



Edward "Eddie" Barker

December 20, 1970 - January 25, 2024

Eddie, age 53, passed away on Thursday, January 25, 2024. He was a native of Eunice, Louisiana and a resident of Hammond, Louisiana. Eddie has been refereeing basketball for 30 years and in the past few years he began officiating football and baseball. In 2023 he added volleyball to his list. Eddie loved playing volleyball and has never let his aging knees stop him. If you ever got to see him play, you know just how competitive he was. Eddie has been an active member of the Ponchatoula KIWANIS Club since 1994, serving as President twice and as treasurer since 2018. He received the Walter Zeller Fellowship Award from the KIWANIS Club in 2020 and the Ken Frahm Award in 2021. Eddie has been on the Strawberry Festival Board for many years, serving as the Entertainment Chair, but always willing to assist in any area or capacity. Simply put, he loved the Strawberry Festival. Eddie Barker was sincere, passionate, courageous, and dedicated. He loved his family unconditionally and without fail. Their family time was like no other. Together, Eddie and his wife Stacey raised two amazing children who have always been the center of their universe. Their adventures and vacations have always been special and will be remembered for a lifetime. The void left with them is unimaginable and painful beyond words. His memory will never fade away.

He is survived by his loving wife of 30 wonderful years, Stacey Bailey Barker; daughter, Bailey Barker Taillon (Lane); son, Brody Edward Barker; mother,

Helen Gillard Barker; sisters, Traci Barker Simmons (John) and Shelley McNemar (Clarence); brother, Jay Barker (Shannon); mother-in-law, Sherry Robert Bailey; brother-in-law, Michael Bailey; his dogs, Buck and Trout; grandpups, Fancy and Dolly; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Eddie is preceded in death by his father, James Arthur Barker; father-in-law, Ellis Edgar Bailey; and grandparents, John Gillard, Doris Gillard, Lonnie Barker, and Mary Barker.

The family asks that everyone continue to pray for them as they navigate life without the most incredible and selfless person they've been blessed to know and call theirs.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, 1190 Hwy 51 N. Ponchatoula, LA 70454, on Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. A Funeral Mass will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Church at 1:30 p.m.
A Celebration of Eddie's life at Memorial Park will follow Mass.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula
1190 Highway 51 North
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Funeral Mass

FEB 3. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
255 North 8th Street
Ponchatoula, LA

Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edward "Eddie" Barker*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - February 01, 2024 at 11:54 AM

MA

“ *He was the best uncle I ever had in my life.*

Mad - May 07, 2025 at 01:50 PM

AL

“ *RIP Eddie*

Allen Champagne

allen - February 03, 2024 at 01:54 PM

JS

“ *Our precious Barker family. Our heart felt Condolences! Keeping you all wrapped in prayers of comfort, strength and peace.*

Jenafer Sheridan - February 03, 2024 at 01:26 PM

GS

“ Jay and Barker family, I am sorry for the tragic passing of Eddie. Such a fine man! May God grant all of you peace and bring comfort as only He is able to do in situations such as this!

Glenn Sanchez - February 03, 2024 at 09:47 AM



“ When Albany & Springfield went to Jr High together is where I met Eddie. He was the friendliest person and smart. Not everyone remained friends after going to high school but Eddie was certainly one that remained a friend.

I reacquainted with Eddie after he and Stacey became friends with my sister and her husband and their group of friends. They were all becoming married couples, shared in the birth of babies and so there were many celebrations we all shared together. It was hoot to be in the presence of Eddie and Stacey. I say their names together because as I recall I only saw them while together.

I am so heartbroken that my friend is gone. They say the good ones die young. Eddie was certainly a good one. The best I would say.

I pray for Stacey, their children and their families who will miss Eddie forever. Rest in Peace my friend.

Janeth Moutray - February 03, 2024 at 07:20 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward "Eddie" Barker.



