



Stanley "Stan" E. Barger

April 29, 2021

Stanley E. Barger, a longtime professor at Tidewater Community College, died peacefully on April 29. After playing semi-pro baseball, Stan enrolled at the University of Mississippi in Oxford where he earned a B.A. in English and became interested in the writings of William Faulkner, a fellow Mississippian. Many Oxford residents who had known Faulkner entertained Stan with personal stories of the famously reclusive writer. After graduating from Ole Miss, Stan was admitted to the University of New Hampshire as a graduate assistant in English. Not surprisingly, the subject of Stan's master's thesis was Faulkner's *As I Lay Dying*.

Stan's first teaching position was lecturer in English at Old Dominion University and three years later he was invited to join the faculty at TCC where he taught developmental English, American literature, and film appreciation. He eventually took a sabbatical to study postgraduate film at the University of Oregon in Eugene and became an expert in the films of Swedish director Ingmar Bergman.

In retirement, Stan and his wife Linda enjoyed playing with their numerous cats, feeding the deer who ventured onto their property, and relaxing at "Yoknapatawpha" the family beach house in North Carolina. "Yoknapatawpha" is the name of the fictional county in which so many of Faulkner's characters lived and caused trouble.

Stan is predeceased by his parents Floyd and Hattie Barger. He is survived by his wife Linda, daughter Samantha Brittian (Larry), grandson Jacob, sister Tami, stepdaughter Stephanie Harrell, and granddaughters Cassidy and Shylah. Services will be private. Memorial donations may be made to the ASPCA or to the American Cancer Society in in.

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Hi family...I retired from TCC after working almost 34 years for the Social Sciences department and Stan would stop by my office all the time to chat. He was truly a kind man. RIP Stan. Your friend always Phyllis.

Phyllis - May 29, 2021 at 11:21 PM

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“ Hello Family,

Stan and I were colleagues at TCC and I am sad to know of his passing. I was a counselor for students with disabilities, so Stan and I worked together to ensure success for students with unique needs who took his classes. He was demanding, but flexible with and kind to my referrals.

I knew he was well-versed in Southern American literature and I enjoyed I reading his poetry. However, I didn't know he was a Faulkner scholar. Unfortunately, there is much we don't know about people (even those with whom we work) until we read about their achievements in the newspaper.

Good luck and Godspeed.

*Gary Medlin
Disability Services, TCC
Retired 2006*

Gary R Medlin - May 10, 2021 at 05:16 PM

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“ *Mr Barger was one of my English prof at TCC. In the mid 70's. He was cool and smart.
I never knew he was a Faulkner scholar.
One of my FAVORITE southern authors.
He was generous and always had time for his students.
God bless his family.
Suzy Manzi*

Suzy Manzi - May 06, 2021 at 04:42 PM