



## Robert "Bob" G. Barry

April 6, 1962 - November 13, 2024

Robert G. "Bob" Barry, 62 of Zanesville, died 1:51 PM, Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at Genesis Hospital Emergency Department. He was born Friday, April 6, 1962, in Zanesville, the son of William S. Barry and Janet M. (Jacobs) Barry and was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.

Bob was a graduate of Rosecrans High School and Wheeling University. He was Vice President of Marketing for Bloomer Candy, where he was instrumental in the growth and success of the company. He later owned Guernsey Distribution Company. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and served on the Good Samaritan Foundation Board.

Despite battling alcoholism, for most of his life, Bob was loved by many. Bob's family would like to recognize Doretta Donley for her kindness and care she gave Bob over the years.

Bob is survived by two children, Danielle (Kolby) Knox and Nicholas Barry, two grandchildren, Madison and Grayson Knox; siblings, Teresa (John) Kinkead, Tom (April Smith) Barry and Annie (Phillip) Kane; one sister-in-law, Joan Barry and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his daughter, Emma Marie Barry and one brother, Patrick Barry.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:30 AM, Saturday, November 23, 2024, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 144 North Fifth Street, Zanesville, with Fr. Brian Beal as celebrant. Bob will be laid to rest in the family plots in Mt. Olive Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Bob's memory. To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit [www.hilliscombsnestor.com](http://www.hilliscombsnestor.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olive Cemetery

2057 East Pike  
ZANESVILLE, OH 43701

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

NOV **23**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home  
935 Forest Avenue  
Zanesville, OH 43701  
(740) 452-5494  
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# Tribute Wall

TS

“ *Love, hugs and prayers for you all in this time of loss of your brother!  
Now at peace forever more!*

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**Tom and Helen Smith** - November 22, 2024 at 06:56 AM

JD

“ *Theresa, Tom, and Annie,  
We were so sorry to learn of Bob's passing and we wanted to let  
you know you are in our thoughts and prayers. To honor your  
wishes, we have made a contribution to St. Thomas Aquinas church  
in Bob's name.  
With love,  
Aunt Rita and family*

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**Jeni Darby** - November 20, 2024 at 07:22 PM

HM

“ *So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I first met him at Carpenters on  
Sheridan St. He and Bob Carpenter were the same age as were  
Tom Carpenter and Tom Barry. They were at Carpenters often as  
well as most of the St. Thomas students visiting the nine Carpenters  
and playing Basketball at Lincoln School. As an adult I knew Bob  
well as both daughters played soccer. I would also see Bob often on  
the bike trail at lunch during our running years. He also would stop  
by the New Concord Post Office to send his business documents  
and we generally spent extra time talking about Rosecrans, soccer,  
the kids and the good old days.  
Bob was a great guy.  
Sincerely  
Hugh Maxwell*

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**Hugh Maxwell** - November 19, 2024 at 07:09 PM

TL

“ We are so sorry to hear about Bob. We are praying for the Barry family. Russ and Tonnya Lloyd

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**Tonnya Lloyd** - November 19, 2024 at 01:05 PM

KU

“ I am very sad to hear of Bob's passing.  
I worked at Bloomer Candy and remember how nice Bob was and how I enjoyed working with him.  
My condolences to the family, rest in Heaven beautiful soul.

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**Kimberly Untied** - November 19, 2024 at 12:37 PM

BG

“ Bob was my cousin, my mother Elsie Ann (Barry) Berkshire and Bill Barry were siblings. Some of my fondest memories are from Thanksgivings at Bill and Janet's. My deepest condolences to Annie, Tom, Theresa, and their entire family. Rest in peace Bob.

*Barbara (Berkshire) Griffin, Marion, OH*

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**Barbara Griffin** - November 18, 2024 at 08:10 PM

LS

“ Bob or also known as Rooney Boone, not sure how that was ever spelled, was one of my favorite cousins of all time. The Richardson girls and the Barry kids grew up across from each other on Norwood. We also all went to school together, church, many family reunions. My Grandma Barry Smith and Bob’s Grandpa Barry lived across from each other on St. Louis Ave. So we were always connected. Growing up, we got in a little bit of trouble here there nothing major. Well he did almost burn the house down ... accidentally lighting a candle while laying on the floor under his bed. What could go wrong !!But we sure did have fun. When the Barry’s moved to Dresden Road everyone loved hanging out in their basement. Every year at Christmas time, my mom Tootsie, as she laid in the nursing home, had her list of Bloomer Starline chocolates she was going to give to relatives. Since her grandfather founded the company she felt entitled to free candy !! We didn’t complain ! My sister Lisa would make the list every year for her. And then she or Lori would go Bloomers and one of our cousins always had it ready for us. Bob, you’re at peace, no more pain, no more mental anguish, and you are now with the loved ones that have gone before you. I’m glad we remained In touch over the last several years. I remember being in Florida about three years ago and you called me. You were so excited because you had a cell phone. We chatted a long time. I will miss you. Love your cousin Lynn.

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**Lynn Shaffer** - November 18, 2024 at 05:08 PM

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*Well, my sister Lynn covered almost everything! Bob was so much fun to grow up with. Although he was four years older than me, he never made me feel like the annoying, younger cousin. He always included me in whatever shenanigans were going on in the Barry household or the Barry /Smith reunions.*

*Christmas time in the Barry basement on Dresden Road truly was so much fun. Ironically, enough, one of my dearest friends and her family now own that house. I am blessed to be able to still walk in there, and time travel, so to speak, which makes me very happy.*

*I know there were many demons for Bob to battle and I know that caused much pain and anguish for him and many around him. Bob, the fight is over and you are at peace, body mind, and soul. I love you and I miss you. Cousin Lisa*

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**Lisa Olney** - November 18, 2024 at 06:25 PM

BS

“ *Blaine & Karen Snider planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" G. Barry.*

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**Blaine & Karen Snider** - November 18, 2024 at 04:44 PM

BS

“ *Blaine & Karen Snider purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" G. Barry.*



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**Blaine & Karen Snider** - November 18, 2024 at 04:44 PM

AH

“ I am sorry to hear of Bob's and only send my deepest sympathy to the families. We spend our young youth at St Thomas Aquinas and always enjoyed the field trips to his families Bloomers Candy Manufacturing facility in downtown and best of all we all came from different economies but we all survived the blacktop of St Thomas Aquinas. God Bless you Bob and may Heaven heal your soul. ☩

*Art & Sherry Hempfling and Families*

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**Art Hempfling** - November 18, 2024 at 04:35 PM

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“ So sad to hear. Too soon but I have faith he is at peace. May all of the family be at peace also. God bless!  
*Blaine & Karen Snider*

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**Blaine Snider** - November 18, 2024 at 04:33 PM