



## Paul Barbery

December 5, 1936 - March 17, 2016

Bluefield, VA- Paul Barbery, 79, of Bluefield, VA, died Thursday March 17, 2016 at Hubbard Hospice House in Charleston, WV.

Born December 5, 1936 in Keystone, WV, he was a son of the late Edwin Carrico Barbery and Mildred Marshall Barbery. Mr. Barbery was a graduate of Virginia Tech, Class of 1959 with a degree in Mining and Mineral Engineering. He later graduated from the University of Richmond's T. C. Williams School of Law in 1964. Mr. Barbery joined the firm of Martin, Hopkins & Lemon after graduating from law school.

He was employed with A. T. Massey for 18 successful years and also served as chairman of Elk Run Coal Co., a subsidiary of Massey, and served as an officer on several other subsidiaries. From 1994 to present, Barbery continued to hold several top positions within many well-known companies. He served as president of National King in Colorado, vice president and senior vice president and general counsel of Asian American Coal Co. LLC, in which he aided in securing the first joint coal operation between a U.S.-based company and China. When American sold its affiliates in 2003, Barbery retired, but only for a short period of time. He soon returned to work for the law firm of Bowles Rice in Charleston, WV, and served as vice president and general counsel of the Cline Resources Co. of Beckley, WV, where he concentrated on coal and energy legal matters.

Mr. Barbery remained an active Virginia Tech alumnus. He was named a distinguished alumnus of the Mining and Engineering department in 1990 and

served on the department's advisory board a decade later. In 2011, Mr. Barbery was inducted into the Virginia Tech Academy of Engineering Excellence, joining an elite group of 150 individuals out of more than 55,000 living engineering alumni.

Mr. Barbery also started a scholarship program for graduate students within the mining and minerals engineering department.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two wives, Peggy Harris Barbery, and Sue Davis Barbery; and one brother, Edwin C. Barbery, Jr. Survivors include his wife, Wilma S. Barbery; son, Kevin S. Barbery and wife Amy, sister, Edwina Barbery and Mayme Dewey and husband Bob; and stepchildren, Kimberly Bowen Earls and Joseph Clay Bowen.

A funeral service will be held on Sunday March 20, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Don Scott officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday from 2:00 p.m. until the service hour.

Entombment will follow at Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, VA where family members will serve as pallbearers.

If friends would like to make a gift to charity in lieu of flowers, Paul supported the Bluefield Union Mission, 2203 Bluefield Avenue, Bluefield, WV or the Mercer County Animal Shelter, 961 Shelter Road, Princeton, WV 24740.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Paul Barbery.

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Memory Gardens

Bluefield, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 20. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701  
(304) 327-6155  
mercerc@mercercfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.mercercfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAR 20. 3:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Barbery*

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October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Paul was a very special intelligent man willing to share that intelligence and to pass along his knowledge. Kevin he spoke of you often and was very proud of you. He always had a smile. I worked with him over the telephone many years during his Massey days. Then I finally met him years later when he came to Bowles Rice McDavid Graff & Love as an attorney. I will treasure those memories and his laughter. Prayers to all the family.*

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**Andrea McCoy** - March 28, 2016 at 02:52 PM



“ *My prayers and thoughts are with Paul's family at this time. He was a kind and thoughtful man and will be missed. Gail Hutchinson-Sanders*

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**Gail C.Hutchinson-Sanders** - March 22, 2016 at 05:08 AM



“ *My condolences to Wilma and the Barbery family*

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**Michael Crews** - March 21, 2016 at 07:52 PM

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“ Dear Wilma and family, I am sending you my deepest sympathy. Paul was a very special person who will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Love and Prayers

Dorothy Kinser Chudina

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**Dorothy Kinser Chudina** - March 20, 2016 at 05:54 PM

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“ Wilma, I am so sorry that you and so many friends have lost Paul. He was a brilliant man. He was a caring, generous, thoughtful and special person. He will be missed by many. You are a strong woman and I thank you for being so caring for Paul. Sorry that we are out of town and can't be there.

Tonia and Jim Russell

Blessings

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**Jim and Tonia Russell** - March 20, 2016 at 10:40 AM

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“ Our condolences to Paul's family from long time friends and co-worker. Wyn and Becky Holbrook

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**Wyn and Becky Holbrook** - March 20, 2016 at 05:36 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear this. Kim and I are thinking of you Wilma. We thought a great of Paul. Rest in peace.

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**Johnnie Shuck** - March 19, 2016 at 06:45 PM



We thought a great deal of Paul, I meant to say.

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**Johnnie Shuck** - March 19, 2016 at 07:08 PM