



Barte Ball Starker

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Barte was born in Corvallis to Bruce and Betty Bond Starker. He graduated from Corvallis High School in 1968 and from Oregon State University in 1972 with a degree in forestry. At age 22, he entered the family business, Starker Forests, and worked there until his retirement. In 1978, he married Patricia Lemon. They raised two daughters and hosted several exchange students from around the world.

Barte served on many forestry boards and committees throughout the state including the Oregon Board of Forestry, the Oregon Natural Resources Education Fund and the Oregon Forest Resource Institute. He was also involved with the Oregon Coast Aquarium, the Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation, Rotary and the Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis.

He is survived by his wife, Pat, his daughters Sally Starker (husband Zach) and Wendy Little (husband Matt), three grandsons, and his brother, Bond Starker.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 6, 10:30 am at the Philomath Scout Lodge, 660 Clemens Mill Road, Philomath.

Memorial contributions may be made to:

Corvallis Boys and Girls Club Teen Center, 1112 NW Circle Blvd., Corvallis,

OR 97330.

or

The Oregon Community Foundation (specify the Oregon Natural Resources Education Fund or ONREF) at The Oregon Community Foundation, 440 East Broadway, Suite 160, Eugene, OR 97401.

Tribute Wall

DZ

“ My thoughts are with the Starker family, and I wish them the very best. I appreciated Barte's kindness to an acquaintance like myself, his understated presence that did not diminish his effective collaboration and leadership, and his exceptional family. I also appreciated his dogged battling against the debilitating symptoms of Parkinson's disease: my father also had Parkinson's, also died relatively young from its complications, so I'm left with a sense of how much strength and willpower it takes to finish strong. That's what Barte did-- he lived well and finished strong-- and in so doing he should be an inspiration to us all.

David Zahler - January 06, 2018 at 01:27 PM

TS

“ My thoughts & prayers are with all of the Starker family. Barte impacted our Benton County community in so many ways & I am grateful.

Tammy Skubinna - December 21, 2017 at 03:06 AM

JS

“ Sad to hear of the passing of a community legend. His reputation as a loving and kind man will continue.

Jana Svoboda - December 19, 2017 at 10:50 PM

LC

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Barte Starker. We were neighbors in childhood & I remember well the special whistle-call he and my older brother, Dave, would make to each other. We all rode the bus together to school. He was always kind to us younger kids. My deepest sympathies to all his family & his many friends. ~Linda Campbell

Linda Campbell - December 14, 2017 at 01:26 PM

GI

“ I am saddened to see that a giant of the forestry community, Barte Starker, has passed away. Those three words; giant, forestry, and community, capture just some of what Barte meant to those who knew him. He was a kind, gentle, and friendly man but he made a giant difference in this world. He was passionate about forestry, using his energy to promote and advance forest management. He was involved in his community and supported it in many different ways. We can all aspire to make as big an impact on our community and our world. Trees that Barte planted (both literally and through his management of Starker Forests) will continue to grow and benefit our world. So will Barte's other contributions. Our world is diminished with Barte's passing. New "seedlings" may be coming along to take his place, but I sense a large gap with Barte's passing . I especially feel a loss of someone I knew and respected. My most sincere condolences to his family and everyone at Starker Forests.

George Ice

George Ice - December 14, 2017 at 11:09 AM