



Barry Lynn Steenbergen

October 23, 1950 - May 26, 2024

Barry Lynn Steenbergen, 73, of Louisville, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at

home on Sunday, May 26, 2024. Barry was born on October 23, 1950 in Glasgow,

Kentucky, lived his early years in Tracy, Kentucky and then Indianapolis, Indiana,

before his parents settled in Louisville in 1953.

Barry was a 1969 graduate of Western High School and earned both Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Louisville. He was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, where he was well known and very much loved.

Barry was an Exceptional Child/Special Education teacher for Jefferson County

Public Schools for 40 years - 22 of those at his alma mater, Western High, and 18

at Louisville Male High. He coached both boys' and girls' basketball teams, track

and cross country, and acquired his Commercial Driver's License (CDL) to transport

his athletes and many other teams at both Western and Male until he retired in 2018.

Barry served in the United States Air Force, Kentucky Air National Guard, 123

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Airlift Wing, for 23 years. He was honorably discharged as a Master Sergeant and

also earned a U.S. Air Force Associate degree.

He was invited to participate in, due to his community involvement, and recently

graduated in March 2024 from the Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) Citizens Police Academy. He once again was excited to serve.

Barry never met a stranger and loved helping everyone around him. It was most

important to him that he recognize and encourage others, whether that was in teaching, coaching, serving in many ways, or just being a good friend or a loving

family member. Many knew him through his love of running marathons, which he

continued to participate in until his 50s.

Barry was preceded in death by his parents, Maxwell and Jo Frances Carter Steenbergen. Barry is survived by his sister Karen Steenbergen McNeil and her

husband Mike McNeil; his nephews Justin (Chrissy), Schyler (Abigail), and Hayden

(Julia); four great-nieces; his partner Kathy Woosley and her children and grandchildren, who lovingly called him Papaw Barry; many cousins; and many, many good friends - all who loved him dearly.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 1, 2024, at Owen Funeral Home,

5317 Dixie Highway with burial in Louisville Memorial Gardens West following the

funeral. Visitation will be 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, May 31 and at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 1, prior to the funeral service.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

JUN 1. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JUN 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JN

“ My condolences to Barry's family on the passing of a very kind and giving person. I worked with Barry for 16 years at Male High School. We were together in ECE for 7 years and I witnessed how much Barry cared about helping the students as best he could. I actually met Barry while teaching and coaching at North Bullitt HS in 1989. I was a new coach and Barry and Gary Wade helped me set up my schedule and helped me understand how the regional meet worked. When I transferred into JCPS and starting teaching and coaching at Southern HS, I started a during the week invitational and Barry always brought whatever runners he had on his own money. I would ask him why he always paid with a personal check, and he told me the AD at Western would reimburse him later. I later found out, when we worked at Male together, that he was not reimbursed. That was a perfect example to the kind of person Barry was, he would give of himself to help others, especially kids/students/athletes, and he would not throw superiors under the bus (which he could have driven over them, figuratively and literally). I am glad that I got to know and spend a lot of time working with Barry. He will be missed by all who knew him.

John Nason - May 31, 2024 at 08:19 AM

LB

We lost a very good man this week always looking out for others God has a new angel R.I.P Barry you will definitely be missed

Larry Bickel - May 31, 2024 at 06:47 PM

LD

“ Barry you were a very good friend of our for many years. we had great times together will miss you so much All our love Larry and Sharon Davis

Larry ShRon Davis - May 30, 2024 at 10:29 PM



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



May 30, 2024 at 03:30 PM



“ Will always remember playing basketball in your driveway for hours and hours. Would run home eat supper and come right back. Going cruising in your 63 Ford Fairlane. Those were the days. You will be missed by all who knew you. Till we meet again. God bless you Barry Steenbergen. Kenny Nichols

Ken Nichols - May 29, 2024 at 06:43 PM



“ Coach was ALWAYS there to pass on a loving hug, word of wisdom or latest news of local events. We will miss him

Beverly Hudgins-Button - May 29, 2024 at 06:13 PM



“ Barry, just wanted to thank you for how well you treated my sister and her family. They loved you so very much. Eternal rest grant unto him, Oh Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Jo Heim Craig - May 29, 2024 at 10:22 AM

JM

“ Many good times with Barry at Spectators sharing the jukebox - good man, good friend, and a shining light - so long man we'll miss you... RIP...

Jerry Marlette - May 29, 2024 at 08:38 AM

DH

“ Prayers sent to Barry, we first met at Frischs on Dixie in the 60s. w all had fun running around the Dixie Highway and Shively area, What a great person Barry was. We still seen each other fairly often. Will miss you Barry.

Dave Huber - May 29, 2024 at 02:39 AM

NB

Barry you were always faithful to stop by our house and sat on the front porch with me and Buddy . We would talk for a long time . I seen you last time at your mother's funeral but I will see you again someday. Love you Barry. RIP

Norma and BuddyvHasch - May 29, 2024 at 11:16 AM

LD

Barry you were the best friend in the world. Rest in peace Larry and Sharon Davis

Larry ShRon Davis - May 30, 2024 at 10:22 PM

KW

Babe, I miss you so much. You were everything to me. I am glad we decided to get married. You have and always will, be my soulmate.

Kathy Woosley - July 26, 2024 at 06:16 PM