February 02, 2024 at 02:17 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Edward "Eddie" Barker.*



February 02, 2024 at 02:13 PM



“ *Barker Family & Friends: Initially, I hesitated, unsure if my seven-year connection with Eddie, forged through our shared passion for refereeing basketball, could encapsulate the depth of his impact. However, as I immersed myself in the heartfelt messages from lifelong friends and family, a profound realization emerged. Understanding Eddie Barker didn't demand a lifetime; within those seven years, it became undeniable that he was an exemplary gentleman, an extraordinary friend, a remarkable mentor, and an exceptional human being. His authenticity, love, and respect for others radiated from the very first greeting. As one contributor rightly noted, "The world needs more Eddie Barkers."*

In this challenging time, let us unite in prayer, seeking God's mercy and grace to navigate this difficult journey. May we find solace in the knowledge that Eddie lived a life rooted in faith and love, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, wisdom, and unwavering devotion to family. Drawing strength from our shared memories, let us take comfort in the assurance that, one day, we will be reunited in the presence of our Heavenly Father.

Together, let us lean on our faith to find solace, supporting one another as we honor the memory of a beloved man who will forever occupy a special place in our hearts.

Peace.

Wade Price - February 02, 2024 at 01:38 PM

MF

“ McCrory, Pierce, and Duval Families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Edward "Eddie" Barker.



McCrory, Pierce, and Duval Families - February 02, 2024 at 10:15 AM

AD

“ Adam Hebert & Nicole Dimitri purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Edward "Eddie" Barker.



Adam Hebert & Nicole Dimitri - February 02, 2024 at 08:46 AM

SP

“ Shelley P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward "Eddie" Barker.

Shelley P. - February 02, 2024 at 02:42 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Edward "Eddie" Barker.



February 02, 2024 at 01:08 AM

AB

“ All your friends at B&W planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward "Eddie" Barker.

All your friends at B&W - February 01, 2024 at 08:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward "Eddie" Barker.



February 01, 2024 at 08:59 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Edward "Eddie" Barker.



February 01, 2024 at 11:56 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward "Eddie" Barker.



February 01, 2024 at 11:32 AM

DH

“ Please know Stacy, Bailey, and Brody and all of the Barker family that you are in our prayers at this most difficult time. It is without question that the untimely passing of Eddie is being greatly felt by many all over our area. As big of a man as he was, his heart was even bigger in how he cared and gave back to make our community a better place for all of us. Being the family man he was, I know that I am not telling you anything you don't already know—but take some solace knowing that the rest of us know this—this world needs more “Eddie Barker's”—he will be greatly missed.

Dean Hughes - February 01, 2024 at 01:44 AM

WP

Amen. Couldn't have said it any better.

Wade Price - February 02, 2024 at 01:25 PM

DB

“ Danny Brabham purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Edward "Eddie" Barker.



Danny Brabham - January 31, 2024 at 09:53 PM

DB

“ Danny Brabham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward "Eddie" Barker.

Danny Brabham - January 31, 2024 at 09:53 PM

CR

“Hearing of Eddies passing is tough. The Barkers have been on my mind a lot recently, and it was only today that I learned our big brother has passed away. Eddie was a great role model. We need more men like him. My heart especially goes out for Mrs. Helen. I remember Eddie for his calm demeanor. Some of the best memories I have with him are from Mr. B's in the 90's. He was a just man. My heart is with the Barker Family.

Chad Riley - January 31, 2024 at 05:22 PM

JB

“john m barker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward "Eddie" Barker.

john m barker - January 31, 2024 at 04:36 PM



“Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward "Eddie" Barker.



January 31, 2024 at 04:36 PM

BF

“Brannon, Stacie, & Madison Forrest purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edward "Eddie" Barker.



Brannon, Stacie, & Madison Forrest - January 31, 2024 at 01:30 PM

CS

“ With sincere sympathy on your loss,

Cheryl Tallia Schiro

Cheryl Schiro - January 31, 2024 at 11:36 AM

BF

“ Betty Ridenour and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edward "Eddie" Barker.



