



## Mr. Jerry "Jake" David Barker

December 18, 1943 - February 29, 2016

Funeral services for Mr. Jerry "Jake" David Barker, 72, of Henderson, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Toby Tipps officiating. Interment will follow at Rusk County Memorial Gardens under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home of Henderson. The family will receive friends one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Mr. Barker passed away February 29, 2016 at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler. He was born December 18, 1943 in Shreveport, La. to the late Charlie and Doris Barker. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Elisabeth Drum.

After graduating from Henderson High School, he went on to Kilgore College, Stephen F. Austin, and Texas A&M Fire Training. For many years, he was an active member of the Henderson Jaycees. Jerry was a fireman in Kilgore during his early years before becoming the owner of three companies. He owned DABCO, BRECO and since 1985 owned and operated Electro-Mec, Inc. in Henderson. Most every morning you could drive down West Main and see the lights on and Jerry working at 4 in the morning. He was dedicated to his profession, his employees, his vendors, his contractors, and all of his customers.

Jerry loved peanut butter, Blue Bell ice cream, fishing, corny jokes, spending time with his family, and win or lose the Dallas Cowboys. His family will remember him for his love of laughter, kind heart, giving nature, teaching ways, being the rock, and loving them all unconditionally. But most of all for being the best husband, most wonderful father and Papaw anyone could have ever hoped for in life.

Survivors include: wife, Norma; daughters, Kimberly Drum and husband Eric, Wendy Mask and husband Chad, Kim Martin and husband Rob; son, Todd Ellis and wife, Amy. Grandchildren, Michael Follingstad, Caitlin Follingstad, Chase Follingstad, Rhianna Mask, Jackson Mask, Courtney Cleveland, Ashley Hernandez, Kara Watts, Cody Ellis, Cameron Ellis, Chloe Ellis, Cale Ellis and 6 great-grandchildren; brother, Wendall Barker and wife, Mary, and brother-in-law, Bobby Richardson.

Pallbearers will be Bruce Fountain, JC Smith, JR Hicks, Jesus Estrella, Willie Odum, and Billy Williamson. Honorary pallbearers will be Melvin Minter, Bobby Richardson, Billy Birss, Jonathan Booker, and Roger Pridgen.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, Tx, 75701.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Rusk County Memorial Gardens

5013 US Hwy 259  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Service

MAR 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654

# Tribute Wall

HM

“ Hal Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry "Jake" David Barker



Hal Martin - March 09, 2016 at 11:24 PM

CN

“ My love and condolences go out to Jakey's wife and family! Jakey came to Henderson High School for his Senior year and immediately became loved by everyone! He was a gentle kind person! My parents loved him like a son! I visited with him at our 50th year class reunion in 2012. Norma, you were in the hospital, so I was not able to meet you. So sorry, but you have to be a fantastic woman to be Jakey's wife! I'm SO HAPPY that he had a large family and loved all of them! I'm sure they all loved him. My heart is so sad that Jakey is not with us, but we'll all see him and rejoice in heaven!  
Carolyn Moyers Nelson, '62 Classmate



Carolyn Nelson - March 02, 2016 at 12:45 PM

JW

“ Jerry Winfrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry "Jake" David Barker



Jerry Winfrey - March 02, 2016 at 11:46 AM

TH

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for the family.



Terrie Harman - March 02, 2016 at 10:32 AM

 Ruby Allen

“ Ruby Allen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry "Jake" David Barker



Ruby Allen - March 01, 2016 at 01:41 PM

DH

“ Darryl Harris with Tank & Vessel Builders had worked with Jerry over the last 25 years in the water industry and our prayers go out to your family. He will be deeply missed by all.

Darryl Harris - March 01, 2016 at 10:12 AM

DC

“ Norma, Travis & Pam are out of town this week but wish to convey their deepest sympathy to you & your family. All of us at Russell Drilling want to express our condolences to you & to your family & our deepest respect for Jerry. He was a true pleasure to work with. God bless.

Sincerely,

Donna Chapman

"Perhaps they are not stars in the sky but rather our loved ones shining bright to let us know they are still with us."

Donna Chapman - March 01, 2016 at 09:03 AM

GA

“ Kim, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I know how it is to lose your dad. May you have many good memories to help you during this time. God Bless you all.

Gail - March 01, 2016 at 08:26 AM

PB

“ I grew up with Jerry in Carlisle...in the oil fields. We went to church together and school together before he transferred to Henderson High. Jerry David was one of the nicest people I ever knew. I double dated many, many times with he and Norma and shared many great times. I often check the obits at Crawford A. Crim and that is how I found this today. My heart just stopped for a moment and tears filled my eyes. My thoughts and prayers are with you Norma and the family.  
Patsy (Franklin) Bolton

Pat Franklin Bolton - February 29, 2016 at 08:38 PM

JW

“ Jerry Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry "Jake" David Barker



Jerry Wallace - February 29, 2016 at 08:36 PM

JC

“ Norma so sorry to hear of my dear friend passing. So sorry I never caught him in the shop after he told me to come see him. We had some really great times together for so many years. He will be missed by so many people. If you all need anything give me a call.

