



## Mr. Robert D. Barry

May 3, 1949 - March 15, 2024

Robert Dustin Barry, was born May 3, 1949 in North Adams, MA to Bartholomew and Barbara Lane Barry. He graduated from East Longmeadow High School, then the University of Vermont, where he majored in political science and met the love of his life, Mary Theresa McLaughlin.

While attending UVM, Bob “Raz” enlisted in the Vermont National Guard, serving 6 years as a medic. Bob and Mary couldn’t wait to start a loving family of their own. They married in July of 1972 and soon after welcomed their first of five children, Colleen, into their family. They spent their first four years together in Burlington, Vermont welcoming their second child, Brennan. They moved to Pittsfield, Massachusetts in 1976 where they would continue to grow their family, adding three more children to the clan, Erin, Michaelleen and Deirdre.

Bob applied his Army medical training throughout his various positions as a nurse and medical equipment salesman for many years. He later worked for Hillcrest Educational Centers in Pittsfield where he met his lifelong friend, Patrick Carnevale. This friendship would extend through their many years of service together at the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. Bob retired from MEMA in June of 2023 after serving over 18 years with the agency. He treasured the relationships he made through his time there.

He had a passion for fishing, golf, playing any chance he had, and was a loyal Red Sox and Patriots fan.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Mary Theresa McLaughlin, his five adult children, Colleen, and her husband Gary Soldato, Brennan, and his wife Kathleen Barry, Erin, and her husband, Kalin Reardon, Michaelleen, and her boyfriend Patrick Tarjick, and Deirdre. He was so proud of his 8 grandchildren, Eileen, Joseph (Joe), Keegan, Patricia (Tricia), McKenna, Billy, Jack, and Nolan. Bob will also be missed by his faithful dog, Fenway.

Bob was predeceased by his parents, Bartholomew and Barbara Barry, and his older brother, William (Bill) Barry. He is survived by his younger sister, Kathleen and younger brothers, Dan and John.

Bob will be remembered for his kindness, compassion and love for his family and friends. His thoughtful conversation and sense of humor will be missed by so many.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Robert Dustin Barry will be Saturday, March 23, 2024, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 1 pm at Sacred Heart Church, 191 Elm Street, celebrated by the Rev. Steven Montesanti, Pastor. At this time, there will be no burial.

Calling hours will be directly prior to the service, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home in Pittsfield, 220 East Street, Pittsfield MA 01201.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Robert's memory can be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, [www.lovetotherescue.org](http://www.lovetotherescue.org)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 23. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Dwyer -Wellington Family Funeral Home - Pittsfield  
220 East St.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(413) 445-4064  
info@dwyerfuneral.com  
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

## Service

MAR 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church  
191 Elm St.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - March 23, 2024 at 10:54 AM



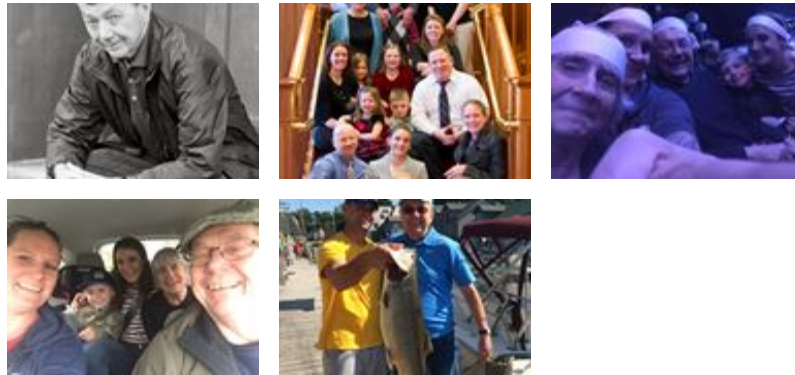
“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert D. Barry.



March 22, 2024 at 02:24 PM



“ 85 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - March 22, 2024 at 01:49 PM

MF

“ Mike Cullen and family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mr. Robert D. Barry.



Mike Cullen and family - March 21, 2024 at 09:52 AM

DD

“ DLA Mission Assurance Division planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Robert D. Barry.

DLA Mission Assurance Division - March 20, 2024 at 02:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert D. Barry.



March 20, 2024 at 02:06 PM

ME

“ MEMA purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Robert D. Barry.



MEMA - March 20, 2024 at 01:08 PM

IC

“ Bob was such an asset to our community. The assistance and knowledgeable insights that he provided to us during time of emergency always left me feeling assured that we were going to do the right thing, and we would be ok. His humble demeanor made him even more special to us. Thank you for sharing him with us, he is missed.

Ian Cyr

Deputy Chief, UMass/Amherst Police

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Ian Cyr - March 20, 2024 at 11:16 AM

BF

“ My deepest sympathies to Robert's family on your loss. I met Robert when I worked with our communities civil defense/emergency management agency and become friends in the service. I am no longer involved with emergency management, but I will still miss him

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Brian Falk - March 19, 2024 at 11:15 PM

SH

“ Bob was such a good friend growing up on Knollwood Dr. I hardly ever got in trouble with him. RIP my friend your memory will live on.

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Steve House - March 19, 2024 at 08:14 PM

WP

“ With love & sympathy, Kathy and Paris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Robert D. Barry.

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With love & sympathy, Kathy and Paris - March 19, 2024 at 04:46 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert D. Barry.*



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March 19, 2024 at 04:46 PM



“ *Bob did an outstanding job at the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. Thanks to his efforts the communities of Western Massachusetts are stronger and safer places in which to live and work.*  
*It was a privilege to work with Bob and an honor to call him my friend.*  
*Doug Forbes*

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**Doug Forbes** - March 19, 2024 at 01:57 PM



“ *Mary and Family*  
*Thinking of you during this difficult time of loss. A life well lived and loved, I'm sure.*  
*Linda Ready*

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**Linda Ready** - March 19, 2024 at 11:02 AM



“ *Love, Cindy Webber purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr. Robert D. Barry.*



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**Love, Cindy Webber** - March 18, 2024 at 06:30 PM