



## Mr Jerry Henry Barger

January 24, 1932 - May 3, 2014

Jerry Henry Barger, 82 of Salisbury passed away at his home surrounded by his loving family on Saturday May 3, 2014.

Born January 24, 1932 in Charlotte , N.C. he was the son of the late Charles T. Barger and Frances Barger.

Jerry was a graduate of Salisbury's Boyden High School, where he earned All-State and All-Southern honors in football, and also played basketball and baseball. He started at quarterback for Duke University, being selected as 1954 Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the year. He led the Blue Devils to the 1955 Orange Bowl championship over the University of Nebraska, and is a member of Duke University's all time football team, Duke Hall of Fame and Salisbury Rowan Hall of Fame. He was drafted by NFL Chicago Bears in 1955. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity at Duke and a member of the Iron Duke's Club.

He served in the United States Air Force where he earned the rank of Captain instead of playing in the NFL. He owned the Corbin Hills Golf Course where he could be found most days of the week. A member of St. John's Lutheran Church he served as usher and on various other committees.

Preceding him in death in addition to his parents was a brother Charles

Barger.

Jerry, married Claudette Shaw Barger, July 26, 1953 and has two daughters, Traci McLaughlin and Kerry Gardner and husband Tim; Grandchildren Brittany Tully (Matt), Drew, Chris and Kerry McLaughlin and Garrett, Katie and Mallory Gardner.

A visitation for Jerry will be held Wednesday from 6-8 at Summersett Funeral Home. A Memorial service will be held at 2 PM, Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Church with pastor Rhodes Woolly officiating. A committal service will be held at the columbarium at St John's Lutheran.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 200 W. Innes St., Salisbury, NC 28144 or Hospice and Palliative Care, 720 Grove St., Salisbury, NC 28144 or Faithful Friends, PO Box 3097, Salisbury, NC 28145

# Cemetery Details

## St. John's Columbarium

200 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 633-2111  
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

MAY 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church  
200 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall

PE

“ Claudette...we just heard about Jerry's passing, and wanted to send you our love and thoughts. We remember all our wonderful times together with you both when we lived in Salisbury. I'm sure you have lots of special memories to give you comfort. Love, Peggy and Frank Efird, Wilmington, NC

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**Peggy Efird** - May 25, 2014 at 01:48 PM

JH

“ Claudette,  
We are thinking about you and Jerry.  
Sincerely,  
Jim and Carolyn Hardin

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**Jim Hardin** - May 07, 2014 at 03:35 PM

FC

“ Claudette,  
Words are not adequate to express how sad we are over the loss of Jerry. Barbara and I had so many good times with you both and I was fortunate enough to have him as a teammate on the Duke teams of the early 1950's. Jerry and I enjoyed reminiscing about winning the ACC conference title in 1954 and then the Orange Bowl Championship . Jerry was the key to winning those titles and much more than just a great player . As the Captain of our team he was the spark plug and inspirational leader that enabled us to come from behind to win close games . He always gave his teammates the extra motivation to give the extra EFFORT that it took to beat the best teams that we did most of the time thanks to Captain Jerry's Leadership . God Bless Jerry , you and your family . With Love,  
Barbara and Fred Campbell ,Duke" 55"

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**Fred Campbell** - May 06, 2014 at 07:15 PM

WL

“ Dear Claudette,  
We are sorry to hear of the passing of Jerry. He was first class! as a teammate and long time friend. He will be sorely missed but always remembered.  
Worth Lutz

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**Worth Lutz** - May 06, 2014 at 04:57 PM

AC

“ Wow, how we will miss Jerry. An all around great guy. I really enjoyed our conversations the last ten years. He has left quite a legacy.

Arnold Chamberlain

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**Arnold Chamberlain** - May 06, 2014 at 02:33 PM

BK

“ THE BEAR KNOTTS FAMILY SENDS TO ALL OF JERRY'S FAMILY OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR THE LOSS THAT WE ALL FEEL AT THIS TIME....EVEN THOUGH WE DID NOT SEE JERRY OFTEN, WE ALWAYS KNEW HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR US SHOULD WE CALL! WE WILL MISS NOT HAVING HIM JUST 30 MILES NORTH AND SEEING HIM ON OCCASION AND AT DUKE EVENTS. LOVE TO ALL!

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**BEAR KNOTTS** - May 06, 2014 at 10:00 AM

AB

“ Kerry and family,  
Thinking of you at this difficult . May God wraps his arms around  
you and shield you with His grace and peace. Love you Audra  
Bradway

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**Audra Bradway** - May 05, 2014 at 07:49 PM

GC

“ Mr. Barger was a man of God, a great athlete, a veteran, a  
wonderful person, and a very good friend to the Golf Association of  
Rowan Seniors. We will miss him so much!

*Gordon Correll for the GARS organization*

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**Gordon Correll** - May 05, 2014 at 06:57 PM

SF

“ Mrs. Barger and Family:  
Please accept our sincere condolences, and may you find comfort  
in 2 Corinthians 1:4 who comforts us in all our trials so that we may  
be able to comfort others in any sort of trial with the comfort that we  
receive from God.

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**Stanback Family** - May 05, 2014 at 08:04 AM

DP

Traci,  
Sorry to hear about the loss of your dad, but I pray for healing &  
comfort for you and your family.

*Diane Pennington - L&D*

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**Diane Pennington** - May 06, 2014 at 09:40 AM