



Kenneth W. Barton

October 18, 1920 - June 18, 2016

Kenneth W. Barton passed away on Saturday, June 18, 2016, at Talbot Hospice House. He was 95.

Ken, affectionately known as Mr. YMCA to many Eastonians, was born on October 18, 1920, to the late Edward S. and Gertrude Dauler Barton.

Ken attended schools in New Brunswick, NJ, and was a 1949 graduate of Springfield College. From 1941 to 1945, he served in the Coast Guard as a radioman on a Troop Transport participating in the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, Salerno, Normandy and Southern France.

In 1945, he married Jane Stryker, and they spent 71 happy years together. Two sons were born of their marriage, Kenneth R. Barton and James E. Barton.

His professional life involved his association with the YMCAs of Torrington and Waterbury, CT. In 1959, he was invited to come to Easton, MD, to raise the funds for and establish the Talbot County YMCA. Ken was the YMCA director in Easton from 1959 – 1985.

Besides the YMCA, Ken's life centered around tennis and music. He was proud to have been the first Talbot County tennis champion, a choir member

for 80 years, and a barbarshopper. He was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church and the Rotary Club, being remembered as the organizer along with Dennis Tarbutton of Meals on Wheels in Easton.

Ken leaves behind his wife, Jane; his two boys, Kenneth R. Barton of Cockeysville, MD, and James E. Barton of Staten Island, NY; a daughter in-law, Kathy; three grandchildren, Jeb Barton, Courtney Corbin (Randy), and Carissa Sommerland; three great-grandchildren; a sister in-law, Peggy Barton; and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Robert E. Barton.

A Celebration of Ken's life will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2016, at 11 am at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Burial will be private.

Memorial Donations may be made to the St. Mark's United Methodist Church Building Fund, 100 Peachblossom Lane, Easton, MD 21601.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
100 Peach Blossom Road
Easton, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth W. Barton*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ken was good at mending punctures on bikes he was often looking out the window in his bed sit flat he was spotless in the flat he often liked a wrestling match with my and his hand he liked to get out to places*

Simon Yates - August 16, 2023 at 05:12 PM



“ *Kenneth W. Barton*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



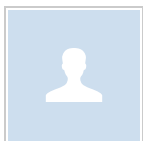
Is this Ken Barton who lived at 15b the crescent walton on the naze

Simon Yates - March 29, 2023 at 01:59 PM



Ken could be ok but he could be bossy

Simon Yates - March 29, 2023 at 02:05 PM



“ *Kenneth W. Barton*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

CH

“ Cecilia Hoevenaars lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth W. Barton



Cecilia Hoevenaars - August 03, 2016 at 02:43 PM

CH

*May your memories help you all during this difficult time. My thoughts
are with you.*

Cecilia Hoevenaars - August 03, 2016 at 02:45 PM

JB

Dear Jane and Family,

Very much like Bob Shelton and his wife, I wish that I could have been there to celebrate Ken's life. I have thought of you and Ken often. Ken hired me as a Program Director in 1978, and I was a Program/Aquatic Director till 1982. I was at the Talbot County YMCA in the era of Mr. YMCA, Vera Handwell, May Brooks, Jack Lawson, Kitty, Cheryl, Roger Eareckson, and Jim Brown. One of the funniest times I had with Ken, he came out of his office and he was flustered, he was looking for his glasses. Roger Earseckson and I were in the office when he came in and asked us if we had seen his glasses? We both laughed and told him they were on his head.

Ken was a wonderful man and I still think of him often

With Gods Blessing.

John Bennison

Hardinsburg, KY

John Bennison - November 07, 2017 at 03:58 PM

SY

No he was very bossy and bigerde bugger

Simon Yates - March 30, 2023 at 06:51 PM

SY

I knew Ken for a long time but he could be very strict in putting words in a kind way

Simon Yates - August 16, 2023 at 05:08 PM

BS

“ Dear Jane, Jim, & Kenny,

I wish I could be there with you to celebrate the life of a special person to me, and be able to give you a special hug of love.

Jane, as you well know, Ken and I had a special connection, that allowed us to work together for a number of years. For me, he was a mentor, a colleague and a friend. I learned so much from Ken, that I find now that many of my values were those that I got from him.

He was a Godly man, whose life exemplified the hands & feet of Jesus, because he saw the work of the YMCA to be a channel for him to express his life's Christian testimony.

As Phil Foster attested, the YMCA brought to Easton a blending of a community, that not many other organizations could do, and most of that was because of Ken's leadership and purpose in the YMCA.

I will never forget my friend, Ken, and thank God that our paths crossed at a time in my life, when it left such an impact.

