

OBITUARY

Samuel J. Barr

Samuel J. Barr, 56, a resident of Hackettstown and a teacher at the high school there died Friday at Hackettstown Community Hospital.

He was born in Plymouth, Pa., and resided in Hackettstown where he was a music teacher in the school district since 1950. Mr. Barr directed the concert band and the Tiger Marching Band, and organized the dance band, the German Band and the Hackettstown High School Honors Wind Ensemble.

He also coordinated the high school's humanity courses, including music education, art education, English and history from 1971 to 1981.

He was an Army-Air Force veteran of World War II, having served in the western-Pacific theater with the 558 AAF Army-Airforce Band. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in music education in 1950 from Ithaca College in New York and was a special student in music composition under Professor Robert Palmer at Cornell University for two years.

He obtained a masters degree from New York University and continued graduate study there and at Rutgers University.

A prolific composer during his own high school years, Mr. Barr had compositions published early in his musical career.

He also had expertise in Spanish music. He was a member of the Adelphi Scholastic Honor Society, the American Army-Navy Bands Men's Association and the Cornell University Composers' Club. Mr. Barr was also a member of the board of directors of the New Jersey Music Educators Association, the Music Educators' National Conference, the New Jersey Education Association,

the National Education Association and the New York State School Music Association.

He was a charter member of the North Jersey School Music Association, the Warren County Music Educators' Association, the Hackettstown Education Association and the Warren County Education Association.

Mr. Barr was a recipient of the Papal Apostolic Blessing from the Vatican in 1957.

He is survived by his wife.

A memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady of the Mountain Church, Schooley's Mountain. Arrangements were handled by the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St., Hackettstown.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Samuel J. Barr music memorial fund, Ithaca College, N.Y. in care of Robert Tonnesen, 153 Main St., Hackettstown, N.J. 07840.

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