



Barry Thornton

February 5, 1943 - July 1, 2023

Barry Ralph Thornton passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Saturday July 1, 2023, at the age of 80.

Born February 5th 1943 in Boston, Massachusetts; to the late Gladys and Ralph Thornton. He was also preceded in death by his son, Christopher Thornton.

Barry, Grampy, Dad, Thumper was loved by many. He leaves behind his loving his wife Claire (Losier) Thornton of 55 years. His love for her was steadfast and fierce. He also leaves behind his children the late Christopher (2020) (Shelly) Thornton, Denis (Stefanie) Thornton and Andrew Thornton. He leaves behind 6 grandchildren that were the light of his life. Jacob, Evan, Brock, Camden, Ashley, and Blake Thornton. Brother to Alan (Jean) Thornton, Glen (Stephanie) Thornton and many other family members he held dear.

Barry was a bright light and not easily missed in the room. He was a valued employee at Huttenlocher Group his entire career and retired happily. Barry was the real deal as an uncle to many nieces and nephews, always loving kids from a young age keeping them active and laughing at all family gatherings. Always there to watch the kids and grandkids sports events as he was famously known on the sidelines as their biggest fan, and “unofficial” coach and referee. He put all he had into his family and their happiness. He

left many life lessons along the way like compete more intensely than your opponent, work hard, love generously, and stand up for what you believe in. He loved golf, cribbage, all sports, maintaining a meticulous outdoor space and lawn, and all things competitive in nature as long as he was the winner. He always walked in with a huge smile, a “hello” and a joke to lighten the room. He will be greatly missed by all and his legacy will live on through his kids and grandkids.

Service will be held at Mandziuk & Sons in Sterling Heights. Memorial will be from 3-8pm July 10, 2023 There will be a private burial after an August Memorial at a further date.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL **10**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Tribute Wall



“ *Barry Thornton*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barry Thornton.*



July 10, 2023 at 11:28 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barry Thornton.*



July 10, 2023 at 08:18 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barry Thornton.*

July 10, 2023 at 08:18 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Barry Thornton.



July 09, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barry Thornton.



July 09, 2023 at 02:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barry Thornton.

July 09, 2023 at 02:53 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Barry Thornton.



July 09, 2023 at 12:44 PM

JK

“ Barry lived near me growing up and I have fond memories of all us kids skating on the pond near my house. He was a good guy and fun to be around. Enjoyed seeing him at reunions and catching up. He will be missed by his classmates of 1961.

Judi Harris Kramer - July 07, 2023 at 09:33 PM

JZ

“ Drew your Dad was awesome. It was a pleasure knowing him
Best regards to you and your Family.
Jason Zackey

Jason zackey - July 07, 2023 at 12:49 PM

LS

“ Love, Dr. Jeffrey Faycurry and Staff purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Barry Thornton.



Love, Dr. Jeffrey Faycurry and Staff - July 07, 2023 at 11:03 AM

MA

“ Barry, aka "Mr. Wraparound," we are sure going to miss all of your jokes and golf stories. Thank you for always asking about my daughter. May you rest in peace. Mary

Mary - July 07, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barry Thornton.



July 07, 2023 at 09:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barry Thornton.

July 07, 2023 at 09:23 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Barry Thornton.



July 06, 2023 at 12:35 PM



“ My family moved to Michigan in the late 70's and we lived accross the street from the Thornton's. It wasn't long before Barry was joining in our wiffle ball games; some "old" guy holding his own against teenagers. As the years went by, we also played on a softball teams together, where a few beers may have been consumed. It was always fun to hang out with Barry. Claire and Barry are just the nicest people who raised a great family. RIP, Barry.

Rob Garzaniti - July 05, 2023 at 09:09 PM

AT

“ 4 files added to the album *Barry Thornton*



Alan Thornton - July 05, 2023 at 08:53 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance* was purchased for the family of *Barry Thornton*.



July 04, 2023 at 09:29 PM

TL

“ *Barry was a charismatic and fun loving personality. We will miss him and his corny jokes, we will forever cherish the memories that we were fortunate enough to make together. Love Bernard & Tina*



Tina Losier - July 04, 2023 at 09:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barry Thornton.*



July 04, 2023 at 11:08 AM

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“ *Pat and Christine, Colleen and Peter purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Barry Thornton.*



Pat and Christine, Colleen and Peter - July 04, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Pat and Christine, Colleen and Peter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barry Thornton.

Pat and Christine, Colleen and Peter - July 04, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barry Thornton.



July 04, 2023 at 10:03 AM