



Allan Howard Barker

February 18, 1927 - January 1, 2015

Allan Howard Barker passed away at his home in Salt Lake City, Utah, Thursday, January 1, 2015 at age 87. Born February 18, 1927, in Salt Lake City, Allan was the second son of Amos Howard Barker and Mercy Rachel Barlow Barker. At 17, he volunteered for the Coast Guard and served as pharmacist's mate during World War II. He married Joanne Gardner on September 9, 1949 in the Salt Lake Temple and graduated from the University of Utah College of Medicine in 1952.

To further his medical training, Allan completed residencies with Harvard and Tufts Universities at Boston City Hospital and Boston Veterans Administration Hospital. He served as chief resident in medicine at the Salt Lake General Hospital. Allan directed the student health center at Brigham Young University from 1956-1959. Then, for over 33 years he practiced internal medicine, specializing in cardiology, at the Salt Lake Clinic. He searched for more and better answers to medical challenges by founding and directing the Salt Lake Clinic Research Foundation, where he conducted and published numerous clinical studies. Among other professional activities, he served as clinical associate professor of medicine at the University of Utah from 1965-1995 and as president of the Utah Heart Association in 1965.

Allan's medical expertise and career merged happily with other life interests—music, flying, and church service. Allan and Joanne first met in the University Ward choir in college, continuing a rich musical heritage from both of their families. Music continued to enrich their family's life, singing around the piano at family gatherings, making up songs for special occasions, Christmas caroling and singing in the Mormon Tabernacle Choir for ten years. During that time Allan served the choir as chief physician, keeping particularly busy during the choir's overseas tours. He and Joanne both earned their pilot's license and enjoyed flying small planes for several years. Allan provided Federal Aviation Administration physical exams for pilots for many years.

With Joanne by his side, Allan found joy serving in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in many capacities, including bishop of the Salt Lake Monument Park 13th

Ward, counselor in the Salt Lake Temple presidency, president of the Boston Massachusetts Temple, full-time missionary as Medical Care Specialist in the Philippines/Micronesia Area, as well as his Tabernacle Choir service. During his time in the Philippines, he set up in-house x-ray capabilities and a health protocol and for all missionaries entering the Manila MTC enabling them to enter the field healthy. He also established relationships with local physicians for ongoing missionary medical needs throughout the Philippines.

Allan appreciated playing a good game—from tennis to cribbage—and rooting for his favorite teams (usually the Utes). Boating, hiking, fishing and skiing were some favorite ways he forged bonds and memories with his family and friends. He and Joanne could really cut the rug on the dance floor, too.

Allan's family was of utmost importance to him. Growing up with the example of his quiet, but ever busy, ever creative father, Allan, his brother and cousins shared fun, work and music as they learned to care for each other in the extended family. Their lively bond has stayed strong throughout the decades. His children have seen his love in action as he shared his testimony of the gospel in word and deed, gave unfailing devotion to Joanne, and readily dropped other responsibilities to help solve a problem, write a poem or skit, complete a school project, move across the country, advise on medical needs or counsel about weighty life decisions. He taught his family to work and to make it fun; to love learning and to help others through the fruits of that learning; to cherish family past, present and future; to laugh; to strive for a testimony, then live it and share it. Each of his children has wonderful memories of his remarkable attention to detail, his sense of humor, his creativity, his joie de vivre, and especially his love for them.

He was a remarkable husband, father and friend, who lived well, learned eagerly, taught lovingly and was always ready with a pun. He will be greatly missed.

Preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Robert B. Barker, and grandson, Matthew M. Himes. Survived by his sweetheart and wife of 65 years; their children: Bryce (Margy) Barker, Dan (Nan) Barker, Betsy Barker, Tina (Doug) Himes, Bonnie (David) Howard and Howard (Heidi) Barker; 30 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at the Monument Park Stake Center, 1320 South Wasatch Dr., Salt Lake City, Utah, 84108. Visitation: Friday, Jan. 9, 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 10, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Funeral: Sat. Jan. 10, 11:00 a.m. Interment will be in Larkin Sunset Lawn Cemetery with military honors. (2350 East 1300 South, Salt Lake City, UT, 84108) In lieu of flowers, friends may donate to the LDS Church Missionary Fund, LDS Perpetual

Education Fund, the Utah Heart Association or The Village Drill.

