



Dr. Thomas Lester Barton

November 16, 1949 - December 29, 2019

Dr. Thomas L. Barton, Ph.D., age 70, passed away while surrounded by his family on Sunday, Dec 29th, 2019. He was born November 16th, 1949 in Jacksonville, Florida. He is survived by his four children, Robert, Hayley, Grant, and Ted, his brothers, Quinn R. Barton, James G. Barton, and sister, Beverly H. Kolodinsky. He is preceded in death by his parents, Margaret and Quinn R. Barton Sr. and his brother, Donald E. Barton. Dr. Barton was a native to Jacksonville, Florida and attended Bishop Kenny High School. He received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Accounting from the University of Virginia. He later earned his Master of Arts and Ph.D. in Accounting at the University of Florida. Dr. Barton was a certified public accountant (CPA) as well as a recognized international pioneer in Enterprise Risk Management Research. Thomas was a prolific author with over 50 professional publications, five books, and one audiobook. Dr. Barton taught professional development seminars and performed consulting work in both the public and private sectors. Thomas was a fixture at the University of North Florida, where he spent over 36 years as a professor of Accounting and Finance and served as Faculty Advisor for UNF's Accounting Club-Alpha Sigma Pi. He was deeply passionate about his students and their future success. Thomas led a full and multifaceted life. He had a great passion for film, theater, and travel. This love he shared and passed along to countless others. Thomas authored a book with movie producer Ed Feldman and also created an Accounting in Film course that he taught at UNF. He was a loving

and caring father, brother, uncle, and godfather. Whether it be to his family, students, colleagues, or friends Thomas was always quick to give meaningful advice and thoughtful encouragement. His passing is a great loss to us all, but the legacy he has left behind will continue to flourish. Family, friends, and others whose lives Thomas touched are invited to the Coggin College of Business at the University of North Florida at 2 pm on Saturday, January 11th, 2020 to reminisce, grieve, and celebrate a profound life. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his name to the Coggin College of Business at the University of North Florida. St Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of his arrangements.

Previous Events

A Tribute to His Life

JAN 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Coggin College of Business at the University of North Florida
1 S U N F Dr
Jacksonville, FL 32224

Tribute Wall

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“*Tom’s dedication to his students and to accounting professional education, as well as his outstanding scholarship, have been a major factor in establishing the strong reputation of the Coggin College of Business and its Accounting program. He was a valued faculty colleague, and a revered accounting educator for decades at UNF, and he will be missed.*

Our sympathies go out to his children and other family members.

Sincerely,

Earle Traynham

Emeritus Professor of Economics and Dean

Coggin College of Business

UNF

Earle Traynham - January 03, 2020 at 10:29 AM

KR

I can distinctly recall taking multiple accounting courses with Dr. Barton during my undergraduate years at UNF CCOB and remember him as a kind and gentle man who seemed to really enjoy what he did. He was an extremely fair and noble professor and his courses were quite rewarding. My deepest condolences to his friends and family and may he rest in peace.

-Kevin (Grab) Rymes

Alumnus, BBA - Accounting, c/o 2002

Kevin Rymes - January 08, 2020 at 06:50 PM

EB

I took one class with Dr Barton at UNF. He was, without a doubt, one of the best accounting professors I ever had. Eric N. Bradford, CPA. C/O 1992

Eric Bradford - January 10, 2020 at 10:30 AM

JC

With my respectful condolences to Dr. Barton's family and friends,

Dr. Barton will be missed.

I was a student in Dr Barton's section of Intermediate Accounting III during the Fall 2019 semester. I enjoyed talking with Dr. Barton about accounting. I think he had some great insights into the profession and professional education. I only wish he had more time to spend with us here at UNF.

Despite his infirmity, he was fair, friendly, courteous and accessible. He was humble about his expertise. His lectures were clear and easy to understand. His selection of topics was thoughtful and his concern for his students genuine.

*Joe Cooke
Current UNF BBA, Accounting Student*

Joe Cooke - January 11, 2020 at 12:28 PM

KR

Oh my heart is so sad to hear this news. I have enjoyed having him teach my Continuing Education Classes for the last 16 years, and I will miss him! I have a "collectible" Arthur Andersen softball shirt I have been holding to give him. I will think of him every time I see it now. My sincere condolences to his family.

Kasey Cummings Repass

Kasey C Repass - January 13, 2020 at 09:09 AM