



William Barton Groom Sr,

February 15, 1918 - June 13, 2013

William Barton Groom, Sr. (known to his family and friends as “Pop” or “Barton”) of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died June 13, 2013, at the age of 95, in the care of Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale, Arkansas. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, three brothers, and a sister. Barton was born February 15, 1918, in Hot Springs, Arkansas, to Elba Elgin and Sue Brady Barton Groom. After graduating from the University of Arkansas in 1941 with a degree in accounting, Barton joined the US Army and served as an ROTC instructor at Ouachita Baptist College and the University of Arkansas. During his 12 years in the US Army, Barton served in the Philippines (World War II), and in Japan and Korea (Korean War), retiring as Major. He then co-opened the Siloam Springs Lumber Company, which he eventually acquired as sole proprietor and operated for 30 years. He served on the Siloam Springs Library Board and the Hospital Board, was a member of the First Methodist Church of Siloam Springs, and was an active member of the community. He was an avid reader, loved to travel, remained physically fit, worked in his garden, and played thousands of rounds of bridge with many of his friends.

Barton was married to Beulah Stone Groom for 49 years until her death in 1992, and is survived by three children: Susan Groom Jackson of Siloam Springs, William Barton Groom, Jr. and his wife Debbie of Greenland, Arkansas, and Thomas Stone Groom and his wife Kathy of Parker, Colorado.

Pop has eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 20, 2013 at Wasson Memorial Chapel. Memorials may be made to the Siloam Springs Library or The Circle of Life, 901 Jones Road Springdale, AR, 72762.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
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<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

RL

“ Tommy, Susan and Bill,

You already know what a wonderful man your dad was. May his passing be honored well by you and those remaining close, so that as the call came for him, we know he said, "Alright!"

Rita Sutterfield Looney

Rita Sutterfield Looney - June 19, 2013 at 03:11 PM

AK

“ Susan, Bill, and Tommy (and families) - I was very sad to learn of the passing of your father. He and your mother were among my favorite people at the church in Siloam. He always struck me as a very kind, solid man who loved his family, his church and his community. Those people are all too rare...

My thoughts and prayers are and will be with you...

Allen

Allen Kimbrough - June 19, 2013 at 12:25 PM

CF

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family during this difficult time. Love,
Matt, Cindy, Mitchell & Phillip Free

Cindy Free - June 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *Kathy Wills LPN lit a candle in memory of William Barton Groom Sr,*



Kathy Wills LPN - June 15, 2013 at 07:56 AM

CS

“ *I am terribly saddened by this news. Mr. Groom was a fine man, and I always enjoyed his company. He will be missed. My thoughts are with all the Groom family at this time.*

Conrad N. Sawyer - June 14, 2013 at 11:17 AM