



Raymond Lee Barton

July 7, 2007

Raymond Lee Barton, Jr., 63, devoted husband, father and grandfather went to be with the Lord on Saturday, July 7, 2007. He was an Engineering Technician with GE for 22 ½ years and currently employed at EG&G. He was a native of West Virginia and an avid supporter of the DAV.

Raymond was predeceased by his mother, Frances Barton-Cantor and his father, Raymond Lee Barton, Sr. who was killed during WWII. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Ann B. Barton; step-father, William Canter; 4 children, Teresa Cousins, Anne Violette, Jason Barton and David Barton; 13 grandchildren, Paul Matteson, Jr., Justin Cousins, Brooke Cousins, Zach Vasquez, Leslie V. Clarke, Ashley Vasquez, Stacie Vasquez, Anthony Barton, Calli Barton, Zoe Barton, Kerri Barton, Raymond L. Barton, III, Noah Barton; sisters and brothers, Hank Cantor, Nancy Brewster, Janet Kemp, Betty Beck and his uncle, Vernon Hylton.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel by Rev. Gary Harley with burial in Mt. Zion Church Cemetery, Eclipse. The family will receive friends in the funeral home Monday from 6-7:30 p.m. and in lieu of flowers they suggest memorial contributions to the Disabled American Veterans.

Tribute Wall



“ Ray was a school mate. He will be remembered always . My sympathy to all the family. Betty Ward Schindler##imported-begin##Betty Ward Schindler##imported-end##

July 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ he was a great man. i love him and will miss him alot!!!##imported-begin##janet##imported-end##

July 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Two Ships Midrash*

Two ships were once seen near land. One of them was leaving the harbor, and the other was coming into it. Everyone was cheering the out-going ship, giving it a hearty send-off. But the incoming ship was scarcely noticed.

A wise man standing nearby explained the people's reaction. "Rejoice not, he said, "over the ship that is setting out to sea, for you know not what destiny awaits it, what storms it may encounter, what dangers lurk before it. Rejoice over the ship that has reached port safely and brought back all its passengers in peace."

It is the way of the world, that when a human being is born, all rejoice; but when he dies, all sorrow. It should be the other way around. No one can tell what troubles await the developing child on its journey through life. But when a man has lived well and dies in peace, all should rejoice, for he has completed his journey successfully and he is departing from this world with the imperishable crown of a good name.

*May you find comfort in the love of friends and family,
Laura and Jerry Miller and Family##imported-begin##Laura
Miller##imported-end##*

July 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Ann, children and grandchildren,
As these words are written we want you to know this will be difficult to write because we don't want to miss anything that is important that needs to be said. It is not difficult to write about Ray himself and the impact he made on so many lives.

Ray's special qualities were given by God making him a true Hero. A true Hero does not mean famous. God has a specific purpose in mind for each believer. He uses lifes experiences, his natural talents, and his word to prepare each person for a unique position. Only God knows how the pieces fit together from the perspective of eternity to

accomplish His plan. Ray let God be the Coach, he assigned Ray a position and he held on. A position of devotion and excellence. Ray was Focused and followed through. 'True heroes do their best in everything.'

Children, your father has now left this position to you and in this cruel world today the task will be hard but keep focused on God and the teachings from parents who care so much about the future.

Ann, I pray you have peace and comfort and feel blessed by the life Ray gave you. Being together all the time, except work, can be difficult but know we are just a call away.

Robin, I know I don't need to tell you your dad knew you were special. He made you His own.

Ann, I know I don't need to tell you your dad knew you were special. He made you His own.

Shawn and David, Your father loved you all. So children carry on the life your parents molded with Gods help. Take care of your Mom in the manner he would want you to do. Don't smother her, be patient and kind to her feelings the days ahead will be trials and errors. But remember this can be done gracefully.

As Bible School is at church this week the children are learning this message. Run, run, run the race! Keep, keep, keep, the pace! Run the race. Keep the pace. Keep your eyes on Jesus!

