



## Wil Barber

April 6, 1929 - March 6, 2016

Wilfred Loren Barber, 86, died on March 6, 2016 in Norman, Oklahoma. He was born in Blackwell, Oklahoma to Ezra Theodore Barber and Freddie Lou Jenkins Barber on April 6, 1929. He attended Pauls Valley High School, East Central College, and he graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1957 with a BA Degree and Juris Doctor Degree in 1959. Wilfred was a member of the O. U. Student Senate and a charter member of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity and the Delta Beta Chapter Legal Fraternity.

He served in the Army Quartermaster Corps from 1952 to 1954, was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church and served as an Elder in the Disciples of Christ Christian Church.

He married Mary Frances Thurman on October 18, 1958, who predeceased him in 1983. To this union were born daughter Mary Loren Barber and son, Jay Scott Barber (deceased in infancy).

In 1984, he married Peggy Jane Rose and has two step-sons: Scott and Kelly Rose. Grandchildren through their marriage are Amy Rose Firestone, Kristi Rose Hodges, Eric Rose and Evan Rose and Samantha Bennett.

Upon graduation from the OU School of Law, he practiced law in Lindsay, Oklahoma from 1959 until he retired in 1992. He was a member of Oklahoma

and Garvin County Bar Associations.

He was very civic-minded and active in the Lindsay community, founder and president of the Lindsay Kiwanis Club, president of the Chamber of Commerce, served on the Board of Lindsay Industrial Authority and Industrial Foundation. He established the Lindsay Hospital Foundation and was a charter member of the Lindsay Civic Arts Association. He chartered the REC Foundation and served as the attorney for the Rural Electric Cooperative.

Wil was a very caring, gentle man who enjoyed golf, raising and showing bantam roosters, his little terrier, Magi, music and the arts. He enjoyed sports, having participated in football and wrestling in high school.

He is survived by his daughter, Mary Loren Barber (Lori), sister Nancy Barber Oliver, brother Jim Barber and stepsons, Scott Loray Rose and wife Sherri, Kelly Ray Rose and wife Sherrie. He was preceded in death by his wives: Mary Thurman Barber and Peggy Rose Barber; brothers Theodore Thomas Barber, Homer Lee Barber and sister Ruth Barber Maxwell.

Services for Mr. Barber will be held on March 11, 2016 at 2:00PM at the United Methodist Church, located at 114 W. Chickasaw St. in Lindsay, Oklahoma with Rev. Jacki Banks officiating. The family requests that memorial donations be made to the American Heart Association or to the American Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). Services are under the direction of B. G. Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made online at [www.boydstonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boydstonfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ Mr. Barber helped me several times throughout the years. He was a very intelligent and gentle man. I remember him teaching me how to read legal plats. He had all the patience in the world. I remember him telling me that it was my turn to locate a spot on the plat. I complained that I didn't really know how. His response was that “When you drive the car, you always remember the way but when you are a passenger you easily forget.” Such parables as this defined Mr. Barber's way of making the difficult easy. Heaven will be a richer place and we will be that much poorer with his passing.

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**Bill Sterr** - March 27, 2016 at 10:30 AM

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“ Lori, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Your father was respected and loved by all in the community and his presence will be missed. Annie Fitch and family

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**Annie Fitch** - March 16, 2016 at 10:35 PM

KS

“ Lori, so sorry to hear about your dad. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Kathi Lacy Shipley** - March 13, 2016 at 11:25 AM

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“ Lori, It is with heavy heart I send my condolences to you. Your dad was one of the greatest. Thoughts and prayers to you!

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**Pamm tucker** - March 09, 2016 at 06:11 PM

CM

“ *Lori, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Cynthia Terry Malicoat** - March 09, 2016 at 02:45 PM

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“ *Wil and his family were part of my growing up, leaving warm memories. He helped my dad in his law office, and then became a respected lawyer on his own. Such a kind and caring man. My condolences to Lori and family.*

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**Martha Moody Blake** - March 08, 2016 at 05:37 PM