



Gary Lee Barham

May 2, 1971 - September 15, 2020

Ruston, Louisiana via Maui, Hawaii

Lee was an outstanding son, brother, friend, and co-worker to any and all who knew him. He loved his family dearly, but moved for his big life adventure to Maui, Hawaii in 2005. He lived in Maui for the last 15 years and spoke fondly of his friends and co-workers at Bayer. Maui was his home. The last several days, we have heard from many people who expressed true sympathy for Lee and our family in this time of loss. We can see that he was truly respected and admired by many. One of Lee's favorite things to do was to call his sister, Jennifer, on a really cold day in Louisiana and relay a weather report from Maui. He loved to tell her that he was going swimming at the beach after work while we froze in Louisiana.

Lee is preceded in death by his mother, Louise F. Barham. He is survived by his father, William G. Barham, sisters, Jennifer Blake and husband (Tony Blake) of Ruston, Louisiana, Tommie Barham, and Lindsey Barham both of Monroe, Louisiana, and host of uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews.

At this time the funeral arrangements will include a private family grave side service.

There will also be memorial service to take place in Maui, Hawaii at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Howard School c/o The Methodist Children's Home P. O. Box 929 Ruston, Louisiana.

Comments



“ My condolences to the Barham family. I was lucky enough to work with and know Lee for the last 3 years. He was one of the first people I met when I moved to Maui and we became fast friends. He knew everything about this island and most of the people on it as well. It’s hard to narrow down a favorite memory, but will always cherish our in-depth discussions.....I can still hear him laughing in my head. Southern food, hiking, and funny news stories were just some of the conversations that would be going on during the day. He was a good friend and mentor....he always made time to listen to me complain something trivial and either had something witty to say and/or some really good advice to follow. He genuinely cared about all of us and demonstrated that everyday.

Jason Holman - September 19 at 08:14 PM



“ My condolences goes out to all of the Barham Ohana! I was blessed to work along side of Lee for 7 years. He is a great friend, boss and was a great mentor too. I could always go to him for a great laugh, and talks about life. He will be truly missed here on Maui but we know that he is in the real paradise. REST IN PARADISE LEE!!

Aloha an God bless

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Judson - September 18 at 05:35 PM



“ Lee will definitely be missed. Always had a smile on his face and a cheerful attitude. Lee was one of the few people on Maui I got to engage in SEC football trash talk as he was an LSU Tiger and I was an Auburn Tiger. Those were fun work days I will miss. Mahalo Bro!

Tim Trudel - September 18 at 05:17 PM



“ I have worked at Bayer in Maui since 2009...so I started about 4 years later than Lee. For many years since I started, I knew of Lee but didn't know him well as our jobs didn't overlap much (he was on the agronomy team and I was on the early season team). As my roles at the site changed in around 2013/2014, I ended up in a spot where I needed to interact more regularly with Lee. It was at this point that I began to get to know Lee better. Previously, i felt like he was a tough person to talk to. He seemed not so willing to open up to me. But once we got to know each other through our work, it became really clear to me that Lee was a super friendly and easy-going guy. Lee was a straight shooter...he called it as it is. I appreciated his honesty and candor. I appreciated Lee's always down-to-earth and realistic views on work and on life in general. I greatly respect the hard work that Lee always put in to help our company be successful...which, in turn...helped make my job easier. He was a great co-worker who always did the best he could to contribute in any way possible. More recently, Lee and I worked together so that Lee could learn how to present data to our team at weekly team meetings. Previously, other individuals at the site had owned this...but we believed that Lee was capable of doing this, and that it would give him good exposure within the company. I was pleased how quickly Lee picked up on what I taught him, and it made a big difference to the team. We will miss his weekly updates on upcoming plantings. He did a great job on them, as he did in everything he worked on at our site. I know Lee was a big fan of burgers and a cold one. I hope he's enjoying one up in heaven now as we celebrate the wonderful life he led. He will never be forgotten! Thanks for everything, Lee!

Matt Graham - September 18 at 04:56 PM