

## Dr. Kevin Delgado Barron

October 28, 2013

Dr. Kevin Delgado Barron died at his Loudonville, New York home on the night of October 28 after a long illness. He was 84 years old and is survived by his wife, Lisa, his son Kevin, his daughter Sheila Smithie and his four grand children, Kevin, Claudia, Alexandra and John and by his brother Robert of British Columbia.

Dr. Barron was Chairman of the Department of Neurology at Albany Medical College in Albany, New York beginning his tenure in 1969 and serving until 1993. He remained on staff at Albany Medical Center until 2010. Dr. Barron had over 50 years of service in Neurology with the US Veteran's Administration. He was known internationally for his research in academic Neurology on the subject of the regeneration of neurons in the central nervous system, contributing approximately two hundred publications to the world literature. He received many accolades over his long career, among them Fulbright Scholar/Senior US Scientist, Professor Emeritus, fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, research fellow National Institute of Health, recognition from the government of Japan, the Srinivasan Foundation of India and other organizations around the world. When asked about his career, he mentioned teaching and the achievements of his students as his most important accomplishment.

Dr. Barron was born in St. John's, Newfoundland in 1929, the third son of

John A. Barron, Q.C., and Mercedes Delgado, and educated at St. Bonaventure's School and Memorial University in St. John's and Dalhousie Medical School in Halifax. The practice of medicine took him many places, beginning 1951 as a ship's doctor on the Newfoundland coastal steamer S/S KYLE, private practice in Canada, Montefiore Hospital and Columbia University Medical Center in New York, Northwestern and Loyola Universities in Chicago.

Of Dr. Barron's many private interests, he was most concerned with the preservation of farmland and wild areas, serving on supervisory boards of land conservation societies in the Capital region.

A Memorial Wake will be held Saturday, November 2, 2013 11:00 to 1:00 pm in McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany with informal remarks being offered at the conclusion.

A Memorial Service will be held 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 9 at the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany, 405 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY. All are encouraged to attend. His family, his many friends, colleagues and neighbors will all miss him greatly.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to the Kevin D. Barron Endowed Neuroscience Education Fund at Albany Medical Center (518-262-3322).

To leave the family a message on their guest book, obtain directions or view other helpful services, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Unitarian Universalist Society  
405 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Kevin Delgado Barron*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dr. Kevin Delgado Barron*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *I had my start at the Department of Neurology under Dr. Barron's Chairmanship in the mid-1970s. For a dozen years he helped my academic career thrive there by example and guidance, and without interference. My experiences in his Department, and at the Albany Medical Center, set me on my trajectory for the rest of my professional life. Thank you Dr. Barron.  
My prayers and sympathies for Lisa, Kevin Jr. and Sheila.*

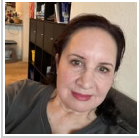
*Saty Satya-Murti.  
Santa Maria, CA.*

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**Viji** - November 15, 2013 at 01:12 AM

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*Dear Dr. Satya-Murti, We remember you well and how highly Dad thought of you - thank you for telling us your kind memories and we wish you all the best.*

Sheila Smithie - November 20, 2013 at 10:05 AM



“ *I attended Albany Medical College from 1982-85. While I did not stay in Albany for my neurology residency, my foundation in neurology and neuroscience was provided by Dr Barron. I learned more from him than any subsequent professor. He was the finest of the classical neurologists: a phenomenal clinician, a true humanitarian, and an unforgettable teacher. He made his students want to be better physicians, and better people. My condolences to his family.*

Iris Brossard - November 06, 2013 at 02:42 PM

SS

*Thank you Dr. Brossard - your warm memories and praise are greatly appreciated by his family.*

Sheila Smithie - November 08, 2013 at 11:43 AM

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“ *9 files added to the album New Album Name*



Sheila Smithie - November 04, 2013 at 04:57 PM

CB

“ Catherine Barron sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Kevin Delgado Barron



Catherine Barron - November 03, 2013 at 03:43 PM

CB

May you, Dear uncle, rest in peace among all the stars in the sky and shine as bright as the life you've lived....my heart and thoughts are sent too all the family xxxx

Catherine Barron - November 03, 2013 at 03:49 PM

SS

Thank you so much Catherine! xxoo

Sheila Smithie - November 04, 2013 at 04:58 PM

PM

“ My life has been enriched principally through contact with intelligent and caring people, and Dr. Barron was an extraordinary example of such an individual. My ability to experience beauty in this world and to bring to my relationships a kinder heart is greater for having known him, and for this I am deeply grateful.

Anne and I send our love and prayers to the Barron and Smithie families in this time of loss.

With love,  
Philip Murphy

P. A. Murphy - November 02, 2013 at 07:15 AM

SS

*Thanks Phil you are a good friend! xx*

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**Sheila Smithie** - November 04, 2013 at 04:59 PM

LG

“ *My sympathy goes to the family in this time of loss.*

*Lois Griffin*

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**Lois Griffin** - November 01, 2013 at 07:44 AM

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“ *Dr. Barron had a lasting influence on my life and career. He always strived for excellence and demanded it in those around him. He was truly a renaissance man and will be sorely missed.*

*Michelle Unser*

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**Michelle Unser** - October 31, 2013 at 07:49 AM

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*Michelle he couldn't have done it without you! xx*

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**Sheila Smithie** - November 04, 2013 at 05:00 PM