



Lt. Colonel Paul D. Barkhurst

March 27, 2025

Lt. Colonel Paul D. Barkhurst, 90, a resident of San Antonio, TX, formerly of Millbrook, AL passed away Thursday, March 27th, 2025.

Paul David “PD” Barkhurst was born of Charles and Margaret (Stokes) Barkhurst on March 5, 1935, in Newark, OH, as the second child in a family of five. The passion of his childhood and youth was sports, especially baseball. In 1957, Paul married Betty Jean Walden from Dayton, OH, which he called “the best decision of his life.” After graduating from Ohio State University in 1961, Paul joined the USAF in 1962 as a career officer. As a Missileer, and then a Training Officer, over the next three decades Paul was assigned to bases in California, North Dakota, Nebraska, Alabama, Illinois, and Texas, while having six children and gaining in rank. He retired from Randolph AFB, San Antonio in 1989 and subsequently joined his wife in forming their own Real Estate Appraisal company. During his active years, Paul became a sports official, particularly enjoying officiating basketball, softball and volleyball.

PD Barkhurst was a life-long Catholic, a member of the Knights of Columbus, and was always active in his church as a Reader, Usher and a leader. Paul and Betty retired to Millbrook, Alabama in the mid 1990’s where they were founding members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton’s Catholic Church.

Paul Barkhurst was a loving son, cherished husband, devoted sibling, incorrigible Uncle, beloved father of six and loved grandfather of 18. He was a life-long supporter of Ohio State University and its sports teams, a lover of tea,

and a world traveler. PD was generous and benevolent to those in need both inside and outside the family. He focused much of his giving to charities that supported disadvantaged Native American youth. According to his family, he was socially gregarious, an incurable tease, and loved to “bug” his loved ones and be teased in return.

Paul Barkhurst was predeceased by his wife, Betty, in 2001, and his brother, Rick Barkhurst (Hilda) in 1992. Paul lost two children in 2021, his daughter, Ardis Barkhurst Hearn (Neal), and his son, Ragan Barkhurst (Heather). He is survived by siblings Barbara (Babs) Bir (Tom, deceased), Marty Weissinger (Roy, deceased), and Judy Bruner (Gene). He is survived by children Marti Barkhurst Martinez (Lawrence) of Pflugerville, TX, Phyllis Dru Barkhurst of Eugene, OR, Paul Barkhurst, Jr. (Beverly) of San Antonio, TX, Charles Barkhurst (Laura), Ramstein AFB, Germany, and grandchildren, Ariel Barkhurst, Thomas Ryan, Lacey Barkhurst, Madeline Hearn, Richard Martinez, David Hearn, Grant Barkhurst, Faith Baker, Carl Martinez, Erin Barkhurst, Sarah Barkhurst, Zoe Barkhurst, Emma Barkhurst, Luke Barkhurst, Paul Barkhurst III, Brady Barkhurst, Lauren Barkhurst and Levi Barkhurst. Graveside services with military honors will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 12:00. p.m. at Brookside Memorial Gardens with Father Dean & Father Troncale officiating. Those serving as pallbearers will be William Thomas Ryan III, Richard Anthony Martinez, Carl Anthony Martinez, Paul Dusty Barkhurst III, David Neal Hearn & Paul David Barkhurst, Jr. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Brookside Funeral Home, Crematorium & Memorial Gardens of Millbrook, AL directing.

Cemetery Details

Brookside Memorial Gardens

3360 Brookside Drive
Millbrook, AL 36054

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Brookside Funeral Home
3360 Brookside Dr
Millbrook, AL 36054
(334) 285-7442
<http://www.brooksidefuneralhomeal.com>

Burial

APR 3. 12:00 PM (CT)

Brookside Memorial Gardens
3360 Brookside Drive
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Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Ramona B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lt. Colonel Paul D. Barkhurst.*

Ramona B. - April 02, 2025 at 07:16 PM

DS

“ *Dave and Kristen Schloss planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lt. Colonel Paul D. Barkhurst.*

Dave and Kristen Schloss - April 01, 2025 at 06:38 PM

DS

“ *Dave and Kristen Schloss purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lt. Colonel Paul D. Barkhurst.*



Dave and Kristen Schloss - April 01, 2025 at 06:38 PM

YH

“ *Youngs and Hartsock purchased the Sweet Since rity for the family of Lt. Colonel Paul D. Barkhurst.*



Youngs and Hartsock - April 01, 2025 at 05:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lt. Colonel Paul D. Barkhurst.

April 01, 2025 at 12:52 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Lt. Colonel Paul D. Barkhurst.



April 01, 2025 at 12:52 PM

JW

“ So so sorry for your loss...always admired and respected Uncle Paul. Lately we have been having a competition on grand babies. I was far behind.

We would talk about prison ministry. He did it for 14 years at an Alabama state prison for those who did not know. He told me about buying lunch for two of the men he ministered to who were released.

Bumper, Marti, Ardis & Charlie you showed him so much love. Too many leave this world alone and depressed. You showed Uncle Paul how loved and wanted and special he truly was.

During your journey on your final flight home.
White wings will carry you and you will be flown.
To the pearly gates of Heaven, where they will usher you in.
To the feet of your Lord, your Saviour, and your friend.
He will hold you in his arms and the angels will sing.
As another one of His children is delivered by white wings.
"The White Chariot" by Julie Johnson

Relish life. In an instant it can end. Hugs those you love and tell them you love them. Love you all, cousin Jeff.

Jeff S Walden - April 01, 2025 at 10:20 AM

CG

“ Chink & Gail, Jeff & kids and grandkids. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lt. Colonel Paul D. Barkhurst.

Chink & Gail, Jeff & kids and grandkids. - April 01, 2025 at 10:10 AM

CG

“ *Chink & Gail, Jeff & kids and grandkids.
purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet
for the family of Lt. Colonel Paul D. Barkhurst.*



Chink & Gail, Jeff & kids and grandkids. - April 01, 2025 at
10:10 AM