



John William Barker

May 27, 1932 - January 18, 2016

John William Barker, 83, of Odon, passed away at 6:03 p.m. on Monday, January 18, 2016 at St. Marys Medical Center in Evansville.

Born May 27, 1932 in Dekalb, Illinois to Omar W. and Vivian (Carpenter) Barker.

John had a milk hauling business for many years. He then went into full time farming until his retirement. He proudly served his country in the Korean War with the Army.

Surviving relatives include: one daughter, Debra A. Wheeler of Boonville; granddaughters, Michelle Baird of Henderson, Kentucky and Lauren Normington of Boonville; great grandchildren, Paislee Baird, Piper Normington and Kale Liggett due in March of this year; sisters, Rena Sipes of Odon and Linda Richardson (Mark) of Indianapolis; and one brother, Wallace O. Barker (Sue) of Newberry.

he was preceded in death by his wife, Leona Jean (Sheets) Barker on October 4, 2002 and his parents.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield. Interment will follow in Scotland

cemetery.

Public visitation will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

The family asks that all memorial contributions be made to the Wounded Warrior Project in care of Jenkins Funeral Home.

Online condolences to the family are available at www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Scotland Cemetery

Newberry, IN 47449

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 23. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - Bloomfield
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Tribute Wall

KW

“ *Debbie, so sorry for your loss. He was a great guy. He always had a smile and was always helping someone. We bought the milk trucks off him years ago. Always glad to call him friend. Again so for your loss he will be deeply missed. Gail Riggins & Kim Wade*

Kim Wade - January 27, 2016 at 02:30 PM

MR

“ *Debbie and family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. I didn't know about it till yesterday. The Barkers are all great people and neighbors. He drove the milk truck when I was a kid and would hand out small containers of chocolate milk. That truck hit a few of our dogs (all our dogs chased the milk truck) too but seemed they would go a rolling and get right back up. Cherish the memories and know he and your mother are watching over you from above. Take care and hugs! Mary Potts Riggins*

Mary Potts Riggins - January 25, 2016 at 12:44 PM

CV

“ My family has been neighbors with the Barkers since 1958. I remember getting up early to get the milking done before John William came to pick up the milk. He would come in driving a big shiney red GMC truck. He was usually always happy and had something to say followed by a friendly chuckle. Sometimes my dad and I would ride along to Holland Dairies. There they had all different flavors of ice cream (at our house only vanilla) and you could eat all you wanted. It was great!!!! Our families also filled silos together. Wallace usually ran the chopper and John William and I hauled the silage from the field to the silo. John William made a game of it trying to see who could get there the fastest. Tractors wide open in road gear and wagons bouncing on washboard road by the house hurrying to get to the field before next wagon was loaded. Its a wonder nobody got hurt as crazy as we drove. We worked hard and we had fun. Like the dairy cows those days are gone leaving only memories. Things change everyday and you just don't realize it. Before long nothing is as it was. And it's hard to deal with. I've been where your at too many times. Try to make the best of it and Try to do something you enjoy everyday even if it's just for a couple minutes. If you ever need anything please don't hesitate to ask. Chris

Chris vosters - January 22, 2016 at 11:25 PM

JP

“ Dear Debbie and Family,
So sorry for the lost of your dad and our double cousin. We had some good times together. John William would help Mom and Dad out when Dad was sick at different times staying with us some. We used to eat ice cream together, we could eat a lot. You probably don't know this Debbie but we use to call John William, "Booby" of course he didn't like that but I did it anyway. I have fond memories of him. Love to you.
Joyce and Don Pergal

Joyce Pergal - January 22, 2016 at 09:48 AM

BC

“ *Debbie and family,
Was so sorry to see your Facebook post about John. We will all
miss him. May God comfort you now and always. God Bless!
Becky Chestnut and Family*

Becky Chestnut - January 21, 2016 at 05:47 AM

RF

*Debbie and family, Was saddened to hear of John's passing. Spent
many days working with him at Pleasant View,
just the little memories still make me chuckle , He was the finest.
Sorely missed, but not forever. God's Blessing to You and Your Family
Richard*

Richard Ferguson - January 23, 2016 at 07:54 AM