Love to the My sister, Ann and all of my neices and nephews and all of the other family.##imported-begin##William and Gale

Harvell##imported-end##

July 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *David, Natalie, and Noah,
I am deeply sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Betty McKee##imported-end##*

July 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jason, Gayle, and the entire Barton family,
Please know that the prayers and heartfelt sympathies of your South Quay Baptist family are with you in your time of loss. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you. May the love of Christ fill your lives.##imported-begin##David & Leslie Daniel##imported-end##*

July 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ann and family, We were so sorry to hear about Ray's death. We had some great times growing up together in Elkhorn. He was a good friend and cousin.##imported-begin##Patty Hash O'Brien##imported-end##*

July 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Ann and family,
I would like to offer my heart-felt sympathy to you all. I am sorry to hear about the passing of Ray. Ray was an excellent technician and person who was always so friendly at work. May God comfort you and your family during this sad time in your lives. I will keep you all in my prayers.##imported-begin##Richard Barfield##imported-end##

July 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ David & Jason,

We're so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Please know that our prayers and thoughts are with you both.

Jeff and Evelyn Oakley##imported-begin##Jeff Oakley##imported-end##

July 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Ann, Rays obit was in this morn paper. So sorry for your loss ,Ray was a good friend for many years , wish we could have remained closer as years went by. We pray for you and your family in this time of sorrow. Bob##imported-begin##Bob&Sherri Shrewsbury##imported-end##

July 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Please share my condolance's to Ray's family. From His good friend when we were kids##imported-begin##Randall Boyd##imported-end##

July 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ To Ray's Family,
I knew Ray in Elkhorn, W.va., where we all grew up. He was younger than I, but we all knew each other. My wife also knew him. He was a great person, and we all thought so much of him. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to each of you. May God bless and carry you through the coming days with his love and strength.
Sincerely,
Bob & Charlotte Boyd###imported-begin##Bob & Charlotte Boyd###imported-end##

July 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I have known and worked with Ray, since 1999 here at JWFC Suffolk. We have sat in the very same "cube". I will truly miss working and talking with Ray. He was always steadfast in his knowledge and wisdom. I share your sorrow at this time. Ray will always be with us, in our hearts, and our memories.

Gary R. Lawson###imported-begin##Gary R. Lawson###imported-end##

July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Grew up with Ray-had a great time {?} in his 50 Ford Convrt Flathead..trying to get up the hill on Rt 52 heading home from Bluefield on hot days with vapor lock. Great memories..I will retain forever.###imported-begin##Bob Moshier###imported-end##

July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ DEAR ANN AND CHILDREN:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST HEARTFELT SYMPATHY.

I KNEW RAY FROM THE DAY OF HIS BIRTH. WE WERE LIKE BROTHERS, AND MY HEART HURTS AS I HAVE LOST THAT BROTHER.

FOR NOW, TIME WILL BE OUR ALLY. BECAUSE TIME WILL HELP HEAL THE BROKEN HEARTS.

MAY OUR LORD BLESS YOU ALL, AND COMFORT YOU IN YOUR TIME OF NEED.

JAMES E. MOSHIER###imported-begin##JAMES E. MOSHIER###imported-end##

July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Teresa, Mike, Justin and Brooke,

A father's love is always with you. Our deepest sympathies to you and your family.

Your friends and neighbors,###imported-begin##Brad, Debbie and Ben Anderson###imported-end##

July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ To Ann & family,
I am so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. I worked with him at G.E. years ago, but every time I saw him it was like we has spoken each day. He was a fine gentleman, full of love for his family, advice for his friends and a true appreciate for life. My deepest sympathy is with you all.##imported-begin##Becky Tucker##imported-end##

July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Ann and Children,
Our hearts are broken at the thought of your losing such a fine husband and father!
It was only 3 weeks ago Ray helped me carry flowers from my Mother's funeral. Mother Ruth Wallace worked at GE with Ray for those 22 1/2 years and loved him like a Son!
May God's presence carry you through this most difficult time!
We have the hope that Jesus gave, we will meet again!
In Christ,
Amy Williams##imported-begin##Amy and John Williams##imported-end##

July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ DAVID AND NATALIE WE ARE VERY SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS, OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES ARE WITH YOU.##imported-begin##STEVE & BONNIE SIMPSON##imported-end##

July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family of Ray Barton,
I am so sorry for your loss. Ray was one of the nicest people I have
ever met. I am praying for you.##imported-begin##Charlotte
Carter##imported-end##

July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Barton, David, and Jason:

