinion on many big decisions in life. He always made time to sit down and listen, laugh and give loving, fatherly advice. I will miss his jokes and his hugs when he'd come into the station and when I'd see him at Char Broiler. No one could tell a story like Bear! He will be missed everyday and his memory will live in our hearts together. We are holding you all up in prayer and thankful to call Barry our friend.*

*Love Always, Ang*

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**Angela Hunsucker** - October 31, 2016 at 09:59 AM

TP

“ Beverly, Kelli, Jacob and family,

*So sorry to hear of your loss. Bear was a fixture in my establishment. I don't know where I'm going to get my jokes from now. We spent many hours trying to sort out all the world's problems from a-z. Politics was one of our favorite subjects and I will really miss his commentary during this current election. Nothing was out of bounds. He would always come in and say "give me another one of those fancy haircuts" and we'd start in where we left off the time before. We spent a lot of time talking about Jacob and Eric, he was so proud of you guys. The "Jacob's roady" t-shirt was one of my all-time favorites and he was proud to wear it. I loved finishing his punch lines because of the look he'd give me when I did and the way he'd make me come sit in his truck to listen to Canadian polka music. We all have these little idiosyncrasies but seldom let others in close enough to see them. I'm glad he let me in, and will greatly miss having him around. Our prayers are with your family during this difficult time.*

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**Trey Plummer** - October 31, 2016 at 09:46 AM

PB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. He will be missed greatly by everyone who knew him. Love, Bill and Paige*



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**paige bethel** - October 31, 2016 at 08:54 AM

BP

“ *So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all the family!*  
*Betty Philpot*

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**Betty Philpot** - October 31, 2016 at 08:47 AM

JE

“ *Beverly, Kelli, and Family,*  
*Our thoughts and prayers for Comfort and Peace go out for you all. I will miss seeing Barry and that smile he always had. He always would ask " Do you have everything in control at Winfield"? This usually was followed up by a story that made me laugh. He was a good man and was always concerned about others. He will certainly be missed! I'm here if you need me. Love to all!*

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**Joni Essman** - October 31, 2016 at 07:38 AM

CB

“ *Beverly and family. So shocked and sorry to hear about the passing of your loved one. Have been neighbors for years and have known you since school days. Barry was a good man and good neighbor. May God bless you all and give you comfort in the rough days ahead.*

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**Curtis and Jean Billings** - October 31, 2016 at 06:56 AM

CB

“ *Curtis & Jean Billings lit a candle in memory of Barry Birkhead*



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**Curtis & Jean Billings** - October 31, 2016 at 06:54 AM

PW

“ *Paula Ward lit a candle in memory of Barry Birkhead*



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**Paula Ward** - October 31, 2016 at 06:19 AM

TB

“ *Tanya Thompson Bennett lit a candle in memory of Barry Birkhead*



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**Tanya Thompson Bennett** - October 31, 2016 at 02:14 AM

CH

“ Beverly, Kelli, Ric, Jacob, Ms. Dean, and the extended family -- My deepest sympathy to you all. I miss him every Sunday. Meet and greet at church just isn't the same. One thing I could count on, his first words were either, "Well, Jacob..." or "How's Michael...". That would lead to each of us catching up on our boys. Not one Sunday passed that they weren't mentioned. He was a special person and we're all going to miss him. My prayers are for your comfort and strength through the coming days.

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**Carolyn Hanna** - October 30, 2016 at 11:35 PM

RR

“ Beverly and Kelli, Dianna and I are so heartbroken over the loss of Barry. Are prayers are with you at this time. We have memories that seem to go back forever. We will always remember Barry rushing over in Little Rock to help us with the flooding in our yard. Even though our homes took different locations after Little Rock, we always enjoyed our visits with you and Barry on trips to Waldron. May God bless you at this time.

*LifeTime Friends,*

*Dianna and Ron Roach  
McKinney, Texas*

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**Ron Roach** - October 30, 2016 at 11:22 PM

TC

“ Thinking of you Jacob and your family with prayers for comfort. The Catlett's, Herb, Deb & Jordan



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**The Catlett's** - October 30, 2016 at 10:44 PM

BZ

“ *Billy And Cassie Zimmer lit a candle in memory of Barry Birkhead*



**Billy and Cassie Zimmer** - October 30, 2016 at 10:29 PM

CR

“ *Kelli, I am so sorry for your loss. I will be praying for you and your family.*



**Cheril Ridenhour** - October 30, 2016 at 10:06 PM

AT

“ *Angela Tallmadge lit a candle in memory of Barry Birkhead*



**Angela Tallmadge** - October 30, 2016 at 10:01 PM

CW

“ *Barry was a very special person, he always had a smile, a story to tell about his family or tell me about a guitar he was looking into buying for Jacob. He always took time and asked me about my family. He will surely be missed !!! I am so glad I could call him a friend!*

*Prayers for you Bebe , Keli & Jacob!*

**carla waddle** - October 30, 2016 at 09:46 PM

NS

“ Beverly and Kellie we are so sorry for your loss. Barry was a good man and we always enjoyed visiting with him. We will be thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers.



