



Bobby Forrest Barker

September 1, 1937 - June 17, 2026

Bobby Forrest Barker, of Semora, NC, born September 1st, 1937, passed away on June 17th, 2026, at the age of 88 on his farm, leaving behind a legacy built on hard work, family, and a deep love for the land. A lifelong resident of Semora, North Carolina, he was proud to call Caswell County home and carried a special love for its people, traditions, and countryside throughout his life. His greatest accomplishment was creating and preserving the family farm that will continue to serve future generations.

Bobby was the son of Hallie Barker and Mitchell Dodson, living his whole life in Semora, most of those years on Jack Pointer Road. Bobby graduated from Barlett Yancey High School in 1956, then promptly began working at Dan River Mills, later retiring from Goodyear in Danville, VA. When he wasn't working at the mill, he was farming tobacco and later cattle. He married his lifelong love, Margaret, who predeceased him in 2020.

He loved fishing, piddling around on the farm, and taking rides on his four-wheeler to check fields, fences, and whatever else might need attention. If the weather was nice, there was a good chance you'd find him somewhere on the farm, enjoying the place he loved most. Perhaps nothing brought him more joy than hunting. He especially loved deer hunting and spent many memorable seasons hunting deer and rabbits alongside family and lifelong friends.

Known for his generosity and willingness to help others, he was the kind of neighbor who would show up when someone needed a hand, never expecting recognition or anything in return. His dependability and quiet strength earned him the respect of everyone who knew him.

Above all else, he was devoted to his family. Though he enjoyed a simple life, the impact he made was immeasurable. His memory lives on in the fields he tended, the gardens he planted, the woods he hunted, the stories shared at the hunting cabin, and the family farm that stands as a testament to a lifetime of hard work and sacrifice.

Bobby is survived by his brothers Jimmy Dodson (Carol) and Wayne Dodson (Judy). He is also survived by his son Dennis Barker (Cherie) of Semora, his grandchildren David Barker (Heather) of Semora, Carissa Barker (Dalton) of Port Orange, Florida, and Hannah Barker (Nathan) of Semora. His most beloved legacy left behind is his great-grandchildren, Isabella, Forrest, Alexander, and Annie.

A graveside service will be held Monday, June 22, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Welcome Baptist in Blanch with a family visitation to follow at the church. Family will gladly welcome visitors and friends at the residence of Heather and David throughout the weekend.

"God looked down on his planned paradise and said "I need a caretaker".. so God made a farmer."

Wrenn-Yeatts Yanceyville is respectfully serving the Barker family.

Cemetery Details

Welcome Baptist Church Cemetery

Blanch, NC

Upcoming Events

Graveside Service

JUN 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Welcome Baptist Church
7513 NC HWY 62
Blanch, NC

Tribute Wall



“ *Deb Weatherford lit a candle in memory of Bobby Forrest Barker* ”



Deb Weatherford - 12 minutes ago



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bobby Forrest Barker.* ”



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