



Barry Hood Norwood

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Obituary of Barry Hood Norwood Please share a memory of Barry to include in a keepsake book for family and friends. [View Tribute Book](#)

Barry Hood Norwood was born on June 25, 1958, into the union of the late Purvis Bibbs, Sr. and the late Mozelle Bell. He attended Abeline's Cooper High School and later graduated with honors from John Jay Senior High School in San Antonio, where he excelled in track and field and basketball. His talents extended to architecture, as he achieved first place at State events in Austin during his senior year. Barry was also honored in Who's Who among high school students.

In 1976, he proudly graduated from John Jay High School. He continued his educational journey at the University of Houston's College of Architecture, where he earned a Master's degree in five years and met the love of his life, Yvonne. Embarking on his professional path, Barry initially joined the ranks of the Tackett Lodholtz Architectural Firm, contributing his skills for several years. Following this, he established Norwood & Associates (NAI), his own architectural firm, leading a team of four in the design and construction of significant projects ranging from large homes (including one for Houston's Judge Bell), numerous churches, and shopping strips to even a funeral home in Mississippi.

Barry's reputation grew, and he was invited to serve at Prairie View A&M University. Within a year, his part-time role swiftly transformed into a full-time position as faculty and director of student outreach. Barry dedicated over fifteen years to Prairie View A&M University. During his tenure, the School of Architecture secured a historic five-year accreditation, a testament to Barry's dedication.

He delighted in guiding his students to victory for six consecutive years at American Institute of Architects (AIA) Houston's Sand Castle competition in Galveston, Texas and fostering their growth through enriching trips to cultural landmarks worldwide including Chaco Canyon-Culture National Historical Park-in New Mexico; Coushatta, Alabama; Europe and more recently; Dubai. Teaching was Barry's passion, evident in his commitment to his students.



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Outside of his professional endeavors, Barry found joy in golf, supporting the Pearland High School Football team, avidly following college sports - particularly the University of Houston - and embarking on cherished family trips. These annual adventures ranged from Disneyland in California to Disneyworld in Florida, and family cruises to the Caribbean. Barry took great pleasure in tinkering around with projects at home, crafting numerous garage and closet shelves, orchestrating a remarkable living room-to-office conversion, and personally fashioning an enduring all-wood office desk for Ryan, which remains in use to this day.

Barry leaves behind his beloved wife, Yvonne B. Norwood of Pearland, his cherished children, Christina Tapia (Saul Tapia), Hillary Penn (Anthony Penn), and Ryan Norwood of Houston, TX. He is survived by his mother-in-law Melva Barabin of Houston, TX; his brother, Larry Norwood (Anna Norwood) of Houston, TX; his sister Sharry Phillips of San Antonio, TX; and half-sister Lisa Bibbs. His legacy continues through nieces and nephews Tierra Phillips, Tiffany Phillips, Christopher Norwood, Jasmine Norwood, Lesley Norwood, LaKiesha Tolfree, Sherod and Jerod Adams (twins), as well as six great-nieces and great-nephews, two brother-in-laws, three sister-in-laws, and their children.

Barry was preceded in death by his mother, Mozelle Bell, father, Purvis Bibbs, Sr., stepfather, Simon "Frank" Bell, and his grandmother, Latha Norwood. His impact on the lives he touched and his dedication to education and family will forever be remembered.



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Jamesesa Johnson posted:

Professor Norwood, you have devoted your life and time to many people, projects, and endeavors until your last breath. I remember taking your courses Materials & Methods I and II; you were very informative, knowledgeable, and passionate about the course and made sure your students didn't leave your class until everyone was on the same note. You gave me the opportunity to travel to UAE, Dubai with you and a few other students from the CSI Organization. That was my first time traveling outside the country and even flying on a plane. You helped me in anyway possible to excel within the Construction Science program and went above and beyond for other students, colleagues, and for PVAMU as a whole. You will truly be missed and I appreciate every effort and sacrifice you made in this world. Your legacy shall continue to live on through your family and friends. Rest Well

March 22 at 7:00 PM



Michael Thomas posted:

