

# Rev. Dr. Philip W. Barrett, 68, former S.J. Presbyterian pastor

Memorial services will be conducted this weekend — in San Jose and in Santa Maria — for the Rev. Dr. Philip Whitlock Barrett, an influential California clergyman and longtime San Jose community and civic leader.

He died of a heart attack Friday in Santa Maria, where he served as pastor more than four decades earlier. He was 68.

The Rev. Dr. Barrett had moved to Arroyo Grande, just north of Santa Maria, to live in 1982, after retiring as pastor of San Jose's Foothill Presbyterian Church.

He and his wife, Enid, and two sons, Richard and Philip Jr., came to San Jose in 1954.

"He'll be missed," declared Rabbi Joseph Gitin, who was the senior rabbi at San Jose's Temple Emanu-El when the Barretts arrived in town. "He told humorous stories to make a point. His sense of humor reflected his positive outlook on life. He had an unlimited capacity to make friends and forever looked for the essential goodness in others."

After serving 15 years as pastor of First Presbyterian in downtown San Jose, the Rev. Dr. Barrett moved to Foothill Presbyterian in East San Jose, where he remained until he retired.

For 20 years he served as stated clerk of the San Jose Presbytery and as moderator of the United Presbyterian Synod of California-Nevada-Utah-Hawaii.

He had also served as president of the California Christian Endeavor Union; as moderator of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara; and as chairman of the Southern California Presbyterian Coordinating Council.

Born in Montesano, Wash., and reared in Oregon, the Rev. Dr.



Rev. Dr. Philip W. Barrett  
... Career of service

Barrett attended both Princeton Theological Seminary and San Francisco Theological Seminary, graduating from the latter in 1943.

He received his doctorate in divinity in 1960 from Kentucky's Pikeville College.

More recently he had served as interim pastor at churches in Lompoc and Pismo Beach.

A 32nd-degree Mason he was a member of Hesperian Lodge 264, F&AM, of Santa Maria. He also had served as orator and and knight commander of the Court of Honor of the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies.

One of his proudest achievements, he once said, was to have been chosen grand chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Masons in California in 1966.

He had been a member of the Kiwanis Club since 1946 and

served in several offices locally, including president of the San Jose club in 1960.

He had served as lieutenant governor of Division 12 of Kiwanis International and several times as chairman of Kiwanis' California-Nevada-Hawaii district.

Fellow Kiwanian Ralph Bolick, a retired Methodist minister and friend, said the Rev. Dr. Barrett's humor was infectious, contributing to his "becoming a terrific speaker."

"He exemplified the spirit of Kiwanis of giving primacy to things human and spiritual rather than material," continued Bolick, who noted that the Rev. Dr. Barrett was the keynote speaker at the Kiwanis' California-Nevada-Hawaii district convention when it was held in San Jose in 1960.

He had also been active in the Elks. In 1983 was appointed to the California State Board of Funeral Directors by the Legislature.

He received a humanitarian award from the City of Hope in Duarte and a Distinguished Citizens Award from the Santa Clara County Council of Boy Scouts in 1980.

Besides his wife, Enid, and his sons, survivors include his mother, Marion Barrett, and a sister, Margaret Jahn, both of Oregon; and a granddaughter, Jessica.

His son Richard is the head football coach at Lompoc High School; his son Philip, a Presbyterian minister in Omaha, Neb.

His sons will preside together over the memorial services this weekend, at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church in Santa Maria and at 3 p.m. Sunday at Foothill Presbyterian Church, 5301 McKee Road, San Jose.