Cemetery

Events

Larkin Sunset Lawn
2350 East 1300 South
Salt Lake City, UT, 84108

JAN 9 Viewing 06:00PM - 08:00PM

Monument Park Stake Center
1320 South Wasatch Drive, Salt Lake City, UT, US, 84108

JAN 10 Viewing 09:30AM - 10:30AM

Monument Park Stake Center
1320 South Wasatch Drive, Salt Lake City, UT, US, 84108

JAN 10 Funeral Service 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Monument Park Stake Center
1320 South Wasatch Drive, Salt Lake City, UT, US, 84108

Comments



“ Barker Familyt

I am grateful for Dr. Barker and his patience and care for me while I served an LDS mission in the Philippines Olongapo Mission. Dr. Barker worked tirelessly with doctors to help diagnose and treat me for e-coli. He was able to procure medicine from the United States that was unavailable in the Philippines which allowed me to recover and finish my mission, one of the greatest blessings of my life. I am grateful for his loving care and service. I extend my condolences for your loss and hope for a future reunion with him

Sincerely

Scott Coulam

Scott - January 10, 2015 at 12:22 PM



“ Dear Joanne and family,
How very sad it was to learn of Dr. Barker's passing. We were fortunate to serve a mission in the PBO in Manila, the Philippines while he and Joanne were there. What wonderful memories we have of the time we were there together. We especially appreciate the work he did to get he in-house X-ray facility in Manila. It has insured that our two grandsons who have served in the Philippines have had healthy Filipino companions. I (Robin) personally was thankful for his help and concern when I returned from that two year mission as a TB converter. When he broke his arm and Joanne had to do the driving in the terrible Manila traffic, it gave me the courage to also drive once in a while. We will always treasure our association and memories of two special people. Know you are in our thought and prayers. Robin and Rex Tueller or Logan, Ut.

Robin and Rex Tueller - January 09, 2015 at 09:59 AM



“ Dear Barker family,
As a student at BYU years ago, I was turned over to Dr. Barker's care at the BYU Health Center after a difficult pregnancy. He nursed me through difficult health problems while he was there. He was always so caring and considerate and concerned. What a special man. I'll always have such fond memories of him. May you be comforted in your loss. Lael Lovell

Lael Lovell - January 08, 2015 at 10:27 PM



“ Dear Joanne & Family,
We are in Arizona for the winter months and were saddened to learn of Allen's death. Beth remembers your visit to her family in Idaho Falls when her sister Donna brought you home for a Thanksgiving visit when you were college coeds. Beth remembers Allen at the Federal Heights Ward when she was at the University of Utah. Marv remembers Allen very well at the Salt Lake Clinic, where he was the cardiologist when Marv joined the Salt Lake Clinic as one of the pediatricians...Allen was a colleague and friend to Marv as he was beginning his medical career. We worked together again as medical helpers for missionaries, he in the Philippines, I in the Tuberculosis Prevention Committee. We have fond memories of Allen & you, Joanne, as over the years you have been kind to us. Our love and sympathy to you and your family. Beth and Marv Rallison

Masrv & Beth Rallison - January 07, 2015 at 05:20 PM



“ There are no words that can fill the loneliness when someone who is this well-loved has passed from our physical contact. I am grateful that I was blessed to work with Allan and to know Joanne and the family for so long.

With much love,
Ellen Doran

Ellen Doran - January 07, 2015 at 12:40 PM



“ Dear Joanne and family,
Marge and I were sad to read of the passing of your wonderful eternal companion and our long time cherished friend. Marge knew him as they grew up in the University Ward, where he was a close friend of her brother David Taylor. I became closely acquainted with him as a teenager. We so enjoyed serving together in the SL Temple Presidency and exchanging visits in Boston and Palmyra. We have engagements at the exact times of your viewings and may not make them. We will try, but if we do not see you, know that we are thinking of you and remembering our great friendship of many years.
Howard and Marge Sharp

Howard C. Sharp - January 05, 2015 at 08:06 PM



“ Thank you for your sweet condolences and kind words for my Grandfather and our Family.
Chelsea - January 06, 2015 at 09:58 AM



“ Joanne, I want to extend to you my deep condolences at the passing of your great and friendly husband Allan. I served in the Tabernacle Choir with him for many years and came to love him as a friend as we sang and traveled together on the many trips the choir took. I remember particularly our trip to Scandanavia when I was stricken with a ruptured appendix. As soon as it was diagnosed, Allan stayed with me until we got off the ship and then he went to the hospital and was in the operating room to make sure that I was taken care of properly. He was and is still a great guy that I will always cherish as a friend. I know you will miss him greatly, but your reunion will not be far away. May the Lord bless you with peace and comfort.

Jim Lord - January 13, at 8:20 pm

Jim Lord - January 13, 2015 at 09:22 PM



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Richard Gage - January 05, 2015 at 02:31 PM



“ Rick, Thank you so much for sharing this priceless photo! Thanks for loving my dad as much as we all do. Betsy

Betsy - January 05, 2015 at 05:24 PM



“ Is Granddad the Baby, or the older one?

