



## Harold Charles Barker

April 6, 1940 - January 20, 2024

Harold Charles Barker passed away on January 20, 2024 at age 83. He is now reunited with his beloved wife, Glenda Barker, along with their son, Harold “Chuck” Barker, Jr. and daughter, Vicki Hayes. He is survived by his granddaughter, Jessica Hayes, whom he adopted and raised as his daughter and one brother, Vernon J. Barker, Jr.

More commonly and affectionately known as “Papa”, Harold had a brave soul, a kind spirit, and a heart of service. These qualities could be seen in everything he did, but perhaps were most evident in his roles as a father and as a Papa to Jessica. He proudly served his country and community both in the U.S. Army and as a police officer for the City of Birmingham for many years. Harold never encountered a stranger, and he certainly left an impact on anyone he befriended.

Papa’s quick wit, talent for storytelling, and love for the little things - from lunches at Foodland to his love of the outdoors and yard work - made him the remarkable person he was. To know him was to love him, and he will be missed by many.

A graveside service to honor and celebrate Harold will take place on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Oakwood Memorial Gardens in Gardendale, Alabama.



# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

Oakwood Memorial Gardens  
2100 Moncrief Rd  
Gardendale, AL 35071

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr Barker was a kind and caring neighbor. When I worked in the yard he would be sitting on the porch and I would go over and talk to him. He would watch for my son to get off the bus each day. He would talk to him about sports and how he was growing. He will be greatly missed.*

**Vickie Little** - January 29, 2024 at 10:39 AM

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*He was a very nice man. Remember when we would all have dinner together.. you and my jessica would be plotting to buy something or go somewhere. Fun days back then*

**marian beall** - January 30, 2024 at 04:20 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Charles Barker.*



January 23, 2024 at 10:56 PM

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“ *Jessica I'm so sorry, I know he was your world and you had great love for him. Praying for peace and comfort for you & family.*

**Lisa Graves** - January 23, 2024 at 10:33 PM