



## Richard Barron

February 25, 1952 - November 2, 2024

Richard Alfred “Ric” Barron, 72, Topeka Kansas, legendary musician, passed away Saturday, November 2, 2024.

Ric was born February 25, 1952, in Topeka, the son of Alfred and Juanita “Jennie” Mendoza Barron and attended Topeka High School. On January 8, 1994, Ric and Marta Hefner were united in marriage joining their lives together harmoniously for 30 years.

Following the Lord, Ric’s greatest love was his family, who are grateful to have shared his life: his dear wife Marta; children, Zebulin Barron, Abraham Barron, Micah Barron, Malisa Davis, Trey Jones (Bridgette), Clayton Senne; 18 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren; his mother, Juanita “Jennie” Barron; siblings, Ronaldo Barron (Judy), Roderick Barron, Raul Barron, and Regina Barron-Jaramillo; many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Alfred Barron.

Ric was lovingly known as “Papo” to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren with whom he shared unique relationships. Papo will be most remembered for sleepovers with pancakes, encouraging words and Scriptures, tight hugs, showing up for every event and making everyone laugh.

Ric was a profound presence in the music scene both locally and internationally. He and Marta won 1st Place in the International Christian Artist Music Awards for their duet. Ric was inducted into the Kansas Music Hall of Fame twice! He was the creative force behind Scatband and Scat Catz. He was a member of the Exceptions for 20 plus years and a part of numerous other bands as well.

Ric worked alongside his mother, Jennie, for years in Topeka's beloved Rosa's Mexican Restaurant and was the face of the business with his BIG personality, entertainment and joy. With his mother's retirement, Ric and Marta continued the legacy of Rosa's Mexican Restaurant until 2008.

Ric accomplished much as a musician and was dearly loved as a restaurateur but his first love was His Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was a devoted member of Lion & Lamb Church.

His love for his family was reflected in who Ric was. The Lord, Family and Music defined Ric. He loved fiercely and was deeply loved in return.

A Celebration of Ric's Life, a jam session to which all are invited, will be Sunday, December 1, from 4 to 8 p.m. at The Aurora at Vinewood.

Memorial contributions may be made to Always and Furever Midwest Animal Sanctuary, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Previous Events

## **A Celebration of Life**

DEC 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

The Aurora At Vinewood  
2848 SE 29th Street  
Topeka, KS 66605

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Barron* ”



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - November 06, 2024 at 12:35 PM

ER

“ I am so sorry to hear that Richard has passed away.  
A genuine person with a big heart!  
Although I haven't seen Richard in a long time since moving to  
Colorado in 1981,  
I still have a lot of memories and good times of us hanging out  
together with Richard and his brothers living on the same block.

*Richard had many talents, but his passion had always been music  
and he inspired and taught me how to play the guitar.*

*Eventually with a couple of other guys in the neighborhood we  
started a band named "The Lovin' Souls", with Richard, Andre{Pee  
Wee} Ramirez, Danny Rangel and myself.*

*We soon became well known in our community and we would play  
for some private parties, local bars and even have a battle of the  
bands.*

*Richard's voice was always amazing and moving with any songs  
that he sang.*

*I appreciated the time, effort and the guitar lessons that he taught  
me ,and since playing with The Lovin Souls and other bands in  
Topeka and bands in Colorado Springs, I still enjoy and play music  
to this day.*

*Thank you Richard for your kindness but most importantly, your  
friendship!*

*To Richards mother Jennie and sister Regina, brothers Ron,  
Roderick, and Raul, be strong my thoughts and prayers are with you  
all.*

*God bless you!*

*Richard was blessed with a good life with his wife, children,  
grandchildren and friends.*

*My prayers are with you and your family.*

*Rest in peace my friend*

*Ed Reyes*

Colorado Springs, Co.