james campbell - February 29, 2016 at 06:33 PM



“ *Dad,  
Doesn't seem real. We knew today would come and we knew you were ready. I'm not sure all of us were ready. Even so, we all count ourselves blessed for having you in our lives.  
Missing you began immediately and grieving our loss will continue for some time.  
So very glad we know that we will see you again, we have that promise as Christ followers.  
Love you bunches, Kimbo (kimb)*

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**Kim Drum** - February 29, 2016 at 05:25 PM



“ *Mrs. Norma I will always be thankful for Jake give David Fredenburg a job and start his career off.....he has a special in my heart for helping us.....God Bless you and your family andy Daddy Melvin Minter thought the world of him....he will truly be missed!!!*

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**Paula Minter Fredenburg** - February 29, 2016 at 03:06 PM



“ *Bobby & Christi Hays lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry "Jake" David Barker*



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**Bobby & Christi Hays** - February 29, 2016 at 12:19 PM

NM

“ You have our deepest sympathy over the loss of your loved one. Our prayers are with everyone during this time of loss. Jerry will be missed by all who love him.

*Mike and Norma*

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**Norma Medford** - February 29, 2016 at 11:31 AM

GB

“ Gay Barham Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry "Jake" David Barker



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**Gay Barham Brown** - February 29, 2016 at 11:11 AM

GB

*Jakie was a great guy and a good friend to many. I feel sad to read this.*

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**Gay Barham Brown** - February 29, 2016 at 11:12 AM

DA

*I met Jerry early in the morning while I was doing the paper racks for Dallas Morning news back in 1997. He always got a Dallas paper and his cup of coffee on his way to work before 4 am. Over the years we become very good friends. I know he's in Heaven with his sweet grand baby.*

*During the Christmas Holidays I'm so glad I stopped by to see Jerry and Norma. Prayers for you Norma and your family.*

*Donna Dorsey Aaron*

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**Donna Dorsey Aaron** - February 29, 2016 at 09:59 PM

JL

“ *Judy Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry "Jake" David Barker*



**Judy Lewis** - February 29, 2016 at 11:01 AM

JJ

“ *Jake Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry "Jake" David Barker*



**Jake Jordan** - February 29, 2016 at 09:15 AM

OJ

*Knew "Jake" for years one of the best. Sorry for your loss.*

*Otis "Toby" Pirtle*

**Otis Pirtle Jr.** - February 29, 2016 at 11:45 AM

RR

*Will keep you and your family in my prayers.*

*Ruth Waggoner Reed*

**Ruth Reed** - March 01, 2016 at 09:35 AM

MM

*Norma and family. So sorry to read this this morning. We have always cherished our friendship and Jerry will be sadly missed.*

*Margaret Mauldin*

**Margaret Mauldin** - March 01, 2016 at 10:41 AM

GT

*To the Barker family. As some of you know, Jerry David grew up as a neighbor to me and my family, the Taylors. He and my brother Ken were close and played together. I am a few years older than Jerry, but back then he and his brother Wendel were among my favorite people. My condolences go out to you all.*

*Gary Taylor*

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**Gary Taylor** - March 01, 2016 at 12:38 PM

BG

*Norma, Jerry was one of the kindness people to know. There was so many times he came out in the rain and cold weather to help me with Ebenezer Water he would fuss at me and tell me to go home. He assured me he could handle everything . I learned a lot from him and depended on him so much I still don't like messing with electricity. My heart goes out to you and your family. Ebenezer Water will miss him*

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**Becky Gelwicks** - March 01, 2016 at 04:16 PM

KT

*As indicated by my brother Gary above, I was indeed a childhood playmate of Jerry David's. There were three Barker cousins my age within a couple houses of mine. Jerry is the second one to pass on now.*

*I loved playing in the park area that Jakey's dad Charlie built behind their house. It was next to the chicken coup.*

*At one time or another Jakey and I were Jungle Jim or soldiers of fortune. We attempted to build a log cabin in the woods behind his house, but ran out of stamina and motivation. We did complete a tree platform that extended between two trees, however (across Highway 13 from the Chaney's). I caught viral pneumonia after Jakey had it once --- I don't remember if I ever thanked him for it --- maybe he was just sharing --- something we might expect of him.*

*I've never forgotten getting a bee caught in my hair once in his front yard. It was probably some form of retribution because we were always lining "horse apples" across the road to watch the work trucks run over them!*

*We were little daredevils on our bikes but somehow we survived them (but probably not vice versa).*

*As an older person, Jakey was like his father Charlie in that he treated hard work as a companion; a connection to his deeper self.*

*His mother Doris always treated me kindly and allowed us our "play space". Charlie used to sing hymns around the house.*

*Both Jakey and his brother Wendell played the saxophone.*

*As a song of my generation once said: "... how time slips away"*

*Ken Taylor  
CHS class of '62*

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**Ken Taylor** - March 01, 2016 at 05:12 PM

JW

*Jake was a kind and dear friend and always there for Mary and me. He will be missed by us and many friends. Our prayers are with Norma and the family. Jack & Mary Wilder*

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**jack Wilder** - March 03, 2016 at 06:08 PM