

Sidney Arnold Barron (1935)

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Our dear Sid died peacefully in the loving care of Mount St. Mary Hospital surrounded by his family. He was born in Toronto in 1917 and at age two years, his family moved to Victoria where he lived and grew up. Sid attended South Park Elementary and Victoria High School.

He is best remembered for all his incredible editorial cartoons. Starting in 1957 at the Victoria Times, reprinted also in the Victoria Times Colonist; he continued his career at the Toronto Star for 30 years and for six years at the Albertan paper in Calgary. The majority of Sid's original cartoons are now in the National Archives of Canada. Sid's wonderful humour left us with a legacy of laughter. His famous line, "Mild isn't it? " and in Calgary, "Aren't the mountains pretty today? " will continue to bring great memories with a smile. Sid was an artist extraordinaire and one of Canada's great icons.

Sid continued to paint for many years after retiring from cartooning. He especially enjoyed plein air painting with his wife Jesi. His love of the sea would find him walking on the beach looking for great treasure of driftwood, coloured rope, and if very lucky, a west coast glass ball. He would say. "That's a 10! "

Sid was one of those "special " kind of people who quite simply "made life fun. " Sid will be deeply missed by his wife of many years, Jessamine, and his much loved stepchildren, David Connor and young Richard Connor, Susan Barron and young Michael Barron; as well as his sister, Florence Hartman and cousin, Linda Forbes (Gordie). He will be lovingly remembered by his daughter, Lisa Barron Murray (Ramona and Santana), his son, Steven Barron, Irene Visser Barron, grandchildren Zoe and Eamon, as well as daughter Catherine McLeod (Olivia and Dallas).

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