Chelsea - January 06, 2015 at 09:56 AM



“ Granddad is the older one.

Emmelin - January 07, 2015 at 07:28 AM



“ My recollections of Allan go back to his teenage years when I was 4 or 5 years of age. While he has always denied it, I have a persistent memory that he and some of his friends threatened to drown me one day in the kitchen sink. Ah, the good old days! As I grew, he helped me build my first balsa wood, scale model, navy fighter plane and; comfort me following a broken teenaged heart. I also remember an occasion in Allan's early years of medical training when he brought home an odoriferous, embalmed cat. Yes, memories are made of this. Our life-paths eventually diverged until the past couple of years. Since then we have had many interesting phone conversations ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous, and recently, we also had a brief yet cherished visit together giving us the opportunity to say our good-byes.

Richard Gage - January 05, 2015 at 02:22 PM



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Will Barker - January 04, 2015 at 10:51 PM



“ What a beautiful photo

Chelsea - January 06, 2015 at 09:53 AM



“ He was always so kind to me. One thing that touched me deeply was how gentle and kind he cared for Sister Barker. It was obvious to the world that he cherished her. That made such an impact on me!

Destiny Yarbro - January 04, 2015 at 07:17 PM



“ It has been our privilege to live as next door neighbors to the Barker's for 40 years, raised out families together and now enjoy the next generation of grandchildren on each side. Allan recruited me (Ned) to come to the Salt Lake Clinic in 1969 as the first urologist with that renowned medical group, and I have appreciated being a medical colleague with him for those many years. I always admired his medical expertise and remarkable diagnostic ability, and he was my internal medical specialist until he retired. Alene and I have loved Allan and Joanne and their family through our long association together and extend our love and condolences to Joanne and all the family at this time of temporary parting.
Ned & Alene Mangelson

Ned Mangelson - January 04, 2015 at 04:53 PM



“ You have been a constant blessing to Allan and Joanne throughout the last 40 years!

Emmelin - January 07, 2015 at 07:30 AM



“ I worked with Dr. Barker for 22 years at the Salt Lake Clinic. It was a wonderful time in my life. I enjoyed him & the other 2 Cardiologists there. We got alot of work done & helped alot of people. Were able to become friends as well as associates. He had a wonderful sense of humor. I will always remember when he came to me with his lab coat, stating "it had hypo-buttonosis". We all laughed & got him a new coat. He was a wonderful person & a brilliant diagnostician. Nurses as well as patients loved to be around him. You will be missed. All my thoughts are with you today!

Lorna Holt, LPN

Lorna Holt - January 04, 2015 at 04:19 PM



“ We have loved Allan and Joanne for 37 years since moving in nearby, and honor his memory. By reason of his recent suffering we know the family celebrates a great life rather than mourning deeply. He was a model of many good traits, and will be missed, even as he sojourns to a place of light in the next life.

Don & Sandra Allen

Don Allen - January 04, 2015 at 04:14 PM



“ My Dear sweet Granddaddy the last time I saw you in this life was Dec. 23, 2014 when Many of our Barker Extended Family Gathered for Christmas. We Sang Christmas Carols, enjoyed each others company and read and acted out The Nativity Scene.

The last words I shared with you were; "Merry Christmas Granddaddy"as I then kissed your cheek.

Even in your pain and suffering you sweetly replied; " Thank you Chelsea". I will always love and miss you. Your wit and good humor, your puns, your vast intelligence and service, and amazing example. GodBe With You till We Meet Again.

<http://www.utahvalleyfuneral.com/m/obituaries/Allan-Barker/Memories>

Chelsea Merkley - January 03, 2015 at 07:31 PM



“ he was the best grandad ever me and my family had some great times with him were all going to miss him so very much

Daniel Barker - January 03, 2015 at 05:14 PM



“ Dear Allen,
You will be greatly missed on earth, but welcomed with open arms in Heaven.

You have left an amazing legacy on earth -- you taught your children well and they, in turn, are doing the same for their children. Your legacy lives on.

Thanks for always making me feel like a member of the Barker family.

Love,
Leez

Lisa Osterstock - January 05, 2015 at 10:30 AM



“ We are so sorry for your family and the lost of their wonderful husband, father and grandfather. We will be praying for your family.

Love, the Halls (Valencia, CA)

Tina Hall - January 06, 2015 at 05:25 PM



“ Dear Joanne, Bryce and family;

Ann and I were saddened to learn of the passing of Allan. He was an inspiring example to me during my years at the Salt Lake Clinic as an excellent physician and good friend. Many are the beneficiaries of his conscientious care both professionally and spiritually. We extend our condolences to all of your family.

Kent & Ann Farnsworth

Kent W. Farnsworth, M.D. - January 11, 2015 at 03:30 PM