

Cameron B. Barr

1947 - 2020



It is with great sadness that the Methodist Health System Foundation bids farewell to Cameron B. Barr, a longtime employee, member of the Board of Directors and a wonderful friend. Cameron served as the Foundation's Executive Vice President from the beginning until his retirement on October 4, 2012. Cameron returned as a Director and member of the Board's Executive Committee to continue his support of the Foundation's work. From its inception to his passing, he championed our School Based Health Centers to bring quality healthcare access to its students. Cameron was a wonderful leader, mentor and healthcare executive, family man and friend. His wisdom, humor and compassion will be missed by us all. Our thoughts and prayers are with his beloved family and countless friends.

Full Obituary:

Cameron Boyd Barr, "CB" of Hammond, Louisiana passed away unexpectedly December 9, 2020 at the age of 73. He will be greatly missed. A loving and generous husband, father, grandfather, friend and storyteller; he was a good, good man.

Born in New Orleans, he attended Miss Edith Aiken's Little School and New Orleans Academy. CB received his Bachelors and Masters in Education from Southeastern Louisiana University and his Master in Public Health from Tulane. He was an Administrator at both Southern Baptist and Children's Hospital of New Orleans and the Executive Vice President, Hospital Operations of Methodist Hospital. He finished his career with the Methodist Health System Foundation Inc where he oversaw the opening of student based health centers after hurricane Katrina, one of his most proud accomplishments. He was fiercely dedicated to his work and the hundreds of employees he served with over the years, he truly cared for every member of his staff.

He is preceded in death by his parents Thomas Barr III and Virginia Adelaide Boyd Barr and his in-laws Vincent Comeaux and Audrey Gautreaux Comeaux. CB is survived by his beloved and devoted wife Marcia Katherine Comeaux Barr, children Virginia "Ginny" Lee Barr (Tony Walette), Thomas "Tommy" Boyd Barr (Jennifer) and his nephew Timothy Barr (Allison) who will be forever grateful for his love, encouragement and passion for anything they were involved with. He also leaves behind 6 cherished grandchildren, Jack, Will and Kate Walette and Thomas Jr, Emma and Gavin Barr who will miss their CB dearly.

Always thinking of others and planning his next project, CB loved his Sig Tau brothers and their families as his own and treasured all their time and adventures together. Besides Marcia, his family and friends, he loved Southeastern Louisiana University and dedicated much of his time and energy supporting its athletic programs and students. He loved cars of all kinds and was always shopping for the next one. He tried to enjoy golf. He and Marcia loved to travel and in retirement enjoyed many trips. Huge fans of Major League Baseball, they visited every baseball park in America.

A member of Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity he was a 5 time winner of the New Orleans Alumni Chapter Man of the year award. A Friendship Oak Award recipient and Lifetime Member of the Southeastern Louisiana Alumni Association, member and former Past President of the Lions Athletic Association and recipient of the Lion for Life award in both baseball and men's basketball. In support of Southeastern athletics, he established the Riverbell Classic (football), Cypress Trophy (softball), and the Pontchartrain Bowl (baseball). Member and Board Secretary Methodist Health System Foundation. Member of the Corvette Club of America and the Harley Davidson Club. Member of First Presbyterian Church of Hammond.

A memorial gathering will be held at Friendship Circle on the Southeastern University Campus, Thursday, December 17th beginning at 2:30 PM. The memorial service will follow at 3:15 PM. In lieu of flowers, gifts in his honor can be made to Southeastern University's LAA Cameron Barr Aid for Athletes Fund or the Barr Endowed Scholarship for Kinesiology.

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