I have fond memories of all the times spent camped out in Mr. Barton's home office hatching plans with David and Jason how one day we'd all be rich. Every time I passed by Mr. Barton on the way in or out, he'd be sitting in his chair in the living room, the game or something would be on the TV, Mrs. Barton sitting with him, and the dogs under foot. He had this easy contentment about himself. He'd always stop what he was doing, as he always had time to chat at length. Not meaningless stuff, a real conversation. I felt welcomed and appreciated. Like I said, the brothers and I would be hatching our next get rich scheme, and in hindsight he was the wealthiest man in the house: a wife, who loved him dearly; two successful sons; all those grandchildren... I'm so sorry for your loss. Kate and I will have you all in our prayers.

-Michael##imported-begin##Michael Walsh##imported-end##

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“ Death to us is usually a sad occasion but to one who knew Our Lord as Ray did, it is just a transition from this world to a much better one. Death to us seems so 'final', but to the One who is "the ressurection and the Life", death is just a passing from one place to another. I am confident that Ray is with the Lord as I write this. And I am also confident that those of us who know the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior will indeed be reunited with Ray in the not-too-distant future. I look forward to seeing Ray again soon.

Don Hurst##imported-begin##Don Hurst##imported-end##

July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Our Prayers are with you during this time of great loss and hope that you gain tremendous comfort in the knowledge that Raymond has gone home to be with the Father.##imported-begin##Darren & Hyon Bachman##imported-end##

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“ My prayers and thoughts are of you and your family in this time of grief.##imported-begin##Allen Barrow##imported-end##

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“ May God restore harmony and guide you through this most difficult time. Our prayers are with you and your family. Your friends and neighbors, Brook, Sandi & Colby##imported-begin##Sandi Brookshire##imported-end##

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“ I've never known a kinder, gentler person. Ray was very professional and a gentleman at all times. I'm honored to have known him. I will miss our chats, regardless of the topic.##imported-begin##Nick Maravich##imported-end##

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“ Dear Ann and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all today. Please know that I would be there in person if there was anyway possible. Today and the days that follow, you will be carried in God's arms and surrounded by his love. In that you will find your solace. I will be with you in spirit. Love Always, Judy##imported-begin##Judith Hemmer##imported-end##

July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked with Jason at the court and was so sorry to hear that his dad has died. The very first time I met Jason, he knew exactly where I lived at the time because he used to mow my neighbors lawn! I had hoped to be able to come to help share the burden of your grief tonight but I am not able to do so. My condolences to all the family in your loss. I will pray for you and know that the love you have for each other will help you in this difficult time. Sincerely,##imported-begin##Maggie Trump##imported-end##

July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs Barton and Family,
On behalf of those of us at the Joint Forces Command who most
benefitted from Ray's hard work and wonderful friendly attitude, I
extend our condolences to you all during this difficult time.
Our thoughts are with you.
Joint Training Group###imported-begin##Steve Palmer###imported-
end##*

July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ann and Family -

Pat and I were deeply grieved to hear of Raymond's death. You
have our deepest concern. We will be praying that God will support
you through these difficulty days.

Dick###imported-begin##Richard Timberlake###imported-end##*

July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ann...We were very distressed when Gale called
about Ray's passing. Please know that you and
the family are in our thoughts and prayers at this
time. Do not hesitate to call on us if there is
anything that we can do.
Love, Jean and Bill Finley###imported-begin##Bill and Jean
Finley###imported-end##*

July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ It is with great shock and sadness that I offer condolences to the Barton family on Ray's passing.

I feel blessed that I was able to finally meet him during my last visit to Virginia. I had heard so many great stories from Jason and David as to what a wonderful father he was.

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Alan Havey##imported-end##

July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Ann and family,
We are so hurt to hear of Ray's passing. We are so glad we got to talk to him a short while ago. And so glad we were able to send him the picture of his Dad. I hope he got to see it hanging on the wall. We will always remember our dear sweet cousin and we know Lucille was there in Heaven to welcome him.
Our love and prayers are with you all.
Tommy and Gaye Otey
and Iva Jean Levan##imported-begin##Gaye Otey##imported-end##

July 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ David & Natlie,

We were so sorry to hear about your father. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Love,
Rick & Gail##imported-begin##Gail McDonald##imported-end##*

July 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM