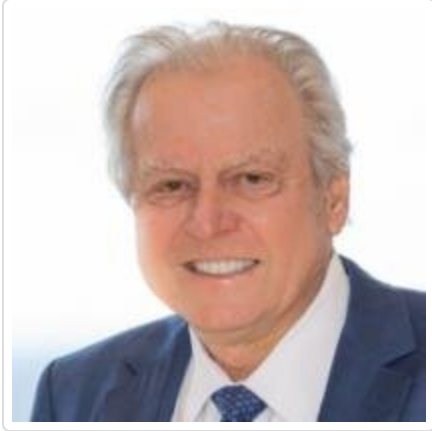




Darrell Lee Barger

April 2, 2025

Darrell Lee Barger, born August 9, 1946, in Texas City to Duane and Sheila Barger, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family and friends in Houston on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at the age of 78.?

He was preceded in death by his parents, Duane and Sheila.

He will be lovingly remembered and missed by his wife, Jessica, the love of his life, who fought tenaciously and advocated brilliantly for the medical treatment that helped him survive cancer for nearly 10 years; his children, Johanna, Elizabeth (Hunter), Jordan, Mia, Cole, and Andersen; his grandchildren, Miles and Jackson; his brother, James (Pat), and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues.?

After attending Baylor University, Darrell served as a Captain in the United States Marine Corps from 1968 to 1971. He served in Vietnam, and like most veterans said very little about his service. Upon his return from Vietnam, he

then graduated from The University of Texas at Austin School of Law, embarking on what would become a remarkable and distinguished career as a trial lawyer. For more than 50 years, he dedicated his life to the legal profession, trying over 500 civil cases, many with unique ramifications to their individual industries. Darrell was simply one of the most respected and talented trial lawyers of his era. His learned and innate talent in the courtroom resulted in many victories for his clients. He enjoyed practicing law with the firm that bears his name, Hartline Barger, LLP, and leaves many friends and law partners there. He served as a leader, a mentor, a trusted advisor, and a friend to so many in Texas and around the country.

Darrell's impressive list of professional achievements include recognition as a Fellow in both the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and the American College of Trial Lawyers, the honor of the Texas Bar Foundation Ronald D. Secrest Outstanding Trial Lawyer of the Year award in 2022, the Lifetime of Excellence in Advocacy award in 2023 from the Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists, and Sentinel of the 7th Amendment Award by the American Board of Trial Advocates. In October 2024, The Darrell L. Barger Scholarship in Law was established in his honor to support and inspire future generations of scholars at The University of Texas School of Law.

To those who had the privilege of knowing him personally, Darrell leaves behind a legacy that extends far beyond the courtroom. He was a true raconteur who commanded a room with his charisma and infectious wit. He enjoyed traveling, and he did so in style! He traveled to more than 50 countries and his passport reflects that. His deep love for his family and friends, his passion for travel, and his generosity were unparalleled. Multiple

times during his career and his friendships, Darrell would be called upon to help a friend or colleague in their time of need. His approach was always full on to help in any way he could without the need or desire for fanfare of recognition.

He courageously, beyond any human understanding, fought his final trial as a testament that defined his will and his strength. Many would have said “enough” after 116 consecutive days in MD Anderson. But not Darrell. Those of us that were blessed to communicate with him in the final days were simply awestruck by his tenacity to be there for the final verdict.

The family is grateful for the dedicated doctors at MD Anderson and the many nurses who cared for him, especially these past two years. The family extends a special thank you to the nurses who assisted family and friends at home and carried the weight that comes with the care that Darrell needed. They will not be forgotten for the professional and loving care they provided.

The family is planning a private inurnment at the end of April and a Celebration of Life this summer, most likely in June. Donations in honor of Darrell may be made to MD Anderson, Houston Legal Aid or Texas Access to Justice Foundation.

Please do not send flowers as the family is highly allergic to them.

Tribute Wall

CG

“ I thank God for every beautiful remembrance of you.
Philippians 1:3
Happy First Heavenly Birthday.

Cherrie

Cherrie Barger Green - August 03, 2025 at 07:25 PM

MH

“ *Darrell was one of my best students in my sophomore English classes at TCHS '61-62, my first year out of Baylor. My destiny was the Houston Chronicle, and years later Darrell walked into my office. When I asked his college, he said, frinning, "Baylor, of course!" I'm so proud of him.*

Madeleine McDermott Hamm - April 13, 2025 at 11:40 AM

JD

“ *Darrell and I met in the 7th grade in Miss Presley's home room, and have been close friends since then. During High school and college, we did summer survey work at my Father's Engineering firm. We have stayed in touch through the years, and I will miss my friend. I wish grace and peace to all his family. May the memories and proud heritage he leaves behind encourage you as he would want.*

John Dunn - April 09, 2025 at 02:20 PM

AB

“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Joseph J. Earthman*
Generations

A Memorial Tree was planted for Darrell Lee Barger - April 09, 2025 at 11:00 AM

JL

“ I tried cases with him and against him and we became great friends.
What a great guy...and a wonderful friend! JKL

Joe K. Longley - April 07, 2025 at 01:46 PM

RJ

“ Known Darrell since law school. No better man anywhere. He as
fearless in court and would try any case.

randy johnston - April 07, 2025 at 01:00 PM

RB

“ Sincere condolences to the family. I am so very sorry for your loss.
May God provide the necessary peace and comfort to your family
and friends during this difficult time. Please remember these words
of encouragement from the Bible: “Jesus plainly told her: I am the
resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though
he dies, will come to life.” —John 11:20-25.

R Bell - April 05, 2025 at 11:57 AM

DS

“ Lost a super great person and equally as great a lawyer.
Professionalism at its greatest. Memories of a legend and best of the
best lawyer.
. May God bless him and his family. Rest in peace.
Donato D Ramos Sr.

Donato D Ramos Sr. - April 04, 2025 at 09:21 PM

MD

“ *I am very sorry to hear of Darrell's passing. He was a man's man and a trial lawyer's trial lawyer. Jessica and family, please accept my sincerest condolences in your time of grief.*

- Mark Stradley

Mark Stradley, Dallas - April 04, 2025 at 05:11 PM