



Barry Thomas Gwyer

November 1, 2020

Barry Thomas Gwyer passed away on November 1, 2020 at National Healthcare.

He was born in Monessen, PA, son of the late Raymond and Mable Gwyer. In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his brother, Bill Gwyer.

He is survived by his wife Olga Kondratik of Murrells Inlet and son, Tom (Carrie) of Myrtle Beach; two granddaughters that he adored, Erin and Casey; a sister, Carol Barnes of Coatesville, PA and his cousins, numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews as well as his brother-in-law, Mike Kondratik (Donna) of Charleroi, PA.

He proudly served in the United States Army and retired from DuPont where he worked in Nomex, manufacturing the flame-resistant fibers that are used to protect firefighters. He is a member of St. Michael Catholic Church. Barry was an avid golfer. He was also a huge fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers. He proudly wore the black and gold and supported his team until the very end. But what he enjoyed most was spending time with his family.

The family would like to thank his numerous caregivers over the past years, Caris Healthcare, and the staff at NHC.

Visitation will be held from 4:00-7:00 PM Wednesday, November 4th at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. A mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:00 AM Thursday, November 5, 2020 at St. Michael Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Southern Palms Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's

Association, PO Box 96911, Washington DC. 20090-6011.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dear Olga, so sorry for your loss of your dear husband Barry and I pray Our Heavenly Father Blesses and Comforts you and your family during this difficult time! Treasure all your great memories. Love and prayers!*

Evelyn Worek

Evelyn Worek - November 04, 2020 at 04:19 PM

“ I grew up having two wonderful older brothers, we were a close family and I always knew that they looked after me (not always as easy task). My oldest brother Bill passed away in 1991. Barry was the middle child. When I was little I remember stories being told (especially by my Aunt Bess) of what a beautiful baby Barry was with his “baby blue eyes” and his porcelain like skin. As I was the only sibling with brown eyes, Barry found it amusing to remind me at every opportunity about his beautiful baby blue eyes.

“B” as I liked to call him, was special in so many ways. As a child he was quiet and somewhat reserved, except when he was with his cousins Ricky and Jackie who entertained the family with episodes of the three men who didn’t know any better. I remember how he loved listening to the Pittsburgh Pirates on the radio with the whole family. I particularly remember when he had rheumatic fever and was confined to his bed for several months we would make plastic bubbles and cover his bed with them while listening to the Pirate games. I realize how important those family times were.

Barry joined the army reserves after high school and spent time in Korea as an MP. He must have had a lot of time on his hands, as he made “SEVERAL” movies of his experiences. They included hours upon hours of sand, barren land and every once in a while “somebody” waving at the camera (he never knew who they were). Any time the family got together, he would ask “anyone want to see my Korea movies”. Needless to say the answer was always – MAYBE LATER. Barry loved to play basketball and as a result had a serious knee injury that unfortunately plagued him his entire life. He loved Classical music (1812 overture was his favorite, especially when he turned it up as loud as he possibly could). He loved reading about the civil war and enjoyed his trips to battlefields especially Gettysburg. When visiting me in PA we took his last trip to Gettysburg and he was delighted when they took a picture of him with two of the ‘Soldiers’ on the battlefield.

Above all I know that his greatest passion was for the PITTSBURGH STEELERS, he had an entire room with STEELERS memorabilia. One of the times I visited him in SC, he wanted me to see the statistics he was maintaining on his PC for the each Steeler

*player. Barry was not especially good on the PC, and I marveled at his tenacity and patience in working with all those numbers. I don't remember Barry dating much. When a friend of his introduced him to OLGA that sure changed things, he was truly smitten. I think her love for the "Steelers" was the clincher. After they were married he always referred to her as "MY OLGA". Olga's devotion to him was "Extraordinary" especially when he had to go to a nursing home. She was faithful in feeding him lunch and dinner every day for 6 years. If she could not she would ask friend to help out. That changed with COVID. Unable to see or feed him, she called every day to see how he slept, what he had for breakfast and how much did he eat. I call that "devotion". Thank you Olga, for all your dedication to my brother - you are truly an inspiration. When Tom was born, I don't think there could have been a prouder father. As Tom grew into the person he is today, Barry's pride of his son, only grew. He was elated when Tom married Carrie and they began their life together. When his granddaughters Erin and Casey were born Barry realized how complete his life had become. He ADORED his granddaughters. Although, Barry was not able to celebrate all that Tom had accomplished in his young life, especially his promotion to FIRE CHIEF OF MYRTLE BEACH, I know his heart would have exploded with PRIDE. I believe that Barry chose the time he was ready to leave this earth and go to his heavenly home. Olga and Tom spent that day watching the Steelers big win while describing the details to him and it was ALL SAINTS DAY
I love you "B" and you will be forever in my heart!
-Carol*

Carol Barnes - November 04, 2020 at 09:50 AM

BB

“ I will always remember the wonderful times with Uncle Barry . I remember when we lived in the Mon Valley . Uncle Barry would drive down Turkey Hallow with no hands . And Uncle Barry could talk about his Amazing Pittsburgh Steelers for hours . He was always fun to be around. He always told me I was his favorite niece in Eastern Pennsylvania . I will really miss you Uncle Barry . RIP 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Beth Barnes - November 03, 2020 at 08:38 PM

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“ How fortunate we are to have had Barry Gwyer be a part of our lives. His love of family and cheerful presence always had such a positive impact. It is comforting to know that he has moved past the trials of illness and he is now sharing his eternal life in Heaven with other family members who preceded him. He was a wonderful uncle and we are all better for our time spent with him. Our prayers for peace and comfort go out for those whose love and lives he shared. May God give you strength at this time.

MUCH LOVE, Kathy, David and Brian

Kathy Eggleston - November 03, 2020 at 07:45 PM

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“ Thanks for your service Soldier !!!
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps



Wayne Williams - USMC - November 03, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barry Thomas Gwyer.* ”



November 03, 2020 at 09:38 AM