



Mr. William B. Barry

September 20, 1934 - August 31, 2022

William Brian Barry, 87, of Pittsfield, loving husband of Joan C. Barry for 64 years, passed away August 31, 2022. He was born in Saginaw, Michigan on September 20, 1934, the son of the late Judge William R. Barry and Catherine Barry, of Springfield. He attended high school in Springfield and graduated from U-Mass, Amherst. He entered the Army National Guard as Private First Class and retired as a First Lt. He completed his education at Western New England Law School and began practicing law in 1970.

Bill came from Springfield to Pittsfield in 1968 as Manager of Travelers Insurance company. After passing the bar, he started a practice on North Street in Pittsfield. He continued for fifty years serving many clients (many of them becoming friends), in all phases of law until his retirement in 2020. He sat on various Boards representing charities and civic causes. He taught a legal class for many years at Berkshire Community College to local firemen.

Bill and Joan loved camping and outdoor activities. It was mandatory that the family vacation in Ogunquit, Maine at least three times a year, and he thoroughly enjoyed the lobsters and clams. He was very competitive and loved playing cards, checkers, and Scrabble with his family. Bill and Joan visited Bermuda, Aruba, and many countries of Europe with friends, family, or on their own. Traveling was a way of enjoyment and education in Bill's estimation. Ireland was his favorite destination, which he visited with his

daughters, tracing his family's heritage and meeting new relatives.

Bill was a very learned historian and enjoyed talking and debating historical issues as well as political issues. He supported and attended many sporting events and other activities of his children and grandchildren. His kind and loving spirit always welcomed everyone to his home, often offering good conversation and a beer or other suitable beverage.

Bill is survived by his wife, the former Joan Blake. He leaves behind his children, William D. Barry, and his wife, Tammy, Linda C. Barry, Diane M. McDonough, and Daniel P. Barry, and his wife, Laura. He also leaves behind his grandchildren William Barry, Brian Barry, Catherine Barry, Matthew Barry, Patrick McDonough, Catharine Barry, and Ailene Barry, and his great granddaughter, Maeve Barry.

The family wishes to thank Mt. Greylock Nursing Home for the excellent care and support, and a special thanks to HospiceCare in the Berkshires for their sympathy and compassion during our final hours with Bill.

Funeral Notice:

In accordance with his wishes, funeral arrangements for William B. Barry are private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his memory may be made to St. Agnes Church, 489 Main Street, Dalton, MA 01226.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ *bill had a love of life, especially good food*

justin grimes - July 09, 2023 at 05:57 PM

CM

“ *So sad to here of Mr. Barry's passing. Our thoughts and condolences go out to Bill and the entire Barry Clan.
Kathy & Chris M.*

chris meehan - September 20, 2022 at 08:29 AM

GB

“ *My sincere condolences and my thought and prayers are with Joan, Linda and the Barry family, I'm so sorry for your loss. God Bless*

gail brown - September 14, 2022 at 08:33 AM

KG

“ *Dear Barry Family, there is so much that could be said. But, simple captures all of it. Please accept my sincerest sympathies and condolences on Bill's passing. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Kermit Goodman - September 13, 2022 at 09:29 AM

TN

“ *We are so sad to hear of Bill's passing. Sending our prayers to the family.
Brad & Tina Newton*

Tina Newton - September 13, 2022 at 08:00 AM

DB

“ A great loss of a great man. Bill, Tammy, Joan, and all of the clan, please accept our deepest condolences. Always a smile, and a sincere "how are you" no matter what may be going on in his life. A genuine "gentle"man, whose wit, altruism, and intelligence will continue in the hearts of many.
With love and respect...
The Bates'

Dennis R Bates - September 13, 2022 at 07:38 AM

BJ

“ Bill and Tammy and Joan and all the Barry family please accept my sincere condolences. Your dad was one of the great people who did so much for so many. I always looked forward to chatting with him about sports...Celtics, Red Sox when ever I stopped in the office or when I saw him at one of our kids athletic events back in the day. Just a pure genuine nice guy who was always ready to crack a joke right on cue. I loved his sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you during these tough times. I will never forget him!

Bill Heaphy Jr - September 13, 2022 at 07:27 AM

JR

“ My sincere condolences to Joan and family. I have so many happy family memories of time spent with all of you. Uncle Brian was a most generous and kind person. He will be missed by many. Joanne Rowe

Joanne Rowe - September 12, 2022 at 06:10 PM