

Rupert Douglas Barron Jr. aka Doug, Sonny, R.D., Doc, Dad, Papa, was born in Amarillo, Texas on February 11, 1935, to Rupert Douglas and Pauline Chilton Barron. He lived in Amarillo all his life and attended Amarillo High School where he was a cheerleader. After graduation in 1953, Sonny joined the Army and served stateside as a medical technician in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He married Patsy Saunders in Amarillo in 1955; they had three children: Cindy, Rick, and Mandy.

After the Army, Doug attended WT at Canyon, then University of Houston dental school. Upon graduating in 1966, he moved his family back to Amarillo, where he joined Dr. Shackelford's practice. Doug practiced dentistry in Amarillo for 32 years until his retirement in 1998.

Sonny married Debbie Denmead in 1974, and they enjoyed 51 years of travel, golf, and family gatherings together. Throughout his life, he could be found spending time with friends and family in Angel Fire, Branson, Indian Wells or Lake Tawakoni.

To say that Sonny was an avid golfer would be somewhat of an understatement. He was a scratch golfer and could brag of 5 Hole-in-ones. One of his most treasured memories was when Debbie, Rick and Mandy took him to Pebble Beach to play a round! Sonny also holds the distinction of being the oldest person to take the Bob Cat Pass snowmobile tour when the entire family went to Angel Fire to celebrate his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday!

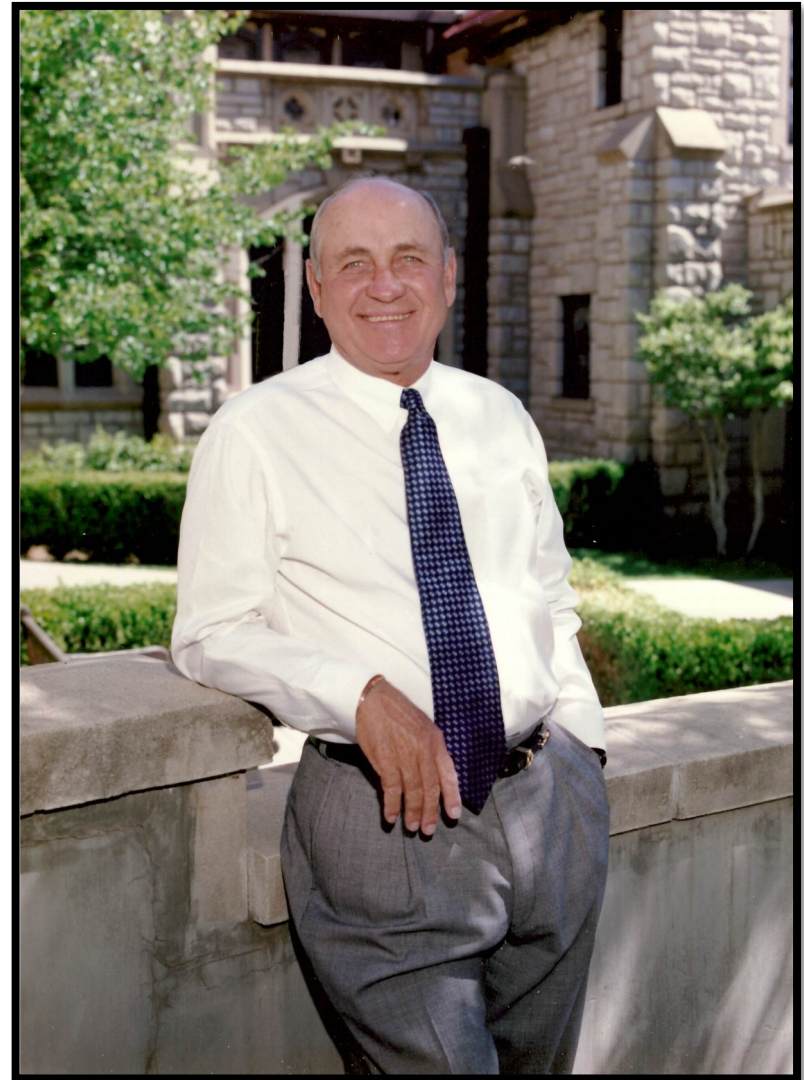
Doug was a lifetime member of Paramount/Hillside Christian church. He was a member of several civic organizations including Khiva Shriners and the Palo Duro chapter of AMBUCS. He was quick with a good joke and loved to hear other's laughter. Ironically, he was a clown with the Shriners! He was very involved in the AMBUCS annual pancake supper and was generally the top ticket seller for that event.

Dr. Barron enjoyed sharing with the community and was the primary dentist for Boys Ranch for many years, and he always enjoyed attending the annual rodeo. After retirement, he continued to volunteer his time at the Potter-Randall Community Dental Clinic. In his later years, he delivered Meals on Wheels with his daughter, Cindy, and although some say he shouldn't have been driving at 90, they always made it back home.

Doug is preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Doris Robbins Schrader and his beloved son, Richard Wayne Barron.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie and his sweet Bichon, Callie, of the home, his daughters, Cindy Miller of Amarillo, Mandy Barron, and daughter-in-law Shelley Barron, both of Dallas. His grandchildren, Ashley Miller of Dallas, Ally Miller (Adam) Greenwood of Amarillo, Bailey Barron (Kyrell) Miller of Dallas, and Mackenzie Miller Helton of Kansas City. He had two and a half great grandchildren, Swade and Kole Helton of Kansas, and Bailey's baby Beau due in March.

## *In Loving Memory*



# DOUG "SONNY" BARRON

February 11, 1935

January 3, 2026

## ***I'm Free***

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call.  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee.  
God wanted me now; He set me free.*



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## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Hillside Christian Church West

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

3:00 PM

## OFFICIATING

Rev. Johnathan Mast

Rev. Greg Corona

## MUSICIAN

Greg Corona

## HONORARY PALLBEARER

Kyrell Miller

Tony Harper

Adam Greenwood

Bryan Kauffman

Glen Greathouse

Bill Brewer

## MILITARY HONORS

Amarillo Volleys for Veterans