



Richard Leo Barrett

February 24, 2021

Richard Leo Barrett, 76, of Louisville, Kentucky and Lakewood Ranch, Florida died Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at Lakewood Ranch Medical Center.

He was preceded in death by his son Michael Raymond Barrett; his grandson Barrett Joseph Bicker; his parents, Robert Leo Barrett and Mary Evelyn Rhodes Barrett; sister Beverly Ann; twin brothers Peter and Paul; sister Judy Marie; and sister Rose Cecelia Hamilton just two days prior to own his death.

Dick spent his career as a restaurant entrepreneur, proudly working, managing, and owning some of the most well-known franchises in the business, including Long John Silvers, Wendy's, Papa Johns and Tijuana Flats.

He was a lifelong devout Catholic and a member of St. Patrick Church in Louisville. He was a proud member of Alcoholics Anonymous for 37 years, living the 12-step program every day of his life. He tirelessly devoted his retirement years to helping others in need, whether it be the residents at Day Spring, where his daughter has lived for over 20 years, or the clients of Beacon House, an organization that serves people with addictions. Along with his dear friend and brother-in-law David Harrod, he was fondly known as one of "The Meat Men." Together, they became well-known locally for their delectable smoked meats and bbq sauce, serving large groups of people for holidays and charitable fundraisers. He truly loved helping others in need, and used his God-given gifts and culinary expertise to live out his Catholic faith in a real and practical way.

Dick fiercely loved his wife, his children, grandchildren and great- grandchildren. He loved cooking with his children and grandchildren and was always in search of the perfect golf game.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years Beth Harrod Barrett; children, Todd Barrett (Jane); Madonna Willis (Steve); and Emily Barrett; brothers Robert Noel "Buddy"(Christine); Ronald Joseph (Louise); and James Anthony (Donna); sister Mary Eileen Heffelmire

(Ron), and brother-in-law Joseph Patrick (Jake) Hamilton. Grandchildren Hannah Finch (Wesley); Sarah Rose (Fabian); Georgia Barrett; and Madison Bicker. Great-grandchildren Elijah, Genevieve, Scarlett, and Woodford Finch; and Mia and Marley Rose.

Visitation will be from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at Pearson's Funeral Home at 149 Breckenridge Ln. following COVID-19 protocols.

A private funeral mass will be held March 12, 2021 at 10:00 am at St. Patrick Church, Louisville, KY for immediate family only, with burial at Calvary Cemetery. Due to COVID-19 protocols and Dick's wishes to protect those he loves, the church will provide live streaming on its website at www.youtube.com/c/saintpatrickcatholicchurch. Arrangements under the direction of Pearson's, "Where Louisville Goes To Remember".

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Day Spring, 2210 Meadow Dr., Louisville, KY 40218 or The Beacon House 963 S. Second St. Louisville, KY 40203.

Events

MAR **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Pearson Funeral Home

149 Breckenridge Lane, Louisville, KY, US, 40207

Comments



“ Beth,
I was so very very sorry to hear about Dick. He was such a kind and giving person.
Please know I am sending love and prayers to you and your family.
Kay Richard

Kay Richard - March 14, 2021 at 02:22 PM



“ Thank you Kay. It is quite the loss!

Beth Barrett - March 21, 2021 at 08:36 PM



“ Dick was one of the most kind, humble and nurturing people I know. Though he held many high positions in his work life he always made you feel as important as he was. Last evening at the visitation I so missed him as he was the one in those situations who would give me a reassuring hug and offer kind words.
Beth and family, my heart goes out to all of you as you grieve the loss of this very special person. Please know you will be in my prayers for strength to get through this very sad time in you life.
Love to all, Joyce

Joyce-JD - March 12, 2021 at 07:50 AM



“ Sending so much love and praying for your strength, along with the rest of the family.
Love Erin

Erin - March 11, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ Thank you sweet girl.

Beth Barrett - March 21, 2021 at 08:36 PM



“ We are out of town and will be unable to attend the memorial service for Dick. We wish to extend our condolences to the family for your loss. My friendship with Dick goes back many years when our daughters were best friends in high school. I will miss him as a friend and golfing partner. Please know that your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Glenn and Marlyn Korfhage

glenn korfhage - March 10, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ Thank you so very much Glenn and Marlyn.

Beth Barrett - March 21, 2021 at 08:38 PM