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Ex-UA president dies

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Staff report

A former president of the University of Alaska Statewide System, Jay Barton, died Aug. 21, in Seattle, following a brief illness. He was 78 years old.

Barton served a five-year tenure in Alaska from 1979-1984. Previously, he was vice president and provost of West Virginia University from 1968-1979. Afterwards he served as vice president for academic affairs at the University of Missouri, 1985-1989.

Barton's professional career spanned four decades of engagement in international development work, university organization and management, and science education. In the early years of his career he was engaged in teaching biology and

biological research.

Barton worked in the field of education for the U.S. Agency for International Development in Lima, Peru, and Pakistan, and served as chair of a number of education related

projects and organizations over the years in the United States and abroad.



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Barton received a Ph.D. in zoology from the

University of Missouri.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Ann Taylor Barton of Bainbridge Island, Wash.; seven children, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.