



Barry M. Barkel

September 21, 1942 - February 27, 2021

Barry Mac Barkel 78, of Saline, Michigan passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 27, 2021 in Englewood, Florida. Barry was born on September 21, 1942 to Henry Barkel and Doris (McBride) Barkel. On August 17, 1963 he married Audrey R. (Finkler) Barkel. In addition to his wife, Barry is survived by his five children, Christine (Greg) Finch of Milan, Dammond (Lisa) Barkel of Onsted, Eileen (Jeff) Tussey of Gaylord, Fonda (Will Dew) Barkel of Chelsea and Glenna (Bob) Ford of Tecumseh; Ten grandchildren, Nina (Tony) Galanti, Briana (Brennan) Ranzo, Reese Tussey, Allison Barkel, Thomas Barkel, Chandler (Treston) Dudek, Elizabeth Barkel, Christian Ford, Stone Tussey and Faith Ford; Five great-grandchildren, Regan Barkel, Xander Galanti, Alexis Galanti, Karalynn Dudek and Arlo Ranzo. He is also survived by siblings, Joel (Dawn) Barkel, Greg (Relinda) Barkel, sister-in-law Renee Barkel and many nieces and nephews. Barry was preceded in death by his parents and brother Stephen Barkel.

Barry graduated from the University of Michigan with bachelor's degrees in both Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering. He was a Chemical Engineer at BASF of Wyandotte for 35 years. After retiring, he started a second career as a lecturer at the University of Michigan, College of Engineering. He enjoyed vegetable gardening, fishing, hunting, watching sports (Go Blue), and playing games with family and friends. Barry also loved listening to music, reading, writing poems/music, and spending time with his family at the BeeHive

cottage. He along with the love of his life (Audrey) enjoyed quiet time at their home in Englewood Florida. He was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline, Knights of Columbus, Jaycees, board member of the Saline Area Fire Department, and a member of the Tri-County Sportsman League. Barry lived his life the way he wanted, in his own unique style. He was crusty on the surface but sweet and soft beneath. He deeply loved his wife and his family.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 between the hours of 2:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 11:00 A.M. at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline with a visitation starting at 10:00 A.M. Father John Linden, and Father Thomas Helfrich as Celebrants. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Saline. At both the funeral home and the Church, capacity will be limited and masks and social distancing will be required. Memorial contributions in his name may be made to Fisher House- VA Ann Arbor <https://www.fisherhousemichigan.org/> or to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Ann Arbor <https://rmhcannarbor.org/> Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and the Church. To sign Barry's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for information or directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **9**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Visitation

MAR **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
910 Austin Drive
Saline, MI 48176
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
910 Austin Drive
Saline, MI 48176
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

Graveside Service

MAR 10. 12:15 PM - 12:35 PM (ET)

Oakwood Cemetery
227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Tribute Wall



“ *Barry M. Barkel*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *We are sorry to hear of Barry's passing. We remember the time that we had dinner with you folks in Venice. May God be with you and your family at this time. George and Pat Gatecliff*

Pat Gatecliff - March 13, 2021 at 06:05 PM



“ *To Audrey, Chris and the rest of the family,
My sympathies on the passing of Barry. He was a pleasure to work with for the short time I had to get to know him. If one's legacy is measured by the family and friends left behind, Barry has done well.
God bless.*

Irene Myers

Irene Myers - March 12, 2021 at 08:41 AM



“ *Barry was a tremendous teacher and resource to the chemical engineering department at the University of Michigan. Barry also enhanced the American Institute of Chemical Engineers society through his webinars on PID diagrams and energetic participation in the organization. He was a good friend, colleague and mentor to me.*

Scott Fogler

Scott Fogler - March 09, 2021 at 11:57 AM

TM

“ Tom and Marilyn Miller purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Barry M. Barkel.



Tom and Marilyn Miller - March 08, 2021 at 06:49 PM

MM

“ Barry Barkel was a great man in many ways. He will not be easily forgotten since he was a great friend and mentor to many. He loved and lived every aspect of life with much enthusiasm and vigor. Sometimes I would sit in his office and talk about the trials and tribulations of raising teenagers which he was good at since he had so much experience! We stayed in touch and in 2019 I had the good luck to visit he and Audrey in their home. Even in his wheelchair he was the same guy I'd had the pleasure to work with in Site Engineering. Barry will always be remembered as a friend and will be missed in my heart.

Marilynn Miller - March 08, 2021 at 06:41 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barry M. Barkel.