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**Ed Reyes** - December 03, 2024 at 10:29 AM

EA

“ Our condolences to all the family. Richard was a nice guy. We loved listening to him sing, and playing his instrument. Everytime we would see him, he always talked to us, and always smiling. He will be missed by everyone. Richard, No more suffering, Rest in Peace. Eddie and Laura Arredondo



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**Eddie and Laura Arredondo** - November 21, 2024 at 01:07 PM

RC

“ Richard once had a band called The Loving Soul's a friend of my family. May Richard be welcomed in the kingdom of heaven and be greeted by Our lady of Guadeloupe, the blessed Virgin Mary, Jesus and God the Father Almighty. Ross Joseph Cooper



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**Ross Cooper** - November 15, 2024 at 04:22 PM

SU

“ Marta,  
Ric was one of my favorite patients that I have had. He would always sing for me, he will be missed. Prayers for you and your family during this difficult time.

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**Shelby Underhill** - November 09, 2024 at 08:00 AM

JW

“ Sending our condolences to the Barron family.

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**Jamie Wabaunsee** - November 08, 2024 at 10:22 PM

RP

“ *My sincere condolences to Marta, Miss Jennie, Gina and the Barran Familia. Ric was a genuine guy with a terrific voice. Heaven will embrace you and now you can sing with the angels.*

Raymond Padilla - November 07, 2024 at 07:32 PM

LL

“ *Marta and family  
My deepest sympathy on the loss of Ric.  
May your memories carry you through as you grieve and be the light  
of happiness in time ahead.  
Laura Chiapetto Lolley*

Laura Chiapetto Lolley - November 07, 2024 at 06:34 PM

AA

“ *Adrian & Tish (Padilla) Alcala lit a candle in  
memory of Richard Barron*



Adrian & Tish (Padilla) Alcala - November 07, 2024 at 04:00 PM

CT

“ *Carol (Jim) Mendoza Thompson purchased the D  
ivine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard  
Barron.*



Carol (Jim) Mendoza Thompson - November 06, 2024 at 11:31 AM

CT

“ As cousins, we share memories as youngsters growing up. You were a positive force in my life. As we grew older, life happened & our family moved out of state but we never lose that special closeness. Fly with God & the Angels & play your music free of illness.

*I love you, Richard.*

*Carol (Jim) Mendoza Thompson*

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**Carol Mendoza Thompson** - November 06, 2024 at 11:02 AM

CJ

“ Always an inspiration both spiritually and musically. My heart is heavy at the loss of a great friend and brother in Christ. Glad I got to hug him one last time.

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**Chip Janda** - November 06, 2024 at 08:26 AM

JR

“ So sorry for the loss of Ric. He will be greatly missed by so many, but we would not deny him his new address. We loved the way he worshipped and sang and encouraged others.

*Bob and Jeannie Richardson*

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**Jeannie Richardson** - November 06, 2024 at 06:33 AM

LG

“ Ric was always a bright light in this drab world. There are so many memories from Covenant and other gatherings. I remember the love Frank had for Ric, a the words he shared at his service. God's love and comfort to Marta and the rest of the family.

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**Lynn Gillmore** - November 05, 2024 at 11:21 PM

BD

“ My condolences to Marta and Ric’s family. He was a great guy and always happy and full of love and life. I will miss his infectious smile and listening to him sing and praise the Lord in church, especially his woohs and Amens!! Rest and rejoice with the saints in heaven. We will miss you brother! 🙌❤️🙏

Barbara DeWalt - November 05, 2024 at 11:02 PM

LS

“ Linda Schafer lit a candle in memory of Richard Barron



Linda Schafer - November 05, 2024 at 10:00 PM

YB

“ Yolanda Buford-Lunkins lit a candle in memory of Richard Barron



Yolanda Buford-Lunkins - November 05, 2024 at 08:34 PM

LL

“ Marta & Richard have been close friends forever it seems. I had the privilege of working and performing with both of them. Ric was a force to be reckoned with, a loving husband, a supportive father, a caring son and a servant of the Lord. He was an extraordinary musician, vocalist & performer. He was an incredible human being and will be missed dearly. Rest easy Ric...you are whole again.

