



## BARRY OLEN

May 25, 1947 - January 4, 2017

SERVICE INFORMATION: 1:00 PM SUNDAY 1/8/2017 at HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

A LINK WILL BE PROVIDED FOR A WEBCAST OF THE FUNERAL SERVICE.

Mr. Olen died January 4, 2017, in Asheville, North Carolina at the age of 69. A very creative individual, Barry was the owner of Beads And Beyond. He created jewelry, sculptures and leather goods. The president and organizer of the downtown rehabilitation of Asheville, North Carolina, he will be greatly missed.

Mr. Olen was together for 35 years with his beloved wife, the late Jennifer Olen.

Devoted brother and brother-in-law of Sheila and Dr. Michael Rosenfeld. Loving uncle of Andrea Rosenfeld, Dr. David (Shaina) Rosenfeld and Linda (Jonathan) Magid. Special great-uncle of Alex, Roxanne, Jason, Charles, Jack, Henry, and Lillian.

Mr. Olen leaves many other dear relatives and friends.

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Aaron Bergman

## INTERMENT

Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery

## SHIVA:

The family will observe Shiva through Sunday evening  
at the residence of sister and brother-in-law

Sheila and Dr. Michael Rosenfeld

5473 Centerbrook Drive

West Bloomfield, MI 48322

(248) 855-2151

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES:

6:00 PM Sunday evening

## CONTRIBUTIONS

The family suggests if you further wish to honor the memory of

Barry Michael Olen

you may best do so by making a donation to

A CHARITY OF YOUR CHOICE

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

Hebrew Memorial Chapel  
26640 Greenfield Rd  
Oak Park, MI 48237  
(248) 543-1622  
info@hebrewmemorial.org  
<https://www.hebrewmemorial.org/>

## Shiva

JAN 8 (ET)

Sheila and Dr. Michael Rosenfeld  
5473 Centerbrook Drive  
West Bloomfield, MI 48322

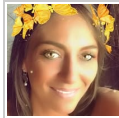
# Tribute Wall



“ Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of **BARRY OLEN**

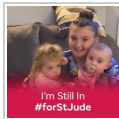


Hebrew Memorial Chapel - January 06, 2017 at 12:14 PM



*RIP Uncle Barry!! I love you so much and I will forever deeply miss you!!!*

Nikki Spanos - January 08, 2017 at 12:37 PM



*Barry, we love you so much. My brother and friend. You are the kindest, most loving and forgiving of us all. I will strive to be more like you, and I truly hope all of us will. If only we were all as extraordinarily loving as you. That would be so wonderful. I know God has you in his loving arms, and you are with Jenny and Dad once again. You are greatly missed, and forever loved. Your loving encouragement remains evident in us all, and your spirit lives forever.*  
*Chuck & Family*

Chuck Patterson - January 08, 2017 at 03:47 PM

AG

*So very grateful to have had Barry's (and Jenny) lasting friendship in my life time. A toke to a gentle, kind, loving, creative free spirit. You will always be in my thoughts and heart <3*

*As alway, Avie Gingold*

Avie Gingold - January 08, 2017 at 04:28 PM

JA

*thank you for letting those of us unable to attend to still be part of a service allowing all of us who knew and loved this true friend to say a final farewell...*

**jared** - January 08, 2017 at 07:56 PM

GA

“ *Truly one of the most creative merchants in downtown Asheville for many years and close friend. I have many memories because of my friendship with Barry. One such memory was an invitation to his father-in-law's birthday celebration at Sunset Ridge Condominiums... I knew his father-in-law from the Uptown Cafe years, but during the celebration I also met Dr. Moog (of Moog Synthesizer fame), and his sister-in-law Penny Patterson (of Koko Gorilla fame). You are missed my brother. Gregory G. Armento*

**Gregory G. Armento** - November 02, 2023 at 12:37 PM

SP

“ My condolences to Sheila and Barry's family - including his Asheville family. I was fortunate to know Barry since the early 80's and enjoyed visiting him down at the shop or, like many others, go to one of the sushi places with him. His love for his craft and how much he enjoyed working with people was wonderful. And he had a special way with animals. My dog Hampton adored him, and every time he heard the roar of a motorcycle outside, he'd dash to the window to see if it was Barry on his Valkyrie. Going back to Asheville for a visit will be bittersweet for me now, but I'll cherish the memories of this beautiful man.

