



Benito P. Barrera

October 14, 1928 - October 18, 2020

Benito P. Barrera was peacefully called to eternal rest by our Lord on October 18, 2020. Benito was a loving and devoted husband, father, and cherished grandfather. He was a teacher and principal who always had a kind word for everyone he met. Benito was born in Alice, Texas on October 14, 1928 to Zaragoza and Adelaida P. Barrera who preceded him in death, as did his wife, Adela and sister, Idolina Rodriguez.

Benito was raised in Kingsville, Texas where he met and fell in love with Adelita as she walked by his home on Henrietta Street. After serving in the United States Army during World War II, he graduated from A&I University with a bachelor's degree in business and administration and a master's degree in education. Benito and Adela married on July 25, 1953 at St. Martin Catholic Church. They were married for 41 years until Adela's untimely death. While serving as a teacher and principal for CCISD for 35 years, he strived to improve the education of his students. He tried to make a positive influence with the students of Southgate, Lozano, Schanen Estates, Crossley, Lamar Elementary, Crockett Elementary, and Martin Middle School. He always enjoyed running into his ex-students and teachers and was very proud of their achievements. Benito was also a Met-Life representative and earned his CLU.

Benito was a member of various organizations and clubs. He was very active in the Texas Teacher's Retirement Association, Coastal Community and Teachers Credit Union, Westside Business Association, L.U.L.A.C., GI Forum, and the Instituto De Cultura Hispanica. He was a Scoutmaster and a long-time parishioner of Most Precious Blood Catholic Church where he was an usher. He also enjoyed ballroom dancing and spent many evenings in dance classes and various dance clubs.

We will all miss Benito's delivery of his favorite pumpkin empanadas from Michoacana Bakery to all those he visited. Benito was very proud of his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Always, the educator, he frequently visited their classrooms, joined them for lunch, and attended their numerous activities.

To cherish his memory are his children: Noel (Debra) Barrera, Nelda (Henry) Garcia, Benny (Melissa) Barrera; his grandchildren: Noel David (Brenda) Barrera, Amber Rhea Dittman (Chad), Natalie (Christian) Jasso, Nicole Barrera, Dr. Marcos Garcia (Dr. Ashley Garza), Miranda Barrera, and Emily Garcia; his great-grandchildren: Leila Rose Garcia,

Charles Enrique Garcia, and Catherine Meta Jasso; and numerous nieces and nephews. A private Rosary and Mass will be held at Most Precious Blood on October 24th followed by the interment at Chamberlain Cemetery in Kingsville, Texas.

Cemetery Details

Chamberlain Cemetery

735 W Caesar Ave.
Kingsville, TX 78363

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. B.P. Barrera (as he used to sign our merit badge application forms) was the Scoutmaster of Troop 169 in Corpus Christi Texas. I joined his Troop in the Fall of 1955. All of us members of the Troop respected him for his wonderful quiet, yet jovial demeanor – a very friendly man with a great sense of humor. Mr. Barrera was an amazing man who lived and breathed the Scout Laws – A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent. He surely impacted many of the Scouts in becoming men of honor and high integrity. There is no question in my mind that Mr. Barrera was indeed a true Christian man - a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. A great many skills needed for survival in the wilderness came easy for him, as he was able to demonstrate these skills in a easy and clear way that helped us understand how to survive and have fun at the same time. Though he never talked about his military service – it was apparent to us that his discipline had been molded in the U.S. Army. Years later, many of us went on to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces – following his example. Because he was not only a Scoutmaster, a school teacher, and a sports coach – he was able to guide us in developing a serious interest in physical fitness. Years later It was a great honor for me and my three sons to have met his wife Adelita in their home and have the pleasure of joining Mr. Barrera and Adelita for a “merienda.” Three generations of Eagle Scouts in my family will be forever grateful to Mr. Barrera.*

Salvador R. Garcia, Ph.D.

Salvador R. Garcia - October 28, 2020 at 10:48 PM

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“ *I was saddened to hear of Mr. Barrera's passing. As an educator I have wonderful memories of him as my first principal at Sam Houston elementary. He was always very supportive and helpful. My condolences to his family. May he rest in peace.*

Teresita Huerta Genesee - October 24, 2020 at 10:29 PM

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“ *Mr Barrera was our neighbor for many years. He would always walk over and ask how our children were doing. For Thanksgiving we always got a pumpkin pie from him. God has another angel. God bless his family. Tommy and Peggie Lewis.*

peggie Lewis - October 24, 2020 at 05:24 PM

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“ We did not know Benito in his earliest years when he was a teacher of principal. We happened to meet him on the dance floor at a dance. We immediately became dance floor friends, frequently stopping to laugh or talk with him. He was a very likeable man. I am quite sure that all of the accolades are very deserving. We wondered how he was as we didn't see him the last couple of years. We will miss his friendship. Rest in peace.
Ernest and Betty Albornoz

Ernest and Betty Albornoz - October 24, 2020 at 04:31 PM

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“ VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS FROM ROY ,DIANA ,JOSHUA HINOJOSA .JOSHUA LOVE TALKING BENITO AT LULAC G.I.FORUM .AND AT THE RESTURANT CASA DE ROY ,AND RAY,S RESTURANT.GOD BLESS THE BARRERA FAMILY

CHRISTOPHER JOSHUA HINOJOSA - October 24, 2020 at 02:27 PM

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“ Sincere condolences to the dear family of my best friend Benny.... my energizer bunny . The forever educator .. who always encourage young folks on the importance of education ... The proud father, good friend always lending a hand to whomever was in need ... As we mature in our years , our friendship grew.. His advice , wisdom , comforting words were always there . . My dear friend, who we both learned regarding life as the years went by , faster than we sometimes wanted.. but his zest for learning , boundless energy n love of life was admirable . My friendship of over 25 yrs left so many memories, wished I had listen to him and gotten my degree . My mentor you shall always b missed , shall recall your words of wisdom when needed ... you are home now , together with your Adelita . May you teach her all the dance moves you learned, especially las Cumbias .
R.I.P. my dear friend a very special individual 🙏

yolanda Ramos - October 23, 2020 at 07:08 AM



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Ramirez-Salinas Funeral Home - October 22, 2020 at 04:53 PM

JD

I remember being in Mr. B.P. Barrera's class in 5th or 6th grade. He introduced me to fractions when he wrote $1/2$ and $1/4$ and asked which piece of pie I would like, the $1/2$ or the $1/4$. I told him that $1/4$ was bigger because 4 was bigger than 2. He proceeded to explain using a circle and cutting it up. Never forgot that introduction to math. Went on to Northside where I was in advanced Algebra classes and advanced math at Roy Miller. Went into the USAF for 8 years but eventually went to college where I earned a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1973. Thank you for that small important life lesson Mr. Barrera.

PS: I was also in Scout troop 169 and remember a summer camp at Camp Karankawa.

John W Dominguez - May 23, 2021 at 11:01 PM