



Jeffrey Mark Barker

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Jeffrey Mark Barker was born on March 30, 1956 in Orange, Texas. He attended Texas A&M University and graduated May 1978 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Jeff went on to work for PPG Industries and spent the next 41 years working for PPG/Axiall/Westlake. When he began his career in Lake Charles, he met his wife Rena and the two were married in March of 1981. The two of them made their home in south Louisiana and welcomed their daughter Jennifer in 1984. Jeff enjoyed fishing, hunting, grilling, and spending time with his family. Jeff was the most honest, hardest working, kind human being you could ever meet. Jeff was an amazing husband, dad, son, bother, uncle, and friend. Above all else, he was the most amazing PawPaw.

Jeff is survived by his wife Rena Bolton Barker of Hallsville, TX; his daughter Jennifer, son-in-law John O'Pry and two granddaughters Emma Kate and Olivia Rose of Hallsville, TX; his father Jim and mother Myrna LaFleur Barker of Elverson, Pa; his brother James and spouse Connie Barker of Mansfield, Tx; his sister Kim and spouse Joe Bresnan of Phoenixville, PA; and three nephews, three nieces, four great-nephews and a great-niece. He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Millard and Alta Barker; his maternal grandparents Sidney and Sedonia LaFleur; his in-laws W.T. and Irene Bolton; his nephew Justin Roberts; and his great niece Callie Barker.

He passed away in Dallas, TX on November 2, 2019. A visitation is scheduled in Longview, TX at the Chapel of Rader Funeral Home on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 from 5pm – 8pm. Jeff's final resting place will be in Slagle, La. There will be a visitation at Slagle's Antioch Baptist Church on Thursday, November 7, 2019 from 5:00PM-8:00PM. Jeff's funeral service will be Friday, November 8, 2019 at Antioch Baptist Church in Slagle, La. at 11:00AM. Burial will follow in the Antioch Baptist Church cemetery under the direction of Jeane's Funeral Service.



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Peggy Brown posted:

Jeff and I had the PPG/Axiall connection as well as the Texas A&M connection, he being an Aggie and my being an Aggie Mom. Jeff was a pleasure to know and work with as he had high standards and strong integrity. The only bone I had to pick with him is that he flatly refused multiple requests to reprise his highly acclaimed Barney Fife imitation. Darn! Oh, Jeff also played basketball over quite a while with my husband and a bunch of serious "older" ballplayers up until he transferred to Natrium and was greatly missed. I thank the Lord that God's providence got Jeff and Rena situated in the Longview area near daughter Jennifer and family for a time of family closeness and also for such a tragic time as this. Prayers of comfort for Rena, Jennifer, and all who knew and loved Jeff.

November 23 at 5:05 AM



Rose Lavergne posted:

I worked with JayBee (that's the nickname I gave him for Jeff Barker. He would call me Are EI (for Rose Lavergne)) at LC PPG/Axiall for many years. We stayed in touch - emailing every so often when he was in Natrium and in Longview too. I will definitely miss emailing him to stay in touch. He treated everyone the same. I also nicknamed him NP (for No Partiality) - there were no faves at work - everyone was treated the same. A great boss and friend he was. To Rena and rest of the family - my sincere condolences. May God continue to be with you all and give you strength during this difficult time. Rose Lavergne

November 16 at 7:29 AM



Warren Vidrine posted:

I have been knowing Jeff for 42 years. The year I hired on at PPG in 1977 Jeff came into my life in 1978. There was an immediate connection that I just cannot explain. I worked as an hourly employee for 15 years doing things with Jeff. Hunting and fishing was a big part. We traveled to Nebraska pheasant hunting west Texas fishing and turkey hunting as well as deer and antelope hunting in Wyoming. These are memories I will never forget. As for as work he helped and coached me along the way from 1992 until I retired in 2014. I could always wait on a text or a weekly phone call. He was always checking on me. There won't be anymore Jeff's like him. I loved him like a brother. May he Rest In Peace and God bless you Rena', Jennifer and all of you and Jeff's wonderful family

November 8 at 12:48 PM



Anonymous sent a Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket to the Barker family.