Neal and Paula Sparks - October 30, 2016 at 09:29 PM

LH

“ Linda Hunt lit a candle in memory of Barry Birkhead




Linda Hunt - October 30, 2016 at 09:11 PM

JR

“ James & Lottie Richmond lit a candle in memory of Barry Birkhead



James & Lottie Richmond - October 30, 2016 at 08:39 PM

 Misty  
Isom  
Passmore

“ Misty Isom Passmore lit a candle in memory of Barry Birkhead



Misty Isom Passmore - October 30, 2016 at 08:27 PM

SC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

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**Stan, Kayla, Maeleigh, and Hayes Cottrel** - October 30, 2016 at 07:53 PM

BS

“ Our love and prayers go out to all of you. What a shock. So sorry to hear the news.

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**bob smoot** - October 30, 2016 at 07:50 PM

DJ

“ So sad to hear of Barry's passing! He was always the best sub! So sorry for your loss mrs. Beverly, Kelli & Jacob! Y'all are in our prayers!

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**Danielle Jameson** - October 30, 2016 at 07:26 PM

SL

“ I am praying for the "peace that passes all understanding" for your family now and in the days to come.

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**Stacey Stamps Laurie** - October 30, 2016 at 07:25 PM

RH

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.



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**Roger & Jana Holcomb** - October 30, 2016 at 06:49 PM

LG

“ Beverly, Kellie, Jacob and Dean. So very sad at your loss. He will be missed by his many friends. Prayers are with you.

Linda Goodner - October 30, 2016 at 06:36 PM

LK

“ I'm broken-hearted by this news. All I can say is how much I enjoyed time spent with this beautiful family. My prayers go up for comfort for Beverly, Kelli and the rest of his family. You are loved.

Lisa Kennedy - October 30, 2016 at 05:52 PM

SW

“ Shriley Watkins lit a candle in memory of Barry Birkhead



Shriley Watkins - October 30, 2016 at 05:07 PM

LH

“ To the family, Larry and I are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you all.

Larry & Deloras Horn - October 30, 2016 at 04:06 PM

RF

“ Bear was a special man who had a special friendship with my grandson Carson.  
He always took Carson by the hand to go Sunday School when he and BB were teaching his Class. Carson loved seeing him at Church, at the store or whenever else we might run into them. He always told sweet stories and always had a smile on his face. Praying for you Beverly, Keli and Jacob. We all love you guys, he will be deeply missed

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**Rhonda Freeman** - October 30, 2016 at 03:38 PM

RF

“ Russell And Tammy Forrest lit a candle in memory of Barry Birkhead



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**Russell and Tammy Forrest** - October 30, 2016 at 03:28 PM

MH

“ My thoughts are with you at the loss of a special man. I still remember that day almost 15 years ago meeting you in that Disney resort lobby. Then how he took the time to recognize me and my service. A treat to be able to keep I touch with you all these years. Prayers for your family.

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**michelle harrison** - October 30, 2016 at 02:24 PM

MM

“ Kelli, Beverly so sorry for your loss. Praying God's peace and comfort.



Mary Moody-pendergraft - October 30, 2016 at 02:18 PM

Lynda Johnson

“ Lynda Johnson lit a candle in memory of Barry Birkhead



Lynda Johnson - October 30, 2016 at 01:47 PM

Lynda Johnson

I am so sorry for your loss. I know how hard it is to lose a parent. I am praying for you Kelli and your family. I love you and am thinking of you.

Lynda Johnson - October 30, 2016 at 01:49 PM

MR

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Beverly, Kelli and family. I'll always remember Barry's smile and jolly laughter. He was a wonderful cousin. Love to you all. Mary Helen Roper



Mary Helen Roper - October 30, 2016 at 01:44 PM

TH

“ Prayers for all of the Family.



Tammy Lunsford Houston - October 30, 2016 at 01:37 PM

TH

“ Tammy Lunsford Houston lit a candle in memory of Barry Birkhead



Tammy Lunsford Houston - October 30, 2016 at 01:36 PM

SW

“ I'm so sorry Beverly, Kelli and family for you loss. Barry always had a smile and a joke. He will be missed by many. Prayers for strength and comfort.



Shaney Watts - October 30, 2016 at 01:27 PM

TA

“ Thoughts and prayers to Beverly and Kelli and the rest of the family. Berry always liked telling jokes he was a very funny feller and will be missed by many!!!



TammyGilbert - October 30, 2016 at 01:20 PM

EG

“ Loved his peculiar way of sharing his endless anecdotes. I'm so grateful that my children were able to meet this great person. We will miss our grandpa, our partner and our friendly friend.

Elizabeth Gonzalez - October 30, 2016 at 01:13 PM

TA

“ Bear was my go to sub when I had to be away...he was so full of stories, and always had a great joke for me. He let everyone know the love he had for his sweet family. Thanks for the memories my friend.

Tracie Adams - October 30, 2016 at 12:55 PM

LH

“ Beverly my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family at this time. I will miss seeing him and getting to hear all his story's. ❤️



Liz Houston - October 30, 2016 at 12:41 PM