I went to U of H with Barry and reconnected with him years later at PVAMU! His students loved him and he pretty much won the AIA Sand Castle Competition every year with his students as well! Our condolences to his wonderful family! Michael and Theresa Thomas

August 29 at 7:00 PM



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IS

Ikhlas Sabouni posted:

In Memory of Professor Barry Norwood – By Dean Ikhlas Sabouni
Yesterday morning I was meeting with the new School of Architecture students. I thought about Professor Norwood who would be standing in the back making sure all the students were in the auditorium to find out information about the new academic year.....but he was not there. He is in a better place. That moment reminded me of all the recruiting activities that he and I attended at high schools and community colleges. He was always ready with all the posters, brochures, and table covers, with a giant smile on his face. Especially after he had already eaten the food provided on these college nights. We brought talented students who became very successful professionals in architecture and construction science who are leading firms and making their mark in their communities. He will live on in their memories and in the work they produce. The study abroad program started with Barry sending me a few students to convince me to support them in their travel to Rome, Italy. That was the first trip abroad. His most memorable trip with his students was to Dubai. Although he is no longer with us in person, the program pushes forward, and our students just returned to Rome. In other memories of his travels with students, he drove them to Chaco Canyon and Mesa Verde every Spring for a 10-day trip. They studied the Anasazi Indian ruins and always ended the trip fishing for rainbow trout in freezing cold rivers. Barry also took students to state and national Lego design competitions, beating out the major league schools. He also led our students to multiple victories at the AIA Sandcastle competition. He mentored many young students and helped them achieve their goals of becoming architects. Under his supervision, his students worked on community service and historical preservation projects. Barry Norwood will always be remembered for the legacy he left through his students. His compassion, diligence, and care he had for each student will forever be remembered. God bless his soul and provide peace for his family and loved ones.

August 15 at 7:00 PM

AD

Adaeze posted:

I am forever grateful to Barry for creating such a strong, nurturing architecture studio environment. After transferring to PV from a PWI, this was the first time I felt like I was fully supported by a professor. He took the time to nurture my talents instead of passing me up like the professors did at my other university. His mentorship and guidance laid the foundation for the successful architect I am today. I got my license in 2011 and now I'm Senior Principal and Design Principal for HOK where I am one of the 4 partners leading out LA Studio. I also sit on the firm's Board of Directors and Design Board. In addition to that, I was named Building Design + Construction's 40 Under 40 in 2021 and one of Los Angeles Business Journal's Women of Influence: Construction, Architecture, and Engineering in 2022 and 2023! I still remember him drilling into our heads the importance of getting licensed. His passion for architecture was strong and only matched by his passion for his students. I will miss him terribly. Sending my condolences to his family. Sincerely, Adaeze Cadet

August 18 at 7:00 PM



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LF

Louis Bedford & Family posted:

Sending prayers of comfort and strength to the Norwood Family. May God provide peace and support in the days, weeks and months ahead.

August 18 at 7:00 PM

DS

Darrell Sharp posted:

My resident advisor in 1983 at University of Houston in Bates Hall. I did not know how great of a man he would be.

August 18 at 7:00 PM

AN

Anna Norwood posted:

Barry, I will always remember how punctual you were at all our family gatherings, you would always make everyone laugh. We will miss how you and Larry would fix your plates and share stories, and make jokes at the table. We will still always reserve a place at the table for you at our house. Love you and will miss you Barry !! LOVE, Anna you sister in law

August 18 at 7:00 PM

TM

Tee, Your Cousin In Michigan posted:

Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

August 17 at 7:00 PM

CL

Charles Lewter Iv posted:

Mr. Norwood was a colleague and friend. He always wore that smile and greeted people with a pleasant hello. His dedication to students and their dreams will be treasured in the lives of many. Barry, take your rest and know that your legacy will live forever in our hearts. Charles H. Lewter, IV Dean of Chapel @ PVAMU

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Apostle Clause Payyon posted:

Our deepest condolences from Word of Life Ministries Houston. Mr. Norwood was our Architect for WOLMH Facility. Apostle Clause and Doris Payton

August 17 at 7:00 PM



Holly And Peter Jordan posted:

Sincere condolences to his family. It was a great honor to know him. His legacy lives on through the hundreds of students whose lives he touched.

