

Kearney Whitsell Barton
Inventor of the Pacific NW Sound
Dec. 29, 1931 - Jan. 17, 2012

Kearney was born in Oregon, Missouri to Rev. and Mrs. Vernon R. Barton, he was the ninth of ten children. His parents named him after the two doctors of the town. Kearney is survived by his brother Arthur of Prescott, AZ, and sisters: PattyAnn of Tukwila, WA and Lena of Cashmere, WA and many nieces and nephews. Kearney moved to Seattle after WWII and attended Franklin High School, Class of 1949. He enjoyed theatre, choir, and fast-pitch soft ball. He was noted for his wit and humor, even in the toughest of times. Sports: He pitched for many fast-pitch teams and trained many young pitchers. He held season tickets to UW football, Seahawks, Super Sonics, Thunderbirds, and was an original Seattle Sounder fan in the 1970s. His love for the Hydro circuit started as soon as he moved to Seattle, and eventually he travelled with teams where he was known as "The Cookie Man" baking tens of dozens of oatmeal rock cookies for the team at each race. **Historylink.org** File # 8719 tells the story of his audio engineering career. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame for the Northwest Music Association in 1992. "Professor Barton" was also very important to the ice skating world by recording the music for many local, national, and international skaters - some of them Olympians, as well as synchronized swimming. He was a man of many talents. Kearney loved to bake and shared his oatmeal rock cookies, cornelian cherry jam, and famous apple pies with everyone he was around. He was very proud of his apple orchard and other fruit trees, and his many cats over the years. Cremation arrangements were through the Neptune Society.

Kearney stories are most welcome. Send them to:
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Memorial gifts may be sent to: Columbia Lutheran Ministries
4700 Phinney Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103

In Memoriam
Kearney Whitsell Barton
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1 pm September 11, 2012
First Presbyterian of Seattle



A Service in Memory of Kearney Barton

Sat. Feb. 11, 2012 First Presbyterian Church, Seattle

Violin & Piano Prelude	Ann Christensen & Lisa Bergman	
Welcome	Chaplain Earl Grout	
Prayer	Chaplain Earl Grout	
Scripture	Psalm 139:1-11	Tom Maltsberger
Poem	“Feel No Guilt in Laughter”	Tom Maltsberger
Eulogy	Kearney’s Life	Rick Chinn
Song	“Clear Blue Sky”	Jim Page
Poem	“His Journey’s Just Begun”	Bob Alness
Commendation	Chaplain Earl Grout	
Blessing	Chaplain Earl Grout	
Violin & Piano Postlude	Ann Christensen & Lisa Bergman	

**All are invited to a reception in the Whitworth Room
following the service.**

Participants

Officiant: Chaplain Earl Grout, Columbia Lutheran Home

Reader: Tom Maltsberger, nephew-in-law

Eulogist: Rick Chinn

Soloist Jim Page

Pianist Lisa Bergman

Violinist Ann Christensen

Feel No Guilt In Laughter

Feel no guilt in laughter, he'd know how much you care.
Feel no sorrow in a smile that he is not here to share.
You cannot grieve forever; he would not want you to.
He'd hope that you could carry on the way you always do.
So, talk about the good times and the way you showed you cared,
The days you spent together, all the happiness you shared.
Let memories surround you, a word someone may say
Will suddenly recapture a time, an hour, a day,
That brings him back as clearly as though he were still here,
And fills you with the feeling that he is always near.
For if you keep those moments, you will never be apart
And he will live forever locked safely within your heart.
Author Unknown



His Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of him as gone away his journey's just begun,
life holds so many facets this earth is only one.
Just think of him as resting from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort where there are no days and years.
Think how he must be wishing that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness can really pass away.
And think of him as living in the hearts of those he touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost and he was loved so much.
Ellen Brenneman