God bless you, Jane, and your family. May our Lord in heaven give you peace.

With blessing from Norleen and me,

Bob Shelton, Goodyear, Arizona

Former Executive Director TC YMCA 1985-1999 (Assoc. ED 1981-1985)

BOB SHELTON - June 27, 2016 at 06:49 PM



“ *Mr. Barton was a big part of my teen years at the YMCA. I would come over from the Middle School and then the High School to hang out at the Y. He knew everyone of our names and he knew if we were going to be causing any trouble that day. What a quiet but powerful presence. I can't even guess the number of kids that he had an impact on throughout his years at the Y. He was always respectful and taught us to be the same.*

I now work at the YMCA and Mr. Barton will always be a part of our Y. About 10 years ago Mr. Barton came into the Y where I was working at the front desk. He had not seen me in 22 years, but he came right over and said "Nancy Labat you work here at the Y!" He still knew my name and who I was. I was so touched that he remembered me, but that was who he was. It was important to him that every member and staff feel special and appreciated.

I will miss Mr. Barton but I celebrate his life and all of the people who love him.

Nancy Labat

Nancy Labat - June 27, 2016 at 04:53 PM

PF

“ Very sorry to learn of Mr. Barton's passing. It would be difficult to imagine how this community would have developed had it not been for him. Although it operated from a converted church, the YMCA was available to children from all schools, races and religions at a time when few institutions were. Mr. Barton was the Y to us. Later under his management the Y moved into its beautiful facility on Oxford Road, but I always remember the way it was in the beginning. I want to express my deepest sympathy to the family, and to thank them for sharing this fine person with the rest of us.



Phil Foster - June 25, 2016 at 12:14 AM



“ 62 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 23, 2016 at 10:11 AM

ES

“ Ken,

So sorry to hear of your loss. I know how much your family means to you. May those around you help to support you in this time.

Ed Shulder

Ed Shulder - June 21, 2016 at 12:26 PM

KE

“ *My thoughts go back to just about any Christmas morning while I was growing up. Having Uncle Ken, Aunt Jane, and my cousins visit made Christmas even more special. I have nothing but good memories of Uncle Ken. It is comforting to know he is once again hanging out with my parents.*

Aunt Jane, Ken, and Jim -- my thoughts and prayers go out to you.

Ken Doyon

Ken - June 21, 2016 at 12:22 PM

RB

“ Ken,

Very sorry to learn of your father's passing. Although no words are adequate at such a time, I know that your family and friends will provide you with the support and comfort that you need to meet the challenges ahead. You and your family will be in my prayers.

Ray Burton

Ray Burton - June 20, 2016 at 10:10 AM

KJ

“ Ken,

Please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Ken Johanning

Ken Johanning - June 20, 2016 at 09:50 AM

BL

“ Ken,

I am sorry to hear about the loss of your father. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Bob Lembach

Bob Lembach - June 20, 2016 at 09:43 AM

TB

“ Ken,

So sorry for the loss of your Father. You are in my prayers for comfort for you and your Mom.

Tim Brooks

Tim Brooks - June 20, 2016 at 09:31 AM

SD

Wonderful man! Condolences to Jane and sons!

sara jane davidson - June 20, 2016 at 06:30 PM



Condolences. I remember the original YMCA in the old church on Washington Street. J R Lloyd

John Lloyd - June 21, 2016 at 04:43 AM

EP

Ken,

I was sorry to hear about the passing of your father. It sounds like he had a very full and active life. I hope that your many memories will help make this time a little easier. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Ed Paul

EP - June 21, 2016 at 07:01 AM

MH

Ken - My condolences on the passing of your father. May your pleasant memories of him help comfort y

Mark Hagenbuch - June 21, 2016 at 12:38 PM

JS

I also remember meeting your family at the downtown Methodist church. Your mother taught me how to knit and your dad started the YMCA program for the Town of Easton. When I lived in Pennsylvania for 20 some years I would always get Christmas cards from your family and your dad wrote me wonderful letters. Jane, Ken and Jim you have my prayers and my memories of your wonderful Dad. I am back in Easton and recently married after my husband died. I know what it feels like to lose a spouse and also a father. You have my prayers. Ken was "ONE OF A KIND".

Joan Collier Sanchez

Joan Collier Sanchez - June 21, 2016 at 12:39 PM

JF

Ken - I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. From what I've read he sounds like a great man. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jonathan Finglass

Jonathan Finglass - June 27, 2016 at 08:25 AM

GH

“ Ken:

My heartfelt condolences to you you and your family; you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Greg Hook

Greg Hook - June 20, 2016 at 07:59 AM