August 17 at 7:00 PM



Raheel Ahmad posted:

Professor Noorwood Was an exceptional Teacher. His tough love methodology worked wonder on me as a student. Exactly the push i needed when i was struggling. He always looked out for me and getting me internships or pushing me to take part in competitions or taking me with him to unique leadership events. As an international student, he really helped me explain the American professional way of bieng. I attribute my success of hospitality planning to him. As i took his studio in my final year. God bless his soul as we will miss him dearlyRegards for the familyRaheel Ahmad

August 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Yvonne & Family - Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers go out to you.

August 16 at 7:00 PM



Ms. Kim Blackwell posted:

Never without a smile. Always encouraging. Proud to say I was your student. Rest well Professor Norwood; let us take it from here. My condolences to your beloved family. - Ms. Kim Blackwell

August 16 at 7:00 PM



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AL

Alisha Lowe posted:

It was a pleasure working with Barry. There are so many projects and lives he touched and made better. He will be missed by many.

August 16 at 7:00 PM

AM

Alec Mulgrave posted:

Really going to miss Professor Norwood. He took me on my first study abroad experience all the way over to Dubai, one of the best travel experiences of my life!

August 16 at 7:00 PM

PA

Pvamu School Of Architecture posted:

On behalf of Dean Ikhlas Sabouni and the School of Architecture Family.

August 16 at 7:00 PM

KO

Kourtney posted:

Professor Norwood was my studio professor in the School of Architecture my freshman year at Prairie View A&M University. He took time with me because he saw my potential to one day be great. I am thankful to have known him, prayers and blessing to the family.

August 16 at 7:00 PM

GJ

Glenda Jones posted:

Barry always had a smile when meeting people. He was kind and helpful to his campus friends and co-workers. The word "no" was never in his vocabulary. He was willing to lend a helping hand whenever someone on campus needed it. He will be missed by so many people at Prairie View A&M University. Glenda Jones

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JR

Jasmine Robinson posted:

Professor Norwood was such a sweet man. I remember taking a 13 day trip with him and a few other classmates to the 4 corners. This was my first time getting to know him better and he was so much fun. I remember all of us in the van listening to music on the road. He was a great man and he will be sorely missed.

August 16 at 7:00 PM

DA

Delois Pittman-Alexander posted:

To the Norwood Family, I knew Barry when he lived in Mississippi. We were next door neighbors. Barry's family treated my family as we were a part of their family. I am sorry for your loss.

August 15 at 7:00 PM

SS

Sincerely -- Claudean, Selina And Stephanie Sanders posted:

We are thinking of you at this difficult time with blessings, love and prayers.

August 15 at 7:00 PM

TB

The Diamond Divas (Friends Of Lisa Bibbs) posted:

With deepest sympathy,)

August 15 at 7:00 PM

NM

Nathan K. Mitchell posted:

Prof. Norwood was the absolute best colleague. His passion and love for his students was infectious. He will be missed. I am thankful for my time with him.

August 15 at 7:00 PM

JH

Jack Turner, Indunil Dayawansa, April Fischer & Susan Hughe posted:

In this sorrowful time, we would like to extend to you our heartfelt condolences...May our Lord comfort you and your loved ones...HRIM Team

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Sally Wall posted:

I am a friend of Barry's sister Sharry. Although it's been years since Sharry and I worked together, I remember her speaking of Barry often and felt like he was " bigger than life" and loved by his sister and family. She always spoke to her daughters about their Uncle Barry. It seems that I remember her oldest lived with her uncle and maybe attended college. My love to Sharry and the girls and all the family during this hard time.

August 15 at 7:00 PM



Billie Evans posted:

On behalf of the School of Architecture, you will truly be missed. You were full of joy and enjoyed working with the students. You were always eager to help where needed in the department. We will always hold on to the memories. PVAMU School of Architecture

August 15 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Barry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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