



John Barry O'Connor

April 29, 1956 - April 3, 2022

John Barry O'Connor, age 65, of Orange Park, FL, passed away on Sunday, April 3, 2022.

Barry was born in Evanston, IL on April 29, 1956, the son of the late Raymond A. and Eleanor J. O'Connor.

He grew up in the Rogers Park area of Chicago and graduated from St. Margaret Mary School in 1970. He graduated from Sullivan High School in 1974 and later moved to Lindenhurst to raise his family. Barry and Rhonda moved to Florida in 2005.

Barry was the owner and CEO of Barry's Drapery Service. He worked as a custom drapery and blind installer for JC Penney in the Chicagoland area and in Florida. While working in Florida, he was often sent to the Myrtle Beach and Charleston areas to perform installations. Barry credited his friend and former JCP coworker, Otto Perez, with "showing him the ropes." He took great pride in his work and was very meticulous.

Barry was quite the jokester and enjoyed laughing and making people laugh. Barry also enjoyed many outdoor activities including rock climbing (taught to him by his sister Mary), camping (especially at Devil's Lake State Park in Wisconsin), and wildlife observation. He was especially fond of birds, deer, squirrels, and butterflies, even building a monarch butterfly hatchery to help save the monarch butterflies. He enjoyed cooking outside on the barbecue and took great pride in caring for his lawn. Barry also had many beloved dogs through the years including Pat, Snickers, Heidi, and Chloe.

He enjoyed visiting Disney Parks in Lake Buena Vista and his brother Mike even taught him to talk like Donald Duck

He is survived by his wife of 41 years Rhonda; children Denise (James) Vick, Christine (Joe) Perez, and Alexander O'Connor; sister Eleanor (late George) Fillipp; and by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and cousins. Barry was also a loving "Gramps" to his grandchildren Jimmy Vick and Evelyn Vick.

He was preceded in death by his siblings Helen (George) Morin, Mary F. O'Connor, and Michael (Chris) O'Connor.

Visitation will be 10 am - 12 pm on Friday, April 29, 2022 at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S Milwaukee Ave. Lake Villa, IL 60046. A funeral service will begin at noon on April 29, 2022. Burial will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, IL.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

700 N River Rd
Des Plaines, IL 60016

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 29. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-2146
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Funeral Service

APR 29. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Barry O'Connor*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *John Barry O'Connor*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM

MJ

“ *Sending prayers to the O'Conner family during this most difficult time. May you find peace and comfort in remembering the many memories shared with Barry. We were so blessed to have Barry as a neighbor..so caring and friendly...always ready with a wave or a "good morning"..Barry you will be greatly missed!!
Thoughts and prayers,
The Jeffers Family*

Mary Beth Jeffers - April 30, 2022 at 09:14 PM

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“ *Andy, Nicole, Garry and Becky purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Barry O'Connor.*



Andy, Nicole, Garry and Becky - April 27, 2022 at 02:32 PM

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“ *Rhonda, Denise, Christine and Alex,
Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this extremely difficult time.*

*Love,
Tammy & Ron*

Tammy Bielesch - April 15, 2022 at 07:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Barry O'Connor.



April 14, 2022 at 02:53 PM



“ Rhonda, Denise, Christine and Alex,

Roy and I send healing love and prayers 🙏🙏. Remember always that you are Braver than you believe Stronger than you seem and Loved more than you know 🤝 each of you will remain in our hearts and prayers 🙏🙏 God Bless

Love,
Mary and Roy

Mary Whitmore - April 13, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ This was one of Barry's favorite pictures of us, at his cousin Joni's wedding. A long time ago.



Rhonda Channell O'Connor - April 12, 2022 at 05:20 PM