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DONALD J. BARRETT

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Donald J. Barrett began his long association with the US Air Force Academy six days before the Class of 1959 arrived at Lowry AFB in Denver on 11 July 1955. His career with the Academy library spanned forty-one years, most of them spent as the library's Assistant Director. He played a leading role in establishing both the Gimbel Collection of Aeronautical History and the Special Collections Branch. He later supervised a major physical expansion of the Academy library and subsequently was asked to revise Colorado's state academic library space planning guidelines. A passionate supporter of Falcon athletics, he was a certified Master Official for track and officiated at Academy track meets for fifty-one years. An annual USAFA-hosted track meet is named in his honor. Mr. Barrett died on 23 April 2009. He is survived by his wife, June Barrett, one daughter, two grandchildren, and a host of admirers.

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