Betty Ridenour and Family - January 31, 2024 at 09:42 AM

BF

“ Betty Ridenour & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edward "Eddie" Barker.



Betty Ridenour & Family - January 31, 2024 at 09:38 AM

AA

“ Albany Youth Association planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward "Eddie" Barker.

Albany Youth Association - January 30, 2024 at 07:03 PM

AA

“ Albany Youth Association purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Edward "Eddie" Barker.



Albany Youth Association - January 30, 2024 at 07:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Edward "Eddie" Barker.



January 30, 2024 at 06:56 PM

HL

“ Hal D Lamb purchased the *Basket Full of Wishes* for the family of Edward "Eddie" Barker.



Hal D Lamb - January 30, 2024 at 11:50 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Edward "Eddie" Barker.



January 29, 2024 at 09:37 PM

NT

“ Nick, Taylor, and Addisyn Tate planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward "Eddie" Barker.

Nick, Taylor, and Addisyn Tate - January 29, 2024 at 09:37 PM

DF

“ Dan & Mandy, & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edward "Eddie" Barker.



Dan & Mandy, & Family - January 29, 2024 at 08:48 PM

DF

“ Dan & Mandy, & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward "Eddie" Barker.

Dan & Mandy, & Family - January 29, 2024 at 08:48 PM

TI

“ Stacey and family, you are in my thoughts and my prayers.
Tiffany Hodges Bailey

Tiffany - January 29, 2024 at 07:56 PM

JM

“ Eddie was my older cousin, he was an awesome person who definitely cared a lot for others. I remember when I was younger and having trouble in math and needed some help. Eddie was older and had plenty enough responsibilities of his own but gladly took the time to come over and tutor me in math to help me bring my grades up. Idk why but that memory has stuck with me. He always seem to be smiling, happy and willing to help anybody. We love him He will truly be missed

John Mccrory - January 29, 2024 at 05:59 PM

SC

“ Eddie was always extremely professional, accommodating, and eager to please everyone that he could. Our family prays that his family find the peace and strength to carry on in his earthly absence knowing that he remains with them always.

Sean Casey - January 29, 2024 at 05:45 PM

TF

“ The Singh Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward "Eddie" Barker.

The Singh Family - January 29, 2024 at 02:47 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward "Eddie" Barker.



January 29, 2024 at 02:47 PM

KL

“ Stacy. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your beautiful family. Eddie was an amazing man and an asset to his community. May he rest in peace. Love, Kathy Lorenzo.

Kathy Lorenzo - January 29, 2024 at 12:51 PM

RM

“ Our family moved to Albany in 1979 and that is when we met Eddie and his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Eddie was a fine example to everyone he knew! 🙏❤️

Ruth Martin - January 29, 2024 at 12:32 PM

AP

“ Mr. Eddie has always been a "staple" in our community for as long as I can remember. I've known him since I was a kid playing rec basketball! He was always such a sweet man & great person to know. I know there are so many of us along with his sweet family that are going to miss him tremendously.

Aaron Peterman - January 29, 2024 at 10:07 AM

RP

Stacey and family, I am heartbroken along with so many others. What a wonderful husband, father, son and friend he was to so many. My deepest sympathy Stacey, Bailey, Lane, Brody, Sherry and the entire Barker Family. 💔

Renee Picheloup - January 29, 2024 at 01:10 PM

JF

Eddie was a fine man and a heckuva basketball official! We worked a few games together and you could not have asked for a better partner! May God hold the family in his loving hands and give them peace!

JAY FELKER - January 30, 2024 at 03:06 PM

TB

“ *Trafton Academy Boys Basketball purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edward "Eddie" Barker.*



Trafton Academy Boys Basketball - January 29, 2024 at 07:47 AM

KB

“ *Prayers to the family* 🙏



Kelli Coyne Blades - January 28, 2024 at 08:53 AM