March 08, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Barry M. Barkel.*



March 08, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ *It was my honor to have worked alongside Barry at BASF (Wyandotte Chemicals Corp) for over 30 years. Barry was a mentor, a friend and confidant from the first time I met him in 1975. We had a lot of great times together and we shared so many good times as well as the sad times. It was also my honor to come to know Barry's family, his beautiful wife Audrey and most of his children, they are all great people. I will miss him deeply.*



Tom Talluto - March 08, 2021 at 01:41 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Barry M. Barkel.*



March 08, 2021 at 09:47 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Barry M. Barkel.*



March 07, 2021 at 09:32 PM



“ *Cindy & Mark Strehle sent a virtual gift in memory of Barry M. Barkel*



Cindy & Mark Strehle - March 06, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ *Oh Barkle family, Al and I are so sorry to hear about Barry. He was such a fun guy with a big heart. I remember riding my bike to your house as a little girl and he would be sitting in his chair and would greet me with the biggest smile 😊. After all, I am the "H" in your family 😔. We are so sorry for your pain, he definitely will be missed. Our prayers and condolences to you all. ❤️ 🙏 ❤️*

Holli DeRossett - March 06, 2021 at 09:08 AM



“ *The Barkel Home was my second home to me for many years. Thank you Dad for always welcoming me with open arms into your family. You created many memories for many people as you left joy in many hearts and certainly in mine. May you RIP until we meet again in heaven. Love you lots.*

Connie Hawkins (Desbrough) - March 05, 2021 at 08:26 PM

DH

“ Dan and Sandy Hagen purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Barry M. Barkel.



Dan and Sandy Hagen - March 05, 2021 at 10:54 AM

T6

“ The Saline Knights of Columbus Council 6674 purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Barry M. Barkel.



The Saline Knights of Columbus Council 6674 - March 05, 2021 at 08:10 AM

CS

“ Clinton Elementary Staff purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Barry M. Barkel.



Clinton Elementary Staff - March 04, 2021 at 08:38 AM

SK

“ Barry's family will carry forward so many fine memories of his time with them. He was a strong personality which showed in the strength of his poetry. His interest in the Saline-Brecon Sister City relationship was dedicated and long. May the grace of God enclose Audrey and family with the warmth only he can give.
Susan Keezer

Susan Keezer - March 04, 2021 at 07:44 AM

LM

“ I am privileged to have been able to spend some time with Mr. Barkel, his wife, and many other members of the Barkel family through my high school years. I enjoyed our conversations. In being around him and his family, it was very clear how much he cared for everyone and how his caring personality was passed down through his family. Our condolences to the Barkel family in this time of loss.

*With love, prayers, and our deepest sympathy,
Mr. & Mrs. Leland McCandless and Family*

Leland McCandless - March 03, 2021 at 09:19 PM

AR

“ Dear Audrey and family you have our deepest sympathy, love and kisses to all the family. we have such wonderful memories of the times we spend with you and Barry in Wales and with you both in Saline.x



Adele Hughes /Merlyn Roberts - March 03, 2021 at 07:38 PM

FW

“ From Detter's, Koerner's, and Wiedmeyer's purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Barry M. Barkel.



From Detter's, Koerner's, and Wiedmeyer's - March 03, 2021 at 07:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barry M. Barkel.*



March 03, 2021 at 06:48 PM



“ *Dan and I are so sorry to hear about Barry's passing. He was a wonderful person and will surely be missed.*
Dan and Sandy

Dan and Sandy Hagen - March 03, 2021 at 06:28 PM



“ *Im so sad to hear this Audrey. Blessings and prayers too you and your family. Karen Frank*

Karen Frank - March 03, 2021 at 03:29 PM



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



March 03, 2021 at 02:30 PM



“ *Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Barry M. Barkel.*



March 03, 2021 at 02:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barry M. Barkel.*



March 03, 2021 at 02:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barry M. Barkel.*



March 03, 2021 at 12:58 PM



“ *Barr was a neighbor of ours for 47 years. Always ready to help when my children were growing up. A good friend, that was Barry Barkel. His hearty laugh will be missed.*

shirley & Ed Wisniewski - March 03, 2021 at 12:38 PM

GH

“ Barry was always a great person to visit with. I will always remember the good times at the bowling ally. My prayers are with your family during these difficult times. Gerry Hale

Gerry Hale - March 03, 2021 at 11:50 AM

JB

“ Will miss you Bub!

Joel Barkel - March 03, 2021 at 11:32 AM

AZ

“ May all the lovely memories of Barry bring your family comfort at this time. He was truly a driving force that made this world a better place. He was very supportive of my family. I fondly recall him joking with my kiddos when he purchased GS cookies or BS popcorn on many different occasions. He was always surrounded by his beautiful, caring family which was truly one of his greatest achievements! RIP, Barry! The Zetterholm Family

Annette Zetterholm - March 03, 2021 at 10:50 AM

JF

“ Many blessings and comfort during this time of passing. My condolences, prayers and thoughts are with all of the Barkel family. All of you are great people! XO Jodi Forrester



Jodi Forrester - March 03, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Barry M. Barkel.*



March 02, 2021 at 02:19 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barry M. Barkel.*



March 02, 2021 at 01:25 PM