

Obituary

Mr. Van Ervin Barrett was born on August 10, 1947, in Phenix City, Alabama, and was the eldest son of the late Curtis Barrett and Mamie Veal Barrett. He entered eternal rest on Thursday, August 20, 2026.

Mr. Barrett was a graduate of South Girard High School. Following graduation, he proudly served his country in the United States Army, including service in Vietnam. After many years of dedicated employment, he retired from the Department of Public Works at Fort Benning, Georgia.

After relocating to South Carolina, Mr. Barrett became a faithful member of Resurrection Life Ministries, where he served in an advisory capacity. He was also a proud member of the Disabled American Veterans 92nd Buffalo Soldier Chapter #20.

In his leisure time, Mr. Barrett enjoyed restoring cars and spending cherished moments with family and friends. Known for his wisdom, guidance, and generosity, he became a father figure and grandfather figure to many whose lives he touched.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Katrina Baker; and his brothers, Terry Barrett and Johnny Barrett.

Mr. Barrett leaves to cherish his memory: his son, Travis Barrett of Columbus, Georgia; his brother, Danny Ray (Glenda) Barrett of Columbus, Georgia; his niece, Shannon Barrett of Columbia, South Carolina; his nephew, Terrence Barrett of Columbia, South Carolina; a host of other loving relatives and dear friends who will forever treasure his memory. May his legacy of service, faith, and love continue to inspire all who knew him.

Memories



Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Military Honors.....United States Army
- Opening Selection.....“Praise Him”
- Scripture Readings.....Pastor Shannon Barrett
Old Testament - Psalm 46
New Testament - John 14:1-4, 27
- Prayer.....Pastor Shannon Barrett
- Reflection.....Mr. Jimmy Huiett
Mrs. Jana Rodriguez
- Dedication Poem.....Ms. Tribal Raine
- Musical Selection.....A Family Member
- Words of Comfort.....Pastor Terrence Barrett
Pastor, Resurrection Life Ministries
- Committal
- Closing Prayer
- Benediction
- Recessional
- Postlude



“Van”

In the soft light of memory,

We honor a man whose presence was as steady as a sunrise and as gentle as a whispered breeze...

A dapper soul stitched in grace,

With a young heart, and quiet voice that carried more kindness than most men speak in a lifetime.

He walked through this world with the elegance of a well-pressed suit, every step measured, every gesture thoughtful, every smile, a small blessing he gave freely to anyone near enough to receive it.

He dressed not just in fine clothes,

but in dignity — the kind that can't be bought...

only lived.

And oh, how he loved his trucks — Big engines, wide frames, Smooth machines built for long roads.

Maybe that's why they suited him so well

He carried love the way his trucks carried passengers... strong, steady and without strain; Always moving forward. His heart was a highway of generosity and everyone who knew him traveled it safely.

He spoke softly, but his presence filled a room. He didn't need volume to be heard —

His kindness did the talking, his gentleness did the teaching, his character did the leading.

People listened because he lived the kind of truth that didn't shout. It simply shined.

When he left us, he slipped away in the quiet of his sleep,

as peaceful as a man who had made his peace with the world and Our Father, long before he ever closed his eyes.

Unexpected, yes —

but not unworthy of the serenity that carried him into that final rest...

He departed the way he lived, with calm, with grace,

with a softness that feels like a blessing even in the midst of our grief.

Now we hold him in memory —

in the echo of his gentle voice, in the warmth of his big-hearted ways,

in the image of a well-dressed gentleman stepping out into the day

with purpose and pride.

We see him in every polished shoe, every crisp collar, every truck traveling down the road

Engine smooth, tires glistening, body pristine with purpose.

Van Barrett, your journey continues beyond our sight,

but not beyond our love.

We carry your legacy still warm from your touch.

We honor the roads you traveled, the kindness you gave, the peace you embodied.

Rest easy, "Cool Breeze,"

Your spirit is still here — soft-spoken, sharply dressed,

and forever moving forward on the wide, open road of eternity.

By: Tribal Raine

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Van Ervin Barrett, would like to thank each of you for your prayers, support, and all acts of love and kindness rendered during the passing of our loved one. May God bless and keep you in His care.

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