

# *Barry Bynum dies at 69*

by Keith Bridwell

Longtime Bridgeport resident Barry Bynum, 69, died Monday, July 28, after a brief illness.

His wife of 26 years, Brenda Bynum, said that he started complaining of medical symptoms the Thursday before, and went to a local doctor for bloodwork and an EKG.

After leaving his office, Barry returned home, but declined to report for duty at a Weatherford automobile dealership that Monday morning, saying he “didn’t feel good.”

He soon told Brenda he felt he “needed to go to the emergency room,” and she summoned Wise County Ambulance, who began Barry’s transport to Wise Regional Health System in Decatur.

“He began having severe seizures on the ambulance, and his heart stopped half-way to Decatur,” she said.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Jim Ned Cemetery near Runaway Bay, under the direction of Tom Ramsey of Tarrant County Mortician’s Service.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda, of Bridgeport, by sons Chad and wife, Jennifer, and Jason and wife, Lindsey, by Christie Claunch and husband, Billy, and Melissa Succetti.

Grandchildren include Chera Claunch, Kyle Claunch, Madison Andreasen, Aislee Bynum, Krimsen Succetti and Lakota Mason.

Also by sister Jayne Keesee and her husband, David, and by brother, George Bynum.

He was preceded in

death by his parents, Jack and Mary Bynum.

Barry was an avid motorcyclist, and for many years was a mainstay of the Wise County Toy Run, which collects cash and Christmas gifts for area children in December of each year.

The 2012 Toy Run was one of Barry’s favorites, since it attracted more than 900 bikers from over North Texas and Southern Oklahoma.

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