November 8 at 2:09 AM



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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Barker family.



November 7 at 5:13 PM



Mary Lou Lanning posted:

My sincere condolences to all of you. I went to high school with Jeff and have memories of him being such a warm, friendly guy. From his obituary it sounds like he didn't change a bit. Prayers for you as you mourn such a great loss.

November 7 at 2:01 PM



Rachel Brouhard posted:

My prayers are with the family. I worked with Jeff at the Lake Charles site. He was such a nice person and a joy to work with. God Bless! Rachel Brouhard

November 7 at 11:23 AM



Traci Young posted:

My condolences go out to you and your family at this time. I worked with Jeff and he did have a great sense of humor as so many of us at Westlake have said. He always had a smile on his face. He will be greatly missed. God bless.

November 7 at 10:30 AM



Scott Poe posted:

I didn't have an opportunity to work with Jeff very often, but I could tell right away that he was an honest hard-working guy, a real straight shooter. I loved talking to him and listening to his stories. He had a great sense of humor and was a major contributor to the success of Westlake's Longview site. We will all miss him greatly.

November 7 at 2:28 AM



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TM

Terry Messenger posted:

I remember the evening talks we had when we were in Natrium. He will be sorely missed.

November 6 at 7:06 PM

RM

Ronnie Mills posted:

I only had the pleasure of working with Jeff for a short period of time while he was in Longview but it was a joy getting to know him. He will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God bless you all in the days and months to come.

November 6 at 3:53 PM



Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Barker family.



November 6 at 3:52 PM

MF

May God Grant You Peace, The Hart Family sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Barker family.



November 6 at 12:05 PM

EK

Eddy Killingsworth posted:

My prayers are with you Rena, Jennifer and John. I got to know Jeff the short time he has been in Longview and truly counted him as a friend. We shared stories of our past and our love for our children and grandchildren many times. He was one of the best persons you could meet and he had a heart for everyone he met. He will truly be missed by his family and all of us that had the honor to know him.

November 6 at 12:01 PM



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Greg Slemons posted:

Miss Rena, Jennifer & John - my deepest sympathy and thoughts and prayers for you all at the loss of a loved one. I enjoyed working with Jeff here in Longview and swapping stories with him and just getting to know him. He was a pleasure to be around and will be missed.

November 6 at 11:38 AM



Clay Baxley posted:

I worked with Jeff during his tenure in Longview. He was always willing to listen and help if possible. Jeff had a great sense of humor and I enjoyed being his coworker. Jeff was usually one of the first to arrive in the morning and we enjoyed some morning conversations about grandkids and family among other interests we shared. I will miss him. Clay Baxley

November 6 at 9:22 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Barker family.



November 6 at 8:18 AM



Debi Cazares posted:

I only worked for Jeff for a short time as a temp when he first came to Longview and was learning the ropes of his new position. He was always nice and fair, and he was always a pleasure to talk with. I am so sorry you guys had to give him up so soon, but heaven just got another pretty cool Angel to watch over you all. God Bless and I will keep you in my prayers. Debi Cazares

November 6 at 8:05 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Barker family.



November 6 at 4:59 AM



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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Barker family.



November 6 at 4:26 AM



Katelin Hearn posted:

Jeff would stop by the office to check on us and chat. I loved hearing his stories. It made me very sad to hear of his passing. Deepest condolences and prayers for the family.

November 6 at 4:07 AM



Phil Langley posted:

Jeff has been a good friend to me for over 40 years. He was an awesome man. I'll miss him and I will pray for his family.

November 6 at 2:58 AM



Anonymous sent a Serenity Wreath to the Barker family.



November 6 at 2:18 AM



Jon Barth posted:

While I knew Jeff just a few years he was a pleasure to know and work with. We shared several of the same life experiences being of similar age and back ground. Jeff was a good boss and a friend. It will not be the same without him here at the plant. Prayers to Rena, Jennifer and family. May God grant you peace and comfort at this difficult time. JBarth

November 5 at 6:39 PM



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WS

Wanda Strickland posted:

I only knew Jeff for a few years after he transferred to Longview, TX. He was always there for his employees and anyone else that needed his kindness; he was so helpful to me after my husband passed away, whether it was a tire question, or something that I couldn't figure out on my own. Thank you Rena & Jennifer for keeping us posted on his health updates. I am so sorry for your loss, which is also a loss to all of us who knew him. WB Strickland

November 5 at 6:21 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Barker family.