Suzanne Pierberg  
Winston-Salem, NC



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Suzanne Pierberg - January 09, 2017 at 12:53 PM

CP

“ 1 file added to the album From Brother Barry



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Chris Patterson - January 08, 2017 at 08:54 PM

CP

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Chris Patterson - January 08, 2017 at 08:43 PM



“ May 29, 2016 - Celebrating "May Birthdays", Barry, Nikki & Jared.

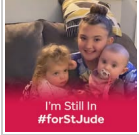


Chuck Patterson - January 08, 2017 at 05:56 PM

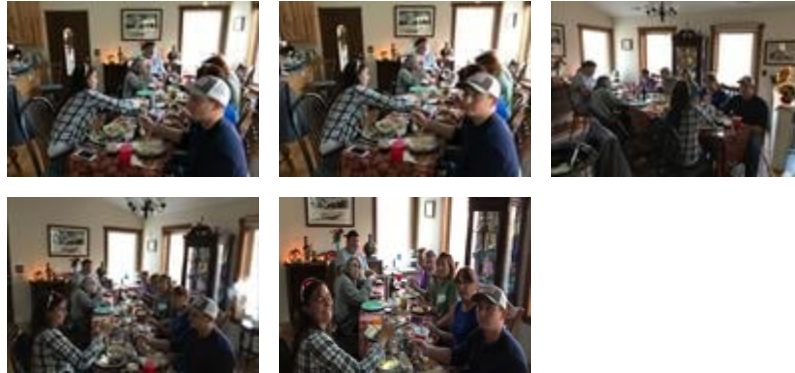
MP

“ *Barry was my brother-in-law for 20 years and my friend for many more than that. He was a kind, caring person with never a bad word for anyone. He stuck with the Pattersons through thick and thin, even after Jenny was no longer with us. When he was young he was an extremely handsome man and an excellent dancer, always up for a social occasion. He and Jenny were the hit of many costume balls with their creative costumes. I will miss him even though I did not see him often in the last few years. May you rest in peace Barry. With Love, Peg Patterson*

margaret patterson - January 08, 2017 at 05:55 PM



“ *Barry on Thanksgiving 2016 at Tom & Phyllis's*



Chuck Patterson - January 08, 2017 at 05:36 PM



“ *Barry on Christmas Day 2016 with Family, gifts and Dinner at Chuck's.*



Chuck Patterson - January 08, 2017 at 05:29 PM



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Terra Patterson - January 08, 2017 at 04:44 PM

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**Terra Patterson** - January 08, 2017 at 04:35 PM

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**Terra Patterson** - January 08, 2017 at 04:17 PM

TP

*Love you so much Barry. Thank you for being you! You truly made this world a better place with your presents! There are a lot of people that could learn how to be loving caring individuals from you! I will miss you, and strive to be more like you. I know you are in a better place now. love ya!*

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**Terra Patterson** - January 08, 2017 at 04:23 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *The Boys* - with Anna Olenikoff



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**Bob Gregg** - January 08, 2017 at 03:06 PM



*Barry's father Al seated next to my Great Grandmother Anna Olenikoff. In back left to right are brothers Julius, Sammy, (my Grandfather) Al and Joe.*

**Bob Gregg** - January 08, 2017 at 03:11 PM

MR

“ *Dear Sheila and Michael,  
Barry was a large presence for me and when Dale and I last saw him in 2013 on our visit to Ashville he welcomed both of us with grace and enthusiasm. We spent a large part of a day with him admiring his store and creating together something for each of us.*

*I will miss him, his creativity and his wonderful smile.*

*Mitzi Robinson*



**Mitzi Robinson** - January 08, 2017 at 02:54 PM

CP

“ Our beloved brother-in-law Barry...what a uniquely wonderful man. He has had a profound impact on the Patterson family. His relationship with 'Pat' was truly special.....like father and son.

*On his motorcycle trip to Alaska, Barry stayed with us for a few days in Vancouver, B.C. He loved the mountains and appreciated the beauty of Nature. We had time to reminisce and there was a lot of laughter.*

*Talk about style....now he knew how to dress !! Taking after his father it seems. Barry was the only man we know to wear a full length silk kimono when going out for sushi. A sensitive man with great artistic abilities. Chris still has the red, white and blue leather top hat that Barry made for him in 1976.*

*We absolutely adored him and will only ever think of him with love. He made the world a better place, not only for people but for animals as well.*

*A life well lived !!*

*Chris and Mary*

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**Chris Patterson** - January 08, 2017 at 02:51 PM

JP

“ Barry was a dear friend of ours since the 80's when we first met here in Asheville. We used to go have sushi once a week. We shared so much laughter and so many good times among friends. I never met a more caring and giving person. He was so supportive of his friends and always ready with a smile and a warm hug. Our family will always have fond memories and love for Barry Olen. Rest in Peace, Barry. Jonathan, Aileen and Jaron Pearlman

