



## **Mr. Thomas Franklin Barber Jr.**

March 14, 1931 - November 15, 2015

Mr. Thomas Franklin Barber, Jr., 84, of Woodleaf, NC passed away Sunday, November 15, 2015 at the Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House.

Born March 14, 1931 in Iredell County, NC to the late Alma Stockard Barber and Thomas F. Barber, Sr., he was a graduate of Woodleaf High School Class of 1949. Tom worked in textiles at Burlington Industries in Cooleemee until it closed then worked until his retirement at Clariant.

Tom was an active member at Woodleaf United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir, taught Sunday school, served on numerous committees, and was Layperson of the Year 1996.

Many children in the community fondly remember Tom coaching and teaching them baseball. Tom loved country music and at one time his band, The Country Cowboys, had a radio program on WSAT. He enjoyed picking the bass guitar with friends, and greatly enjoyed celebrating his 84th birthday with a jam session. Tom started the Woodleaf Community Garden at Woodleaf United Methodist Church. He always enjoyed working in his vegetable garden and growing many varieties of sunflowers, as well as fishing when he was able.

Surviving is his wife of 64 years, Loretta Watson Barber; sons; John T. Barber

and wife Vanessa of Woodleaf, NC; Benny S. Barber and wife Donna of Woodleaf, NC; grandchildren: Christy B. Ruck of Concord, NC; Graig T. Barber of Concord, NC; Dennis S. Barber and wife Kristen of Salisbury, NC; and Tara B. Smith and husband Garrett of Woodleaf, NC; and great-grandchildren: Corbin and Evan Barber, Gavin Barber, Trista Ruck, Sydney and Cameron Smith.

The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 PM Monday (Nov. 16) at Summersett Funeral Home.

A funeral service will be held 2 PM Tues. (Nov. 17) at Woodleaf United Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. Mike Duncan & Rev. Sybil Perrell. Burial will follow at Woodleaf United Methodist Church. The Woodleaf Civitan club will sit as a group.

Memorials may be made to Woodleaf United Methodist Church, PO Box 299, Woodleaf, NC 27054.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **16.** 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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

## Service

NOV **17.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Woodleaf United Methodist Church  
Woodleaf, NC

# Tribute Wall

RD

“ Just to let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you allways. Robert & Mae Dry

Robert Dry - November 17, 2015 at 06:25 PM

BD

“ To my friend John T. Barber and Family I extend my sincere Condolences! Bob Denning

Bob Denning - November 17, 2015 at 07:32 AM

MR

“ Barber family-

I am sorry for your loss.

-Michael Ruck

Michael Ruck - November 16, 2015 at 04:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Franklin Barber Jr..



November 16, 2015 at 02:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Franklin Barber Jr..*



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November 16, 2015 at 10:10 AM



“ *Dick & Linda Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Franklin Barber Jr.*



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**Dick & Linda Moore** - November 16, 2015 at 08:56 AM



*It was a joy knowing Tommy and working with him at Burlington Industries. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

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**Judy Hildebrand** - November 22, 2015 at 06:39 PM



*To all Tom's family, there was no one like him and there will never be. His friends were all lucky to have him as a friend. He will be missed by so many.*

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**doris allen** - December 03, 2015 at 05:52 PM

RH

“ Tom was such a sterling example of what a Christian man Should be. Jackie and I will miss him. He was like a second father and Loretta was like a mother to Jackie and I. Love you and we are praying for you. Jackie and Ron Hartman



Ron Hartman - November 16, 2015 at 08:54 AM

VP

“ Prayers and love to Loretta and the entire Barber family. Tom was a wonderful person who could always make you smile. He will be greatly missed. Vanessa, Jerry and Everette Pyrtle

Vanessa Pyrtle - November 16, 2015 at 08:21 AM

HR

“ I will miss my singing buddy. You were like a grandfather to me! Prayers for the family. Love you all, Heather Ratledge



Heather Ratledge - November 15, 2015 at 07:49 PM

JF

“ We are thinking of you all during this time. We loved Tom and will greatly miss him. Jeff, Tina and Will Baynard

Jeff Baynard and family - November 15, 2015 at 01:46 PM

JB

“ *Jeff And Tina Baynard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Franklin Barber Jr.*



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**Jeff and Tina Baynard** - November 15, 2015 at 01:43 PM