


Samuel J. Barr memorial Mass set; Hackettstown schools music teacher

HACKETTSTOWN — A memorial Mass will be celebrated Saturday, Feb. 26 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Mountain R.C. Church, Schooley's Mountain, for Samuel J. Barr, a music teacher in the Hackettstown public schools, who died last Friday, Feb. 4, at Hackettstown Community Hospital after a short illness. He was 56.

Born in Plymouth, Pa., he lived here for many years.

Mr. Barr was a music teacher in the local public schools from 1950 to the present. During his tenure at the high school, he 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 had also coordinated the high school humanities courses, including music education, art education, English and history from 1971-81. He organized the first Hackettstown High School newspaper, "Tiger Rag."

Mr. Barr was a U.S. Army-Air Force veteran, serving in the Western Pacific Theater with the 558th AAF Band during World War II.

 He was a 1950 graduate of Ithaca College, receiving a bachelor of science degree in music education. He was also a special student in music composition under Professor Robert Palmer of Cornell University for two years. He earned his masters degree at New York University and continued graduate study there and at Rutgers University.

A prolific composer during his

high school years, Mr. Barr had compositions published early in his career. He composed and arranged music material especially for the Hackettstown High School marching and concert band and for student musicians.

During his professional life, Mr. Barr served as a clinician/teacher in all instrumental areas and provided workshop clinics in music composition and arranging and in instrumental repair throughout the eastern United States.

He appeared as guest conductor at high school and college levels. His expertise in the area of Spanish music was shared among high school students throughout the state.

He was a member of the Adelphi Scholastic Honor Society, the Ameri-

can Army-Navy Bandsmen's Association and the Cornell University Composers Club. He was also a member of the board of directors of the New Jersey Music Educators Association, a branch of the Music Educators National Conference, a member of the New Jersey Education Association; the National Education Association; and the New York State School of 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. He was treasurer of the New York State Music Camp for eight years and a member of the staff and taught at Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y., during the summer music programs.

In November 1976, he chaired the music program for the New Jersey Music Educators Association music convention, held annually in Atlantic City at the NJEA Convention.

Mr. Barr's musicians were represented in the all-state band, Region I band, North Jersey Area Band and the Warren County High School Festival Band.

He was the recipient of the Papal Apostolic Blessing from the Vatican in 1957.

Mr. Barr is survived by his wife. Arrangements are by the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St., here.

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OBITUARY:
Samuel J. Barr,
Date of Death,
February 4, 1983