Lyn Laws - November 05, 2024 at 07:58 PM

PB

“ 40+ years of friendship, great music, fun times and smiles. Lots and lots of smiles. He will truly be missed. Marta, it fills my heart with sorrow for you. But also such joy that you and he were blessed with a wonderful life together. My heart is with and the family. Love y'all.

Patti Blackwood - November 05, 2024 at 06:26 PM

JC

“ Jaime and Linda Cuevas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Barron.

Jaime and Linda Cuevas - November 05, 2024 at 05:32 PM

JC

“ Jaime and Linda Cuevas purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Barron.



Jaime and Linda Cuevas - November 05, 2024 at 05:32 PM

AO

“ Rich was a truly Sweet guy... we originally grew up on the same street until we moved to another side of town but he always knew who I was... one of 13 of us. He never forgot a face or name and loved on ya like fam. I will miss seeing him... hearing his music but I know I definitely will miss his smile! God Bless his family during this sad time!

Anna Ortega - November 05, 2024 at 03:47 PM

BA

“ Rick was an incredible person talent and musician. A hidden gem.

Bill Araiza - November 05, 2024 at 03:20 PM

DB

“ LOTS of memories, too many ton share here. I am just glad I got to be part of his journey. Now I turn to praying for Marta and all the family.

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**Danl Blackwood** - November 05, 2024 at 02:10 PM

CC

“ Cynthia Camacho lit a candle in memory of Richard Barron



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**Cynthia Camacho** - November 05, 2024 at 01:14 PM

SE

“ ShaNoah & The Emorys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Barron.

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**ShaNoah & The Emorys** - November 05, 2024 at 01:06 PM

SE

“ ShaNoah & The Emorys purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Richard Barron.



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**ShaNoah & The Emorys** - November 05, 2024 at 01:06 PM

RF

“ *Ron and Judy Barron and Family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Richard Barron.*



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**Ron and Judy Barron and Family** - November 05, 2024 at 12:36 PM

RO

“ *Ric and I grew up a block away and we would get together and play in his parents basement. We would do funerals together and played together in groups in the 60's and early 70's. We spoke about our days as if it was yesterday. Rest in everlasting peace my friend and homie.* 🙏🙏🙏🙏

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**Ray Ortega** - November 05, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Marta and the family. Ric was a big, shining presence in the community. His goodness and love shone brightly through his eyes and actions. He was loved immensely and gave love abandonedly. Love and precious memories to all who shared his big life.*

*Cathy Novak-Wood*

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**Cathy Wood** - November 05, 2024 at 11:37 AM

RP

*My sincere condolences to Marta, Mrs. Jennie, Gina and the entire Barron familia. Loved Ric's voice and his welcoming nature. Continue to sing with the angels. RIP*

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**Raymond Padilla** - November 05, 2024 at 07:17 PM

WI

*Wow! Seems like yesterday watching, listening and working (Music Video) with Richard and the Scat Band! Great guy... he will be missed. Sorry for your loss, Marta. Keep him in your head -- his spirit will be with us all -- always! William Conly*

**William E. Conly III** - November 06, 2024 at 09:43 AM

JB

*Our sincere condolences to the Barron family Joe and Cindy Marie Bermudez*

**Joe and Cindy Marie Bermudez** - November 06, 2024 at 10:27 AM

MB

*Ric has been a large part of our community for a long time and will be greatly missed!!*

**Michelle Brokaw** - November 06, 2024 at 02:00 PM

TA

*Rest easy Primo...you left your name on this earth, with the guitar and in the kitchen. Your legacy lives thru your children. God bless and protect your beautiful Marta. We will see you again.*

**Theresa Ann Alcala** - November 06, 2024 at 03:26 PM

TF

*I met Richard In the mid to late 60's through my cousin Karla and Mark Kohler. We met up again in mid 70's during our hippie days. We both enjoyed music a lot and hung out now and then. Remembered him running the new Rosa's with the famous suicide, and leave the heat in the kitchen. I last got a short visit with him shortly before the Fiesta and felt lucky talking about old times, even though his health then was failing. Rest in peace dear friend Ric.*

**Thomas Frederick** - November 06, 2024 at 08:12 PM