



Barry "Smiley" Howell

August 20, 1953 - November 22, 2008

Heading: Barry (Smiley) Howell

Dateline: Greer

Barry Marshall "Smiley" Howell son of Margie Howell Parker and the late Marshall A. Howell passed away on November 22, 2008 after a long battle with prostate cancer.

He was a 1971 graduate of Greer Senior High School and owner-manager of Wholesale Tire in Greer.

He is survived by his wife, Patty and three sons, Logan, Tyler and Luke. He is also survived by a brother, Bryan and his wife, Laurie; two nephews, Wilson and Jay; step-brothers and sisters, Lisa and Tim Gossett, Jordan and Megan, Deryll and Diane Parker, Crede and Breanna, Woody and Violet Parker, and Steven. Other survivors include his in-laws: Francis and Estelle Logan, Linda and Michael Lines, nieces and nephews, Christina Logan Willard and Jason, Jake, and Hayden Lines.

Mr. Howell was predeceased by his step-father, Cecil Wooten Parker.

Smiley was a much beloved friend and member of the Greer Community. He was an avid supporter of Greer Athletics and other community endeavors. In October 2008, Smiley received the "Triumph of the Human Spirit" award as Small Employer of the Year for his work with students of special needs. He attended Blessed Trinity Catholic Church. He was a member of Bailey Masonic Lodge, the Hejaz Shrine Temple and the Greer Touchdown Club. Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Thursday at Greer First Baptist

Church. Rev. Dowell Welch and Rev. Nick Ballew will be officiating. Burial will follow in Graceland East Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Richard Howell, Stan Coster, Will Gayer, Craig Wade, Gary Van Patton, Buddy Carter, Steve Berry, and Bill Lynn.

Honorary pallbearers will be Reggie Chesson, Kenny Williams, Steve Campbell, Tommy Norris, Doug Walker, Boyd Jordan, Tommy Williams, Bill Hughes, Donnie Williams, John Phillips, Freddy Lynley, Harold James, and Ralph Clement.

Visitation will be held 6:00-9:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Wood Mortuary.

The family is at the home on 1005 Plantation Road.

Memorials may be made to the Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs Foundation, 103 Atherton Way, Greer, S.C. 29650, the Greenville Cancer Society, 113 Mills Avenue, Greenville, S.C. 29605, Abundant Life Hospice of Greenville, 880 S. Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville, S.C. 29607, or The Greer and Blue Ridge Booster Clubs, and Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Greer First Baptist Church
201 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650

Tribute Wall



“ Hey Logan Patty, Tyler and Luke,

I am sorry to hear about the passing of smiley he was a great man. I enjoyed learning and working with him during my internship. I will be praying for ya'll##imported-begin##Chris Wilson##imported-end##

December 09, 2008 at 04:28 PM



“ When Eli joined Luke's baseball team (the Drive) Smiley met us with: Welcome to the family! At this time, I know God is saying... Welcome, son... (His arms are wide open and ready for a big hug) You are part of this family! I felt a lump in my throat when Smiley came to the games at the BR fields... those boys took off and ran up the hill to shower him with love... I don't think any of them have EVER moved that fast!! I am glad to have been a part of his life... if even for the most brief moment... Much love to you guys! Eddie, Rita, Eli & Emery Burch##imported-begin##Rita##imported-end##

December 09, 2008 at 01:46 PM



“ We're so sorry to hear about Smiley. Please know that we keep you all in our thoughts, and that our memories of Smiley are of a warm and humble man who was always supportive of his boys. Blessings to you. Patti, Logan, Tyler and Luke.

Pam, Paul, Andrew and Aaron##imported-begin##The Dillenbeck's##imported-end##

December 07, 2008 at 06:06 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Smileys passing. My family and I have purchased tires from him for many years and he was always happy to see you. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Jeff, Kim Josh, Jessie and Ty Thomason##imported-end##

December 06, 2008 at 02:01 PM



“ Logan mike and i want to let you and your family know we are praying for you always, we know GOD will give you grace in the upcoming days ahead. please know we love you papa and nanny!!!##imported-begin##jean blackwell##imported-end##

December 05, 2008 at 07:16 PM



“ smiley was what everyone called him. but the name says it all.smiley because he always had a smile on his face. was a real pal at work and off. going to miss him dearly. we will pray for comfort for the whole family.enjoy heaven smiley....##imported-begin##haskell bailey##imported-end##

December 05, 2008 at 07:09 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Smiley's passing..He was a good man...Will be keeping the family in my prayers..God Bless..Bobby##imported-begin##Bobby Pittman##imported-end##

December 05, 2008 at 02:01 PM



“ Margie I am so sorry to hear about smiley but he was a good man and son. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. with love and prayers.