November 5 at 5:56 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Barker family.



November 5 at 5:35 PM

WL

Wendy Lewis posted:

I have been blessed to have worked and been friends with Jeff for over 30 years. He was a kind and sincere person. We had so many laughs and practical jokes on each other. He was always able to out do any trick I pulled on him. I have been remembering so many things from our past as friends. I will continue to pray for Rena and Jennifer during this heart breaking time. Heaven just got one good man!

November 5 at 4:43 PM

DS

Dale Shearer posted:

Jeff and family were our one time great neighbors. He was always of good cheer and and hard working. He will be missed. My condolences to the Barker family.

November 5 at 4:22 PM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Barker family.



November 5 at 4:14 PM



Timothy Savoy posted:

I taught Jennifer in middle school. It didn't take Jeff long to realize that we shared the same passion for duck hunting. While they were living in Moss Bluff; Jeff, Rena, my wife Annette, and I became close friends. I still keep a picture of our first duck hunt together on a prominent place in our living room. Our prayers are with you!!

November 5 at 4:08 PM



Terry Cropley posted:

Jeff was a very sweet man even thro he was a higher up at the plant when he saw someone he knew he would stop to chat with you no matter who u were, I really liked Jeff and really sad to hear of his passin

November 5 at 2:41 PM



Anonymous sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Barker family.



November 5 at 2:31 PM



Donna Serice posted:

One of the sweetest man I've ever worked with in all the years I worked at the Plant. He will be missed! Donna Serice

November 5 at 2:08 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Barker family.



November 5 at 1:45 PM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Barker family.

November 5 at 1:31 PM



Nancy Landry lit a candle in honor of Jeffrey.

One of the best men I've ever had the privilege of knowing and working with for so many years at PPG Industries. My prayers go out to Jeff's family and friends. May God grant you peace, strength, and comfort. 🙏🙏🙏🙏 Nancy Landry

November 5 at 1:16 PM



Tesa Campbell-Wilson posted:

Jeff was such a bright light. We already miss him at work. My prayers are with the family. Prayers for peace and strength. He loved you all dearly. Cherish your memories. Tesa Campbell-Wilson

November 5 at 12:18 PM



Anonymous sent a Condolence Snacks to the Barker family.

November 5 at 12:06 PM



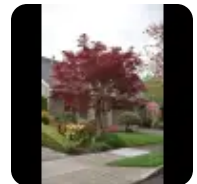
Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Barker family.

November 5 at 11:51 AM



Prayers Always, Sara Conrad sent a Red Leaf Japanese Maple to the Barker family.

November 5 at 11:28 AM





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Janice posted:

Jeff was an unforgettable man. He was friendly, kind, and meticulous with every detail during the planning of Jennifer and John's wedding. We truly enjoyed working with Jeff, Rena, and the entire family. God bless you in the days ahead. Janice & Tom Barnett

November 5 at 11:23 AM



John Ambrose posted:

I was a coworker of Jeff's from a couple of decades ago. I have been retired for a couple years so as I have thought back on my career, one of the best times were those years at PPG-C Caustic with Jeff. As I think about all the people that I have worked with, Jeff is at the top of my list for his competence, dedication, commitment, and his creativity in problem solving. He taught me so much. He always had a positive outlook and a smile. He will be missed. John Ambrose

November 5 at 10:42 AM



Danny & Vickie Hoppis sent a Heavenly and Harmony to the Barker family.



November 5 at 10:42 AM



Anonymous sent a Tender Tribute to the Barker family.



November 5 at 10:37 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Barker family.



