

## **A Fond Farewell**

Well we hate saying good bye, but after 33 years we are shutting down Barkers. It is hard to believe it has been 33 years. It was 33 years of ups and downs but mostly ups simply because of you, our loyal customers.

Many of you were customers when we started as the City of Atlanta's first licensed street vendor in downtown Atlanta. We all grew up together. When we started in 1984 Vivian and I were boyfriend and girlfriend. My have things changed!

When we started we had no idea if we would be accepted. Let's be honest at the time the Varsity ruled Atlanta and we were right down the street. But we understood that if we sold a high quality product and offered great service in a clean surrounding we would be noticed and would be successful. So after being in business for less than a year we were recognized as the City of Atlanta's Best Hot Dog by Anne Byrn the Atlanta Journal and Constitution Food Critic. At that point we knew we made it and as they say the rest is history.

There are so many people we need to thank and you know who you are. But the most important people are you our loyal customers. For us it has been an absolute pleasure serving you all those years!! The restaurant business is a hard business but it was you our customers that made the experience a joy. We have seen many generations come through the doors. We have seen customers pass on and little babies turn into young adults. You all became our family and we will always cherish our Barkers family.

For Vivian and me one of the greatest aspects was being able to work side by side with our kids and their friends. Instead of just telling them about Barkers and our history, they were able to live it.

But now it is time to take care of a couple of health issues that we have ignored over the years because of the business.

From the bottom of our heart thank you for your friendship and your support. We will miss you!!

Love,

Glenn & Vivian Robins