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**Jonathan Pearlman** - January 08, 2017 at 01:13 PM

JS

“ *Sheila and Michael*

*As you know Barry and I were business partners and friends for 35 + years in Asheville. In the mid-1980's we shared the optimism of what downtown Asheville could be and joined with others to invest both financially and emotionally in this place we were both attracted to ... after we had been through our Woodstock and VW Bus phases ... In 1985, while beginning the rehabilitation of 60 Biltmore, we learned the stinging effect of breathing dust from poison ivy vines growing on the building, a memory we often recalled and laughed about later. Barry was a joy to know and work with - as many have said he was always caring and non-judgemental - traits that would benefit many others today.*

*Asheville is a much better place due to Barry as well as Jenny. Quite sad for all of us who knew Barry well to imagine our future without him.*

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**Jim Samsel** - January 08, 2017 at 12:49 PM

PP

“ *8 files added to the album Photos texted by Barry to Penny Patterson*



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**Penny Patterson** - January 07, 2017 at 05:57 PM

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**Penny Patterson** - January 07, 2017 at 05:56 PM

BM

“ *Dear Sheila and family*

*We were so saddened to find out the Barry had passed away. We were so blessed to have seen him in North Carolina last summer.*

*Barry was my first and best friend.*

*We bought a necklace from Barry which he was so proud of. My wife Vicki wears it almost every day. He will never be forgotten . We very much share in your grief.*

*Bernard and Vicki Levi*

*Phoenix,Arizona*

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**Bernard Levi M.D.** - January 07, 2017 at 05:42 PM

LR

“ *Dear Auntie Sheila, Uncle Michael, and the rest of the family - On behalf of my mom, dad, Alan and Jill, I wanted to convey our condolences. Uncle Barry (yes, I called him that despite him technically being my cousin) was a sweet man. My mom and dad had the chance to see him last summer and told me how much they enjoyed the visit. We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers as you deal with this loss.*

*With love.*

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**Lisa Ruby** - January 06, 2017 at 05:39 PM

EB

“ Dear Sheila and the rest of Barry's family,

*I am so sorry for your loss of Barry. I knew him since Vernor and, though there were gaps, we periodically re-connected. Recently, we did just that and I am grateful. I am deeply saddened by his death and am happy that I knew this sweet caring boy who grew up to be s sweet caring man.*

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**Ellen Bates-Brackett** - January 06, 2017 at 02:11 PM



“ *I am shocked and saddened by the passing of my boyhood friend, Barry! He was a very special individual with whom I reconnected recently. My sincerest condolences to his family and all were close to him. May he rest in peace and his memory be a blessing to us all!*

*Ken Bertin*

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**Ken Bertin** - January 06, 2017 at 10:35 AM

NG

“ *I am deeply saddened by dear Barry's death. Was looking forward to taking a trip to see the Salvadore Dali Museum in April in St. Petersburg, FL with him and his good friend Tom. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him and his wonderful spirit. Rest in peace dear friend.*

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**Nancy Greenwalt** - January 06, 2017 at 09:04 AM

EB

*Ellen Bates-Brackett*

*My condolences, Sheila and family. Barry was always a sweet lovely person, from our days at Vernor to college days and, more recently, when we re-connected. I am so sad.*

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**Ellen Bates-Brackett** - January 06, 2017 at 02:04 PM

RR

*It is with sadness and regret to learn today of Barry's death. He was a sweet, soft and generous soul who welcomed us into the Asheville community nearly forty years ago. He was a head of the development curve in our town and helped shape the cultural nourishment that is amply evident in our community today. His gentle spirit will be greatly missed. I sincerely hope that some ritual celebration will be created for his western North Carolina friends, as he had positive impact in many people's lives.*

Rob & Ronna Resnick - January 07, 2017 at 12:18 AM

MG

*My family had dinner with Barry Thanksgiving week in Asheville. It was a happy evening at a favorite sushi restaurant of his with. Barry was hoping to visit us in Fort Lauderdale this spring, and we were texting about that just two weeks ago. We will miss him very much.*

Marc Gregg - January 07, 2017 at 04:23 PM



*My wife (Debbie) and I saw Barry in Asheville several years ago - he gave us such a warm and very loving welcome. It was a joy to seem him then.*

Bob Gregg - January 08, 2017 at 02:12 PM

JE

“ *the world should mourn the loss of one of it's most caring*

jerry - January 05, 2017 at 07:01 PM