Cindy, Cailtyn and Joshua###imported-begin##Cindy Addyman-Sizemore###imported-end##

December 04, 2008 at 09:14 PM



“ Hey Logan, I just wanted to let you know that I am thinking about you. I am very sorry about your dad. I know it must be hard. I hate that I could not come to the visitation or funeral. Me and Matt wanted to come but it is so crazy this week at school that we were unable to. I hope you are doing well and please let me know if I can do anything for you. I will talk to you soon. Love ya!!

~Melissa###imported-begin##Melissa Green###imported-end##

December 04, 2008 at 03:11 PM



“ Barry, We will miss you very much. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family, we know that God will give you strength and keep you in his care. With all our love, the Durrah Family.###imported-begin##Michael and Sharon Durrah###imported-end##

December 04, 2008 at 01:08 PM



“ Patti I am so sorry for your loss. Your husband was a very good man and sweet. You are in my prayers. If you and your boys need anything please let me know. We love you!###imported-begin##Michelle (Davis) Helmbrecht###imported-end##

December 04, 2008 at 10:32 AM



“ He always greeted you with a smile and was always willing to help with your needs. Patti, you and your boys are in our prayers. Please let us know if we can do anything for you.##imported-begin##Mike and Anita Davis##imported-end##

December 04, 2008 at 10:17 AM



“ Patti,
We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Smiley. May God bless you and your boys during the loss of your loved one. May God keep his arms around you and the boys so that you may find comfort in the fact that you again will see him again with no pain in his body. We will continue to remember you in our prayers, Mrs Howell. You are very special to us and we love you. If there is any thing we can ever do for you please just let us know.
Ruby McCombs and Kaitlyn McCombs##imported-begin##RUBY MCCOMBS##imported-end##

December 04, 2008 at 10:01 AM



“ Smiley was a little too old to be like a son, a little too young to be like a brother. But he was far far more than a friend.Maybe a combination of all three.
Margie and Patti, you have always made the Moose and me part of your family, and the loss of Smiley hurts like I lost both a brother , and a son. But I sent a Moosish welcoming commitee for him in March. Welcome Home, Smiley Howell##imported-begin##Jim Rhodes##imported-end##

December 04, 2008 at 09:36 AM



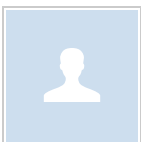
“ Dear Patti and Family,
We have been with you in prayer and heartfelt thoughts.
Smiley was so ever the thoughtful, kind, and caring person.
He will be missed.
Juanita, Angie and Candy .. Buzz's family from Shirley's###imported-
begin##Juanita, Angie, and Candy##imported-end##

December 04, 2008 at 07:29 AM



“ Margie, Bryan, and Family; I'm so sorry to hear about Barry.
Anytime I was around him he was always "smiling" . I guess we've
all been through a lot lately, but we know there are some wonderful
reunions going on right now. All of the tears shed here are for the
ones of us left to carry on because we know that there is nothing but
smiles and laughter going on in heaven now. Margie, I stopped by to
see you on the Saturday of Mama's funeral. So sorry that I missed
you. Be strong for each other and know that there are so many
people praying for your comfort. May God's Peace carry you
through.###imported-begin##Kim Howell Box##imported-end##

December 04, 2008 at 12:50 AM



“ Dear Patty, Logan, Tyler, and Luke,
We were saddened to hear of Smiley's passing. We have fond
memories of him. You all were so kind to me during the times I took
care of Ruth Ann and Tripp.
You are in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Julian and
Beverly Reed##imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 10:35 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God Bless and keep you in His comfort and peace.##imported-begin##Billy & Denise Morrow##imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 08:20 PM



“ my thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##David Chastain##imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 07:32 PM



“ Patty,

I am so sorry for your loss. I pray you and your family will God's peace during this time.##imported-begin##Jud Blackwell##imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 06:43 PM



“ We are fortunate in that we all have SO MANY funny stories surrounding Smiley!! He will be sorely missed but his legacy will serve to inspire, uplift and unite the most unsuspecting among us!!

