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Dr. Thomas Lionel Barton passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, Sept 19, 2015 at the age of 78 in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was born July 24, 1937 in Columbia County, Arkansas to Thomas Archie and Audrey Dyson Barton.

He grew up on a farm in Columbia County, and graduated from Magnolia High School in 1955. He studied agriculture at Southern State College (SAU) between the years of 1954 and 1956 and received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture/Animal Science and a Master of Science in Poultry Nutrition from the University of Arkansas, and a PhD in Poultry Nutrition from Michigan State University. Between his master's degree and starting his PhD program, He served in the Army 6-month active-duty program and the 238th Transportation Reserve Unit at Camp Leroy Johnson in New Orleans, which was mobilized by President Kennedy due to the Cuban Missile Crisis. He served from September 1961 until August 1962.

Dr. Barton joined the UA faculty in 1967 and served 28 years as a Cooperative Extension Service Poultry Specialist, retiring in March, 1995. Throughout his career and following retirement, Dr. Barton worked unceasingly to improve the lives of poultry farmers and address the needs of the poultry industry in Arkansas. He was also instrumental in implementing plans for the Center of Excellence for Poultry Science at the U of A and helped obtain significant funding from the Arkansas Energy Office for development and operation of the Broiler Energy Verification unit, where research is conducted in four, commercial-scale broiler houses. His valuable guidance and expertise played a critical role in developing the poultry industry into the largest sector of Arkansas' agricultural economy.

He is known internationally for his expertise and in 1984 Dr. Barton conducted poultry seminars in China. For 13 years he conducted the National Collegiate Poultry judging contest hosted by the University of Arkansas and continues to remain involved in student recruitment through 4-H poultry judging and barbecue contests.



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In 1987 he was awarded the Pfizer Poultry Science Extension Award for distinguished service to the poultry industry. He has remained active in his retirement as an Emeritus Professor in the Center of Excellence at U of A and served as the first president of the U of A's Poultry Science Alumni Association. Dr. Barton was inducted into the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame in the Class of 2011, and was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from Southern Arkansas University in 2013.

Preceding Dr. Barton in death were his parents and his wife, Martha Lou Caple, whom he married August 10, 1962.

Survivors include a daughter, Ann Boyd and husband Shane, granddaughters Breanna and Courtney Boyd; and three sons: James Barton and wife Christina, granddaughter Zoé Barton and grandson Eli Barton; Steven Barton and John Barton, all of Fayetteville. He is survived by two sisters, Carolyn Marriott of Magnolia and Evelyn and Joe Taylor of Cayuga, TX, and a brother-in-law, Thomas Caple of Benton. Dr. Barton is also survived by four nephews and two nieces and their families. He will be greatly missed by extended family, friends, and colleagues.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m., Saturday, September 26, 2015 at Moore's Chapel in Fayetteville.

Memorials may be made to the Lionel Barton Scholarship, c/o Southern Arkansas University Foundation, P. O. Box 9174, Magnolia, AR 71753, the University of Arkansas Department of Poultry Science, or the charity of donor's choice.



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Tracy Stroud-Morgan posted:

I first met Dr. Barton as a 15 year old high school student competing in FFA poultry judging contests. I went on to attend the UofA as a poultry science major, from 1991-1995. Dr. Barton was a huge influence on me during those years, and one of my favourite professors. My sincere condolences to his family.

October 14 at 7:00 PM



Terri Phelan posted:

Dr. B was one of the group of faculty that I worked with 1982-84. He was funny, pleasant, and down-to-earth. On rare occasion, I would see him out somewhere and he always remembered me. I also remember that he was on the road a lot visiting with farmers. My condolences to his family. He was one of the good ones!

October 5 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We send sincere condolences to you on the lost of your loved one ,we hope that God will strengthen you all, as you go through your healing 1 Thess 2:16, 17

October 2 at 7:00 PM



Tommy & Alice Goodwin posted:

Lionel was a life long friend during college days and during his long career at the U. Of A. He will be missed by many. Our deepest sympathy goes out to James, Stephen, John, Ann and the grandchildren.

September 25 at 7:00 PM



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JW

Joe Waldrum posted:

Lionel was a very good man in so many ways. I met him in the early 1980's when I was a pesticide specialist with the Cooperative Extension Service. Later I became his supervisor--- or maybe he really became mine ! I knew nothing about poultry and Lionel knew it. But he was willing to teach me and introduce me to key poultry company personnel.Later when I moved to another position in Extension, he never changed his manner to me. He was always friendly and acted as if I had been his next door neighbor for years.He was well respected by the industry and by all who knew him in Extension. He helped make the poultry industry in Arkansas what it is today - a dynamic, adaptable, and life saving industry for many Arkansas farmers.I will miss his infectious smile,his wry sense of humor and I will miss him as a friend. May God rest his soul, give him joy in heaven and comfort and strengthen his family and friends.

September 23 at 7:00 PM

CR

Chris & Leslie Ranalli posted:

Ann: We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. He was a wonderful person and a man of great wisdom and always had time to visit when he came to the market. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

September 23 at 7:00 PM

BR

Betty Renthall posted:

He was so special to my brother-in-law Hayden Brown and my sister Helen. Peace.

September 23 at 7:00 PM

TT

Tom Tabler posted:

Dr. Barton was a wonderful person and an even better boss. I'm grateful for everything he taught me over the years. Much of my success in the poultry industry is because of what I learned from him. He will be missed.

September 22 at 7:00 PM

MT

Missy Tabler posted:

Dr. Barton was won of the best. He was a great friend. He was amazing person and Tom, the boys and I always looked forward to seeing him out at the farm!

September 22 at 7:00 PM



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MF

Marion Fletcher posted:

Dr Barton was a friend and great man of vision. He is now in his heavenly home.

September 21 at 7:00 PM

RC

Rick Cartwright posted:

Dr. Barton was a truly great person, always had time to visit with you no matter who you were or what station in life you happened to be in. He lived a great and inspiring life for all of us to imitate.

September 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mr. & Mrs. Earl Caple

September 21 at 7:00 PM

CH

Casey Owens Hanning posted:

Dr. Barton was such a sweet man. I will miss seeing him at the university. He was loved by many.

September 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Classmate, workmate, lifelong friend. John Philpot, Little Rock. Contact Me

September 21 at 7:00 PM

KB

Kathy Burris posted:

Ann I am so sorry. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

September 21 at 7:00 PM

KM

Karen Mayes posted:

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

September 20 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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