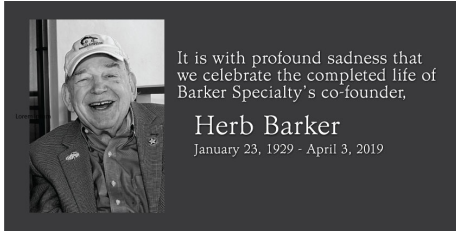


Barker Specialty Mourns the Passing of Founder Herb Barker



It is with immense sadness that Barker Specialty announces the passing of the beloved patriarch of Barker Specialty Company; Barker Animation Art Gallery; and the Barker Character, Comic and Cartoon Museum, Herbert Barker. (Most-lovingly known simply as “Mr. B”.)

Mr. B was, without a doubt, a child-at-heart. His zeal and enthusiasm for life was infectious; and his seemingly limitless energy-supply, a driving force of nature behind all who have been blessed to know him. This very passion was evident in all that he did – whether co-

founding the prominent advertising and promotional products company in North America, pioneering the animation and pop culture art industry with his showcase galleries, or establishing one of Connecticut’s most beloved museums – filled with a personal collection of 80,000 antique toys and collectibles.

His eagerness carried over into Mr. B’s numerous philanthropic endeavors, further illustrating his kind nature and giving spirit. Hundreds of thousands have benefited from this generosity, with well over \$2 Million in charitable contributions graciously donated throughout his years.

A comment from Barker Specialty, “His legacy has in-turn become our legacy; as we strive to preserve his amazing work and follow by his profound example for generations to come. We all take great comfort in knowing that he and his beloved wife, Gloria (d. 2017), are reunited once again for all eternity. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Mr. B’s children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren,