



Charles Julian Barton Jr.

August 24, 2018

Charles Julian Barton, Jr., beloved husband, brother, uncle, son-in-law, and brother-in-law, passed away Friday, August 24th, 2018. He was born in Covington, Virginia, to Charles Julian Barton and Ruth Mae Grant Barton. He grew up in Oak Ridge, TN, where his father Charles, Sr. had accepted a job as a nuclear chemist.

Charles received his BA in philosophy from Carson Newman College and his MA in philosophy from Memphis University. He worked on a PhD in history, but was unable to complete it due to his health problems. He did further graduate work in sociology, psychology and counseling at North Texas University and Texas Woman's University.

After retiring from drug and alcohol counseling, Charles became a blogger. His blog "Nuclear Green Revolution" was recognized in the Wall Street Journal. Though he was not a nuclear scientist by training, reading his father's research helped give him a basic understanding of technical documents to the extent he was able to write about nuclear power in layman's terms. He wrote about molten-salt reactors and their potential to revolutionize global energy. His heart's desire was to benefit humanity with an understanding of the advantages of nuclear power.

Charles also enjoyed writing on religious topics. He last wrote on Amos. He loved all types of music, but especially opera. He was a NASCAR enthusiast.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Mike, his stepbrother, Ben, and his stepmother, Anna Kate. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca, his brother and sister-in-law, David and Ann, sister-in-law, Lorna, former sisters-in-law, Susan and Suzanne, stepbrother Tom (Stephanie); mother-in-law, Beth, brothers-in-law, David (Connie), Mark; niece, Julia (Josh), nephews: Greg, Mathew (Kate), Blair, his grand niece, Ada, grand nephews, Zachary, Avi, Waite, Reave, and Benji.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held Saturday morning, September 29, 10:00 A.M., at Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel, 6200 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN,

led by Larry Dipboye, the minister who married Charles and Rebecca. Visitation following in the same location until noon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Generation Atomic

<https://www.generationatomic.org/skim/support-gen-a> , Arnstein Jewish Community

Center <https://jewishknoxville.org/directory/AJCC> or Grace Covenant Church

<http://www.gracecovenantoakridge.net/ourcovenant.html>

Events

SEP **Memorial Service** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Rose Mortuary - September 25, 2018 at 01:39 PM



“ He was my college roommate during the summer of 1961, and we have been friends since. The irregular gait of his speech sometimes surprised people, but it never hid his intelligence, thoughtfulness, or consideration of others. His illness was long-term, and his wife, Rebecca Roller, loved and care for him through it all. He is a blessed memory.

Herman Saatkamp - September 28, 2018 at 10:25 AM



“ 58 files added to the album LifeTributes



Rose Mortuary - September 25, 2018 at 12:31 PM



“ When nuclear pioneers are finally honored in the way they should be, Charles will be in that Statuary Hall.

Mike Conley - September 17, 2018 at 08:43 PM



“ Salt of the Earth does change phase.

the first post I saw from him, I asked if English was a second language?! I think he got over it though...

Tim Larson - September 15, 2018 at 11:27 AM



“ I will always remember Charles, and the world will also remember him. He was a kind man and a brave pro-molten-salt pioneer. Bravery and kindness. May his memory be a blessing.

Meredith Angwin

Meredith Angwin - September 15, 2018 at 08:40 AM



“ I always liked Charles' writing, even with the occasional typos resulting from his failing vision. I think his passion for helping humanity with molten salt reactor energy kept him going for extra years.

Robert Hargraves - September 28, 2018 at 05:37 AM