Patty, I pray that God soon restore your peace and understanding. You and your family will be in my thoughts for some time to come as God pours his favor upon you.

Affectionately!##imported-begin##Hilda S Miles##imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 02:09 PM



“ We don't have any words to offer that have not yet been said. However, you all are constantly in our thoughts. Your family is so special to us. We wish we could take the pain away. Our Love, Stevie & Thea Wilson###imported-begin##Thea & Stevie Wilson###imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 02:00 PM



“ Smiley was one of the good guys, and he will surely be missed by anyone whose honor it was to have known him. Patty and family, please find peace and comfort in knowing that Smiley was a most special person, and my journey through this life has been made that much more fulfilling by knowing him.###imported-begin##Alan Cole###imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 01:39 PM



“ Patty and Sons,
My heart and prayers go out to you during this time. We all loved /smiley and will miss him very much! I'm so glad that he knows the Lord so well and is able to share time with Him now! His friends are there and are happier than we can ever imagine. We will miss him but are happy for him that he is not suffering and in a new body. My love goes out to all of you and pray for God's peace beyond all understanding.

Love to you all and God Bless!

Celeste and Bill Moon###imported-begin##Celeste Moon###imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 10:47 AM



“ *Barry was always someone I could depend on in the time of need. He kept my car safe and in good condition.*

I will miss his kindness.

Warmest condolences to family. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Delores Whittington##imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 10:25 AM



“ *Dear Patty & Boys,
Just to let you know that we were so sorry to hear about Smiley. Smiley was a wonderful man, a wonderful business owner that we faithfully purchased our tires from over the many years. He had a true godly spirit within him in all that he did. He would even come to me (Debbie) @ my workplace to fix a flat tire for me and/or he would even pick up my car for me if I could not leave the office. Show me another businessman that would do that for you! We pray that God's grace and love will surround you and your family at this time of sorrow. Please, please let us know if there is anything you need or if there is anything we can do for you.##imported-begin##Phil, Debbie & Will Clark##imported-end##*

December 03, 2008 at 09:51 AM



“ *I worked at Tom Duncan Pontiac for 24 years, and had done business with Smiley many times. He always done what ever he could to help me and treat me right. He always had a smile on his face. He will be deeply missed by everyone who truly knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and Will.##imported-begin##Ronnie & Pam Forrester##imported-end##*

December 03, 2008 at 09:48 AM



“ Deepest sympathy to Smiley's family. He was a great guy and we will miss him very much.##imported-begin##Rick and Brenda Medlock##imported-end##

December 03, 2008 at 09:18 AM



“ I am sorry to hear about Smiley..We had bought tires from him and I want to say that he was a sweet and kind man..We will all miss him..May God continue to be with you all during this time..God Bless..Deb Edwards##imported-begin##Deb Edwards##imported-end##

December 02, 2008 at 10:40 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Smiley..He was a good man and loved people..I work at Shirley's Clothing Outlet across the street from Smiley's tire business...May God give his family and friends the peace and comfort that they will need in the coming days..Smiley is up in heaven, smiling down at us..God Bless..Carolyn Pittman##imported-begin##Carolyn Pittman##imported-end##

December 02, 2008 at 10:35 PM



“ A TRUE FRIEND AND A PERSON WHO ALWAYS TREATED US FAIRLY IN THE TIRE BUSINESS. WE WILL MISS HIM!

MAY GOD COMFORT HIS FAMILY.##imported-begin##RONNIE & CARLENE STYLES##imported-end##

December 02, 2008 at 09:57 PM



“ Dear Patty and Boys,
I am so saddened by your loss. I heard about it last week from Lynn. I've wanted to call so many times and talk to you but I know you have been so overwhelmed at all that is going on in your life. Please know that I am thinking of you and the boys with all my heart and praying for you.
Deepest Sympathy,
Love, Jackie, Michael, and boys###imported-begin###Jackie Nave###imported-end##

December 02, 2008 at 12:40 PM



“ Just wanted you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers for all of your family. We know that God's grace is sufficient and that He will be there to comfort you. Just remember that we will be with them, one day, longer than we will be without them.###imported-begin###Debbie and David Whitmore###imported-end##

December 02, 2008 at 12:02 PM