



BARRY LEE JACOBS

June 2, 1948 - August 22, 2022

GRAVESIDE SERVICE: 2:00 PM WEDNESDAY 8/24/2022 at HEBREW MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY.

Barry Lee Jacobs was born on June 2, 1948, in Detroit, Michigan. He was a lifetime Metro-Detroiter, graduating from Oak Park High School.

He was affectionately known as “The Bear.”

Barry has been known throughout his life as a jokester; a character who lovingly teased his family and friends. In his early 20s, Barry was a ball player and enjoyed playing softball in various city leagues until a back injury sidelined him. He was an avid Detroit sports fan and a season ticket holder to every major and minor league sports team in the Metro area, including the Vipers minor league hockey team. His favorite sport to attend was Tigers baseball and because he attended every single game, he befriended many ushers and concession vendors. He would often take his daughter out of school on Opening Day, a holiday for Barry. He loved taking his son to Lions games. Barry was a true loyalist to Tiger Stadium and the Silverdome, and stopped attending games after the teams relocated.

A career salesman and entrepreneur, he owned Barry’s Shoes For Tots & Teens in Southfield, and Footnotes in West Bloomfield. He also worked in the

children's shoe department at Nordstrom. A dutiful worker, Barry was respected and beloved by his many customers and coworkers. He always had colorful commentary and joke in his pocket. He loved fitting children for their first shoes.

Barry was a skilled painter and always offered his free services to friends and neighbors looking to improve their homes. Barry loved pistachios and could eat an entire bag in one sitting. He was a fan of Chinese buffet and would take his family out every Sunday night to visit his favorite spot in Windsor — Wong's Eatery. Later in life, he enjoyed going to breakfast and dinner at his favorite restaurant Nick's Grecian House.

Barry loved collecting items. He had a closet full of Hawaiian shirts — even those that were not his size! He also had a large collection of bolero and top hats. In his teens, Barry started collecting Sporting News Magazine, a hobby that would follow him throughout his life.

In Barry's later years, he loved to wear colorful suits, hats and ties, and took up dancing. He would engage and entertain all of his friends at his home at Prentice. He enjoyed watching infomercials and buying his friends 3 of everything he bought! He was beloved by staff and residents alike.

Barry is survived by his ex-wife of 42 years, Bonnie Jacobs; daughter Cindy Smith and grandson Jonah; son Steven Jacobs and grandson Matthew. He is preceded in death by his beloved mother, Rachel Jacobs, father Louis "Larry" Jacobs and brother Jeffrey Jacobs.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

BARRY LEE JACOBS

you may do so by making a contribution to:

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Previous Events

GRAVESIDE FUNERAL SERVICE

AUG **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery
33230 Gratiot
Clinton Township, MI 48035

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Tribute Wall

BK

“ Barry became a very close friend during the 80's. He was a die hard sports fan and had total recall when it came to the Detroit Tigers and their successes. He and his wife, Bonnie, treated us like family and included us in all types of celebrations. (Bonnie was even my exercise buddy until the sports club closed) Permanently etched in our heads are the frequent trips to Windsor where we would indulge in Chinese Food at Wong's Eatery. What we miss most was his sense of humor. He would call the house and claim that it was Bugs Bunny. Our young daughters (at the time) thought he was hilarious. Lastly, he was an excellent salesman with a great work ethic. He will be sorely and forever missed. May he RIP Barbara & Jess

barbara kraft - August 26, 2022 at 09:43 AM

GM

“ Barry was such a sweet soul.he was there for anyone who needed help. He loved dogs and walked many of them for those who were unable to do so. Whenever there was a need for a volunteer he was always the one to step up first. He enjoyed dancing and was so much fun to watch. He also loved karaoke and would sing for hours in his apartment. He was a friend to all and was generous to a fault. I'm proud to say he was my friend and will be missed by me and so many more. Rest In Peace Barry you will always be a blessed memory for me.

Gail Mash - August 24, 2022 at 09:09 AM

GS

Barry you are so missed .I can't thank you enough for everything you did for Nikki and me.walking Nikki for me meant so much to me.i love listening to you sing you're Karaoke.watching you dance was wonderful. Having you put my kids shoes turning off at Barry tots and teens I've been following you until my kids are out of the small kids and you even stores and you even ordered snow boots for me as well you are one wonderful man and you are surely missed and the way you had me laughing all the time when you would tell me that you would have Nikki for breakfast for Pancakes. I'm so proud to have called you my friend and Nikki misses you so much you love to spoil her cuz you loved Nikki so much rest in peace my friend and you will always have a place in my heart just remember you are the dancing bear.RIP

Gayle Siegel - September 09, 2022 at 12:10 AM

JP

“ *Barry was one of the most hardworking, dependable and conscientious men I've ever known. For many, many years he was huge part of the Greg Shoes team. Like us all, he took his job very seriously and helped make it the wonderful store that it was. He was very much appreciated and he will be missed..... may you find eternal peace Barry and may your memory be a blessing. 🙏*

~Julie Zivov-Peven

Julie Peven - August 23, 2022 at 07:57 PM

RM

“ *Barry was a wonderful person - always a smile on his face and eager to help when my children and I went into Greg Shoes. He was not a high pressured salesman - but was very honest and kind.. He was so proud of his children and talked about them a lot. Barry rest in peace and your name will be a blessed memory.*

Roslyn Mendelson

Roslyn Mendelson - August 23, 2022 at 03:12 PM