



## Alfred Smith Barden

July 20, 1928 - June 1, 2015

Alfred Smith Barden, age 86 passed away Monday, June 1, 2015 at the Shenandoah National Park.

He was born in Virginia the son of the late Jesse J. and Willie (Holladay) Barden. He was a retired bricklayer and a US Navy veteran. He was preceded in death by his wife, Esther Ensminger Barden.

Survivors include his children, Kathy R. Phillips (David) of Ohio, Blenda G. Gately of Maryland, Moira A. Notargiacomo (Daniel) of Vermont, Valerie D. Ricardo (David) of Maryland, Alan D. Barden (Marissa) of Virginia; 11 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Funeral service will be private,

# Tribute Wall

KP

“ *Kathy Phillips sent a virtual gift in memory of Alfred Smith Barden*



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**Kathy Phillips** - July 02, 2015 at 11:11 PM

KA

*This heart is filled with all our love to the most wonderful, caring, loving, smiling, generous, and hardworking Dad and Grand-Dad.*

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**Kathy** - July 04, 2015 at 12:43 PM

JM

“ *Jeannette Morrison sent a virtual gift in memory of Alfred Smith Barden*



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**Jeannette Morrison** - July 02, 2015 at 06:52 PM

KA

*Thanks Jeanette! My Dad loved nature! He enjoyed bird watching to!*

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**Kathy** - July 15, 2015 at 08:22 AM

JM

“ *Funny guy. I am sure he's entertaining them in heaven. Loved him dearly and will miss him greatly. Jeannette B Morrison*



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**Jeannette Morrison** - July 02, 2015 at 06:51 PM

KA

*Thanks Jeannette. He sure could be funny and bring out the laughter.*

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**Kathy** - July 04, 2015 at 12:48 PM

KP

“ *Kathy Phillips lit a candle in memory of Alfred Smith Barden*



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**Kathy Phillips** - July 02, 2015 at 01:35 PM

EG

“ *Over the years, our families lost touch, and as a teenager the last time I saw Cousin Smitty, I don't really know why. His infectious smile and witty humor made an impression upon me, and I will never forget him. Our family's prayers have been with my cousins, Smitty's children and grandchildren, since we found out just a few days ago. I pray you feel God's grace and love through those you are close to during this time, and find joy in the memories that he made with you.*

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**Eddie Growden** - June 26, 2015 at 01:47 PM

MN

*Hi Edie, thanks for your kind words and prayers. I hope that you and your family are well. I remember you and your parents and brother fondly from our childhood days. You're right, Dad was very funny and had a great smile. When you pass mile marker 45 on Skyline Drive, yell hello to him. I'm sure he will smile. Big hug, Moira*

**Moira Notargiacomo** - July 01, 2015 at 08:56 PM

KA

*Thanks Edie! I remember you as a baby. Your dad lived up the road and to the right of his mother, My Aunt Eva, before you got to her place. Your Dad is very special to me. Hug and Kiss him for me!*

**Kathy** - July 15, 2015 at 08:16 AM

EG

“ *Edie Growden lit a candle in memory of Alfred Smith Barden*



**Edie Growden** - June 26, 2015 at 01:41 PM

KA

*Thanks again.*

**Kathy** - July 15, 2015 at 08:18 AM

DP

“ *Dottie Barden Pratt lit a candle in memory of Alfred Smith Barden*



**Dottie Barden Pratt** - June 11, 2015 at 02:58 PM

MN

*Thanks Dottie. Hope this finds you well.*

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**Moira Notargiacomo** - July 01, 2015 at 08:58 PM

KA

*Thanks Dottie. Hope Ray is recovering well. Thanks for all your emails and phone calls.*

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**Kathy** - July 15, 2015 at 08:07 AM

HG

“*Uncle "Smitty" was my favorite uncle because of his big grin and booming voice. He was always glad to see me and my sister Patty whenever we visited. I was hoping to see him some time this summer since it had been quite a while. Rest in peace, Uncle Smitty, and my prayers to all the cousins in your time of grief.*

*Helen Marie (Bolger) Garrett*

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**Helen Garrett** - June 09, 2015 at 08:28 PM

MN

*Thanks Helen Marie. I remember your mother fondly. She gave me, Val and Alan stuffed animals when we were young. I picked a dog with a pipe in his mouth. It brought me lots of joy. All the best to you.*

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**Moira Notargiacomo** - July 01, 2015 at 09:00 PM

KA

*Tried to send you a Thank You Note, but it was returned. Thanks for the kind words. Hope you are doing OK.*

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**Kathy** - July 16, 2015 at 04:41 PM

DD

“ To the family,  
I'll always remember Uncle Al because he faithfully came (normally with Kathy) to represent his immediate family at all the old Barden funerals. I remember how easy it was to talk with him; he always seemed to be so friendly and open to conversation even though I saw him so rarely. I will always remember several funny stories he told at family gatherings. One of my favorites was about him hunting super-sized groundhogs in the quarry near his Beltsville home and another was about a funny (but not so funny at the time) ordeal he had in visiting our late Uncle Cecil at his mountain home. I hope you will always find comfort in remembering the good times. Love,  
Debbie

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**Debbie (Barden) Daniels** - June 08, 2015 at 06:22 AM

MN

Thanks Debbie. Yeah, my Dad was quite the story teller. That was one of the things I enjoyed most about him. And, he could end a conflict by suddenly coming out with some outrageously funny comment which would render his opponent helplessly stricken with laughter. I miss him.

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**Moira Notargiacomo** - July 01, 2015 at 09:07 PM

DP

“ granddad i know you're Santa so you wanna go downstairs and get the rest of my Christmas presents? Almost 40 years later I don't remember the gifts (except maybe a toy bolt action rifle), but the memory of him going down stairs always makes me smile. I think bismark followed him too:) Thanks granddad for all the wonderful memories and the most important gift we shared, your daughter, my mother. I love you.

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**david phillips** - June 04, 2015 at 10:23 PM

MN

*Hi David, Dad retold the story many times of the time you told him he was a bad man. Why he asked you. Cause you shoots birds you said. He was so amused by that. And, he loved you very much. Be well dear nephew.*

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**Moira Notargiacomo** - July 01, 2015 at 09:11 PM

KA

*Thanks David! Each time I read yours, I get chocked up. I love you! I received the best Christmas present on Christmas Eve 43 years ago.*

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**Kathy** - July 05, 2015 at 11:39 AM

MO

*I received another best Octoberfest present almost 3 yrs later!! I love him too!*

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**Mom** - July 15, 2015 at 08:04 AM