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Sara Conrad posted:

I was blessed to have known Jeff for over 30 years. He was not only my Supervisor for many years but he was a dear friend for over 30 years. Jeff was one of the hardest working, loyal, and fair people I ever worked for. No matter what came Jeff's way, he will always be known for his unwavering integrity. Jeff believed in me, more than I believed in myself. There are many times that he pushed me out of my comfort zone and I am very thankful that he did. He always had our backs as long as we did our jobs, told him the truth, and did everything with the best of intentions. He also held us accountable but made sure he helped us through any obstacles that we faced. Wherever he was located, he was only a phone call away for any of us. What made Jeff such a remarkable person was not just his work ethics but was the love for his family, his well-rounded personality, as well as his sense of humor. Jeff loved his family...and you knew he did by listening to his stories about what was happening in their lives. He loved Rena and Jennifer, and when the grandbabies came along, he knew he had hit the jackpot. Many of us watched Jennifer grow up through his eyes and the stories he shared with all of us. He was so proud of her, whether it was playing softball as a young girl, her academics during school or becoming a new Mommy. And when he talked about his granddaughters, Emma and Olivia you could just hear the love he had for them. Jeff had the best sense of humor. I can still see and hear him do his impression of Barney Fife. I still laugh today when I think of it. Rena, Jennifer and family - you continue to be in my prayers now and the days, weeks and months to come. Jeff will be missed by so many, but no one will miss him more than ya'll. Thank you for sharing him with all of us - his co-workers and friends. He made such a positive impression on so many and will always remain in hearts and our memories. They just don't make them like Jeff anymore. Rest in Peace my Dear Friend. Sara Conrad

November 5 at 4:10 AM



Marlene Walker - Co-Worker November 5 at 12:30 PM

I have to second all that you said, Sara!!! I couldn't have written better. Marlene Walker



Westlake Chemical Longview sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Barker family.

November 5 at 9:32 AM





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SF

Stephanie Barron And Family posted:

He was the most amazing man and I am so glad he was a part of our lives the last 39 years. Jeff, Rena and Jenn started my daughter and myself going to Renaissance Festival and boy did we have fun for years to come. I will miss your beautiful smile and hugs. My love to his entire family. I love you Rena and Jenn so very sorry for the loss of this great man Aunt Stephanie

November 5 at 9:07 AM

RS

Ronica Smith posted:

I started my permanent career with PPG thanks to Jeff who hired me in 1999. I've always been grateful that he believed in me and gave me the opportunity to work here. I hit my 20 year anniversary here in April and will always be thankful to Jeff for this career. Jeff was always fair, honest and loved his family very much. It was an honor to work for him. Prayers for the Barker family. Ronica Smith - Westlake Chemical South

November 5 at 9:02 AM

CE

Cherie Zito - Cdi Engineering posted:

So sorry for your loss. Sending lots of prayers for your family during this difficult time.

November 5 at 8:57 AM

CI

Catherine Bolton - Ipm, Inc. posted:

Our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Jeff was such a wonderful person. My thoughts are with your family.

November 5 at 8:06 AM



Anonymous sent a **Finest Farewell Spray** to the Barker family.



November 5 at 8:03 AM



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CK

Chris N Knotts sent a Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate to the Barker family.

November 5 at 7:51 AM



TS

Tab, Bonnie & Suanne sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Barker family.

November 5 at 7:23 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Barker family.

November 5 at 7:18 AM



DS

Daniel Zapata, Westlake I/E Superviosr posted:

Ours prayer are with Jeff and his family, from the Zapata's family.

November 5 at 6:58 AM

NF

Nick Emerine And Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Barker family.

November 5 at 6:45 AM



HT

Heather Tippens posted:

Thoughts and prayers sent from a member of your Westlake family.

November 5 at 6:36 AM



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Paul Turner posted:

It was this time one year ago I met Jeff when I interviewed with Westlake Chemical. I started in January 2019 and Jeff was my Boss. Jeff always treated me very fair and I could tell he was an Honorable Man. He will be missed. I will keep Jeff's family in my prayers.

November 5 at 6:09 AM



Steve And Sandra Rankin sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Barker family.



November 5 at 5:23 AM



Louie And Carolyn Jeanis sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Barker family.



November 5 at 4:15 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Barker family.



November 5 at 4:10 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jeffrey by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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