



Rickey Dale Barker

March 3, 1960 - January 2, 2026

Rickey Dale Barker, 65, passed peacefully in his home, surrounded by his immediate family, on the evening of January 2, 2026. Rick lived an amazing life full of family, farming, hunting, and adventure. He graduated from Vina High School in May of 1978 with his wife of almost 47 years, Lisa Michelle (Taylor) Barker. His son, Michael Dale, was born in October of 1980. More recently, in June of 2019, Rick welcomed a new daughter (in-law) to his family with open arms, when Michael married Mary Elizabeth (Bowen) Barker.

Rick's short life was filled with joy and accomplishments. He earned an Associates of Science in Robotics from Northwest Shoals Community College, and maintained a herd of cattle, chicken houses, horses, a hay farm, and a hunting club for the majority of his life.

Rick loved his family, his dogs, and the people of Vina. He lived for deer hunting in the winter, but he also enjoyed traveling and seeing the sights of the world. From football games in Tuscaloosa to the stunning beaches of Aruba, Rick appreciated the variety of people and cultures (and especially food) that the world has to offer. He loved to talk about the Coastal Redwoods and Giant Sequoias of California, the ferries and markets of Seattle, the beaches of the Caribbean, and the mountains and wildlife of the Rockies. Rick simply loved the outdoors and enjoying it with his family and friends.

In his final years, Rick fought many health issues, and finally, it was cancer that would take him. He fought voraciously with dignity and pride. As he lost his strength, he gained humility, maintained compassion, and was only concerned for his family. The entire Barker family is especially thankful for the wonderful doctors and staff at Clearview Cancer Institute, Sarah Cannon Research Institute, UAB, and Alliance Cancer Care. Dr. Diaz, Dr. Garmezzy, and Dr. Pearlman gave Rick additional years, instead of months, with his family following his initial diagnosis.

Rick is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Lisa Michelle Barker, his children Michael & Mary Barker, his siblings, Johnny (and wife, Marsha) Barker, Janet Ozbirn, Sandra (and husband, Kenny) Sparks, and a multitude of nieces and nephews. Rick was preceded in death by his mother and father, J. B. and Mary Maxine Barker, and his brother-in-law Johnny Ozbirn. His best canine friends Hercules, Macy, and Moxie will miss him dearly.

A memorial service will be held at Spry Memorial Chapel in Russellville, AL on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. There will be a viewing period from 1 to 2 PM, with a short celebration service at 2 PM. Rick will be cremated following the ceremony, and his final resting place will be prepared under his 2 favorite oak trees on his farm in the coming weeks.

These honorary Pallbearers are a collection of Rick's closest friends and family, and we'd like to thank them for being such a big part of Rick's life: William Scott, Jeff Taylor, Nicholas Taylor, Mike Blanton, Justin Fleming, Mark Hardin, Scott Pettey, Jonathan Ozbirn, Keenan Sparks, Jeff Hardin and Lee Hacker.

Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family. To leave a private condolence, please visit our website, sprymemorialchapel.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Spry Memorial Chapel/ Funeral Home
907 Jackson Ave S
Russellville, AL 35653-2625
(256) 332-1122

Memorial Service

JAN 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



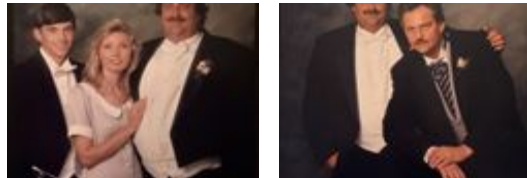
“ *Spry Memorial Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Rickey Dale Barker*



Spry Memorial Chapel - January 07 at 11:46 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Spry Memorial Chapel - January 07 at 11:40 AM



“ *Love, Clint and Karen purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rickey Dale Barker.*



Love, Clint and Karen - January 07 at 10:15 AM

NH

“ NH
 Nancy Hill
 7 minutes ago
 Blue Candle
 So sorry for your loss Michell, I will be praying
 for your whole family !!and if you ever need to talk, I'll always be
 here to listen. Love you and miss you ,and I know you will miss him
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Nancy Hill - January 07 at 06:16 AM

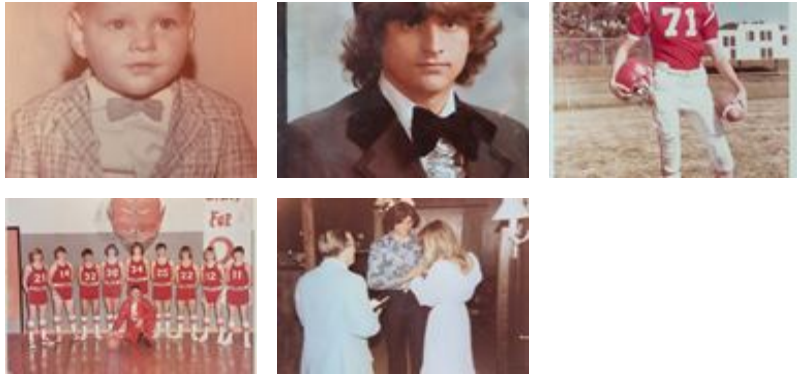
JC

“ We are so sorry to hear about Ricky..
 I remember when Ricky was a little boy in my Sunday school class
 at vina Church of Christ, he was a sweet kid. Michelle and Michael
 you all are in my thoughts and prayers.
 Love you Both

Judy Nichols Clemmons - January 06 at 03:43 PM



“ 263 files added to the album LifeTributes



Spry Memorial Chapel - January 06 at 03:32 PM

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“ *To all of the family, you are in our thoughts and prayers in the loss of your dear husband, father and brother!! May God Bless you all!!*
Woody and Jane Edwards

Woody and Jane Edwards - January 06 at 03:04 PM