



James Gwinn Barham

May 31, 1931 - August 28, 2017

For service information, please call Hillside Chapel at (503) 656-4285. James is survived by his wife of 61 years, Marjorie L. Barham; son James J. Barham and wife Jo J.; granddaughter Jenelle and her husband, Tony; 3 great-grandchildren, Leela, Jimmy and Lidia; and seven brothers and their families. Instead of flowers, please send donations to Canby Evangelical Church at 339 SE Township Rd., Canby, Oregon 97013, or Portland Rescue Mission at 111 W. Burnside St., Portland, OR 97209.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Gwinn Barham*

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“ One winter Saturday during my first year in high school, the church youth group went to the ski area at Government Camp, Oregon, on Mount Hood for an all-day recreational outing. One vehicle going up there from Canby was a car I rode in with Gerry, Ted, and a couple of other people. It seems like the one I don't remember was a grown man. But the other one, the driver, was Mr. Barham, Gerry's dad.

I had a lot of fun that day. Time after time we'd ride a plastic sled down those hills to the point where my hands began to burn with the cold. There must have been some snowball fights too, it seems. I wasn't wearing gloves, and I wasn't used to playing in snow for that long; we just didn't get it very often in the Willamette Valley. But it was nice to take the effects of all that fun on the long ride back to Canby in Mr. Barham's warm automobile.

A few times I had the privilege of visiting the Barhams' quiet, peaceful country residence in the hills above Oregon City. I stayed there one summer night, in the trailer house rather than the permanent, and it must have been 1 or 2 a.m. that Gerry and I finally fell asleep after lying awake talking, stoked by the caffeine of so much Coca-Cola.

Always it was nice to have a church family to see every Sunday morning at the Canby Evangelical Church of North America. Not least in the nucleus of that clan was the Barham family, brought there, at least much of the time I don't doubt, at the pilotage of the kindly Mr. Jim Barham at the wheel.

-- Ray Stout

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