



J. Barber

August 15, 1922 - January 17, 2011

J. Robert Barber, 88, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on January 17, 2011 with his beloved wife Thera and his son Richard at his bedside. Known from Oregon to Arkansas as Bob Barber, he was regarded as one of the finest choral directors at the high school, college and adult levels. Bob was a choral director for 67 years and an educator for 38 years, beginning at Portland Christian High School in Portland, Oregon where he served as principal, basketball coach and choir director. During his career in education, he also taught at Sam Barlow High School in Oregon where his concert choir won a nationwide competition and represented the United States in Austria. Bob completed his teaching career at Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, California. Bob was preceded in death by his first wife Ramona Elaine Blume in 1986. He subsequently married Thera Smith and moved to her hometown of Siloam Springs, Arkansas in 1994 where he founded the Chorale of the Ozarks. He served his Lord as Minister of Music at Gentry First Baptist Church, First Christian Church of Siloam Springs, and currently Minister of Music at First Presbyterian Church of Siloam Springs. Whether through coaching, teaching or directing, Bob Barber spent his lifetime helping students and adults alike reach their maximum potential. He was most proud when he was able to lead a person to know his personal savior, Jesus Christ. He touched and affected countless lives, both young and old, during his 88 years on earth and will never be forgotten. Born in Mitchell, South Dakota in 1922, he is survived by his wife of nearly 25 years Thera Smith

Barber and his son Richard Barber (Beverly) of Lake of the Pines in Auburn, California. Memorial services will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Siloam Springs on Saturday, January 22, at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Portland Christian School, Attention Portland Christian High School, 12425 NE San Rafael Street, Portland, OR 97230.

Tribute Wall

RC

“ *Thera - We are indeed sorry to hear of your loss.*

Regads,

Roger and Vione Cox

Roger and Vione Cox - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

MN

“ *Thera and Richard,*

There are SO MANY people up here in Portland who are grieving with you at this time-- and yet, at the same time, celebrating Bob's life. Mr. Barber was the most influential man in SO many lives.

We are looking forward to the memorial service to be held here in Portland. Many people want to pay their respects and honor Bob's legacy.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Matt Norquist
barlowchoirreunion2010.org*

Matt Norquist - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

VS

“ *What a glorious homecoming Bob is having!!! He had a consistent and faithful testimony to God's grace. His departure leaves a big hole in the lives of those within the realm of his influence. Lo0ve & Prayers, Vivian*

Vivian Stockton - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

DT

“ *Thera and Richard,
We are very sorry to hear about Bob. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss and healing. Live in the great memories you have of Bob and all his accomplishments. May God bless both of you.*

Doug & Cathy Thompson - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

ME

“ *Thera - I am shocked and saddened by your (and our) loss of Bob. You and he have been wonderful friends. I am so glad you found each other and then re-found Siloam Springs. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you make the adjustment to this new part of your life. I know he will be sorely missed, but so fondly and proudly remembered.*

Mary Frances Edwards - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

CM

“ *Thera,
We are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. We are confident that the choir in glory is now, truly filled with a glorious sound.
Our prayers are with you that the hole left in your heart will be filled with wonderful memories and the Lord's gracious peace and comfort
All Our Love and Prayers,
Cecile and Bobby Means*

Cecile Robertson Means - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM

CH

“ Thera,

I am shocked at the sudden homegoing of Bob. Please know you are in my prayers as you walk through the next days and weeks. I have always considered it such a blessing that you found one another and had such a great marriage and partnership.

I can tell you from experience that God is faithful and He will be with you each step of the way in the days ahead.

Camille Robertson Helms - September 19, 2012 at 11:25 AM