



Buell "Bud" Harrison Barker

June 28, 1946 - October 3, 2025

Bud Barker, 79, of Leland, North Carolina, passed away peacefully at his family home on October 3, 2025, surrounded by the love of those who meant the most to him.

Born on June 28, 1946, Bud built a life defined by devotion to family, generosity of spirit, and a love for life's simple pleasures. He shared fifty-seven beautiful years with his beloved wife, Kathy Barker, together creating a homestead that grew from their four boys into a large and loving family spanning generations.

Bud is survived by his wife, Kathy; his sons Dan Barker (Shawn), David Barker (Angie), and Mike Barker (Melissa); seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers James Barker (Mary) of Greenup, KY, and Eddie Barker of Hitchens, KY.

He was preceded in death by his son Doug Barker of Leland, NC; his sisters Emily Barker Skaggs, Cathy Barker Price, and Bonnie Barker Anglin; his brother Charles Barker; and his parents Pauline Fillyaw Barker and Ples Lee Barker.

Bud loved the open road on his Harley with Kathy faithfully riding by his side, casting a line in the Cape Fear River, and taking annual RV trips to visit family in Kentucky and Ohio. His generosity touched everyone who came through his door, and his home became a gathering place for children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. A living legacy that will continue for generations to come.

A memorial service to celebrate Bud's life will be held on October 10, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at All Souls Episcopal Church, 5087 Blue Banks Loop Rd, Leland, NC. A luncheon will follow the service, and all are welcome to join the family in honoring Bud's life.

In place of flowers, donations may be made through the family's GoFundMe page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-us-honor-a-lifetime-of-love-and-family>

Bud's memory will forever live on in the hearts of his family and friends.

Tribute Wall

KP

“ *Sorry I couldnt make the service.
I had to pull 6 days this week.
Miss you all and especially uncle bud.*

Kevin Price - October 11, 2025 at 07:23 PM

JD

“ *We loved Bud and will never forget his quick smile and kindness to myself, my friends, and my family. He had a great sense of humor and he shared many a laugh with my folks! He will be dearly missed. Check in on my folks and best friend up there in heaven. God bless.*

Jennifer Doolittle - October 08, 2025 at 09:29 PM