In memoriam: Barry Smith (1953–2012)

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Barry Gordon Smith
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A sad day has come to all that knew Barry Smith. He passed away after a long battle with cancer. The doctors gave him six months, and, as was his way, he lived his life developing Textures, the Mac version of TeX, as if he would never do anything else — for almost another 2 years.

So optimistic he was in the last week that he didn't even let on to those most dear to him how close he was to the end. He dearly loved Apple technologies and was very close to finishing an iOS version of Textures for the iPad.

I knew Barry as a coder like none other, and his energy for coding perfection burned like few that I have known in my life.

So it is with much regret that I inform everyone of Barry's death. He was actively working on Textures for the Mac and iOS when he left us. He was strongly committed to making the best TeX system possible and chose the Macintosh platform before I came to work with him in 1989. His passing is a loss for us all.

His work is at an end.