



Robert C. Barner

May 8, 1934 - February 3, 2022

Robert C. Barner – age 87 formerly of Holly, passed away Thursday, February 3, 2022. Bob was born May 8, 1934 in Pontiac the son of L.C. Barner and Lulubelle (McGee). Graduated from Central Michigan University and belonged to Delta Sigma Phi. He married Dorothy Cairns on August 27, 1955. Bob retired from Pierce Junior High School in Waterford, MI where he taught 7th and 8th grade math for 32 years. He also worked for the Department of Natural Resources as a park ranger and law enforcement officer. Bob also served as a school board member for Holly Area Schools. He loved the outdoors and loved to hunt, fish, golf and grow dahlias. Self-proclaimed “The Dahlia King” he grew his flowers for 60 years and shared his passion with others through teaching them his craft and gifting many bouquets to his “special” people. His flowers were his pride and joy, second only to his family. He took them to dahlia shows where he won numerous blue ribbons and had several obtain the recognition of belonging to the Table of Honor. Bob’s other passions were singing (harmonizing), reading, playing cribbage and raising his beagles but above all he loved to put a smile on people’s faces through his life’s stories and just being himself.

Surviving are his two daughters, Robin (Gary) Carne of Holly and Karen (Donald) Lee of Farmington Hills. Four grandchildren Shane (Maria) Carne of Zeeland, MI, Joel (Ainsley) Carne of Warsaw, IN, Melissa Lee of Columbus, OH and Matthew Lee of Farmington Hills, MI. Great granddaughter Aubree Carne of Zeeland, MI; his second wife’s children and their families: Dave and Christine Cope, Chris and Gail Rink, and Debbie and James Tiller, and Rob Rowland; special friend Joni Basil and all the “special” ladies at Fox Run.

Preceded in death are his parents, wife Dorothy and second wife, Sally Rowland-Barner, and brother Bruce Barner. A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert C. Barner*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - March 22, 2022 at 10:42 AM



“ *26 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - March 22, 2022 at 10:33 AM

DO

“ *I didn't know Bob that well but knew him through my brother Bill Wilson who we lost Dec, 3 2010. My brother always shared a giggle and one of Bob's favorite joke. And when Bob heard of Bill's passing. Bob was there. Asking what he could do. And being there was enough. I am so sorry for your loss. I remember this Bob was a great guy. God has a special angel. And Bob is in a far better place. God bless you all. Your in my prayers.*

Dr. Dan Hart. PhD

Docgallo99 - March 17, 2022 at 08:57 PM

DC

“ Bob and I had a much closer relationship than simply-supervisor/seasonal ranger. Bob was always our seasonal officer in the campground and being a school teacher for 32 years he had a great way of handling enforcement issues. I worked with all my employees regardless of their shift at some point and Bob was of small stature. We always had seasonal orientation training programs in early spring. I remember hiring a defensive tackle from Ohio State football team. We had about 47 employees and Bob made a bee line to this guy and asked me where was he going to work, I said 7 Lakes or the boating access sites. Bob I'm kidding you, I hired him to be your assistant in the campground for the entire summer and he turned out to be with us for two years. Bob had a smile a mile long and offered to take me out to dinner. I said - I think you should take your new buddy out to dinner and save up some money, he's twice your size and looks hungry. They got along great and would play little tricks on one another. I remember Bob asking me to be a pall bearer for Dorothy which brought us even closer together. There are several other stories but the last time with Bob was when he came down to Florida to visit us. We really enjoyed each other's company and the stories when Bob said: This is like a Disney World for adults. Bob will always be a part of me. Love ya, Doug and Jackie

Doug Cronkhite - February 23, 2022 at 07:28 PM

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“ Our Holly High School Class of 1979, is saddened to hear of the passing of our Classmate Karen's dear Father Mr. Robert Barner. We send you our sympathy and our deepest condolences to you, your sister Robin and your family during this most difficult time. Peace 🕊️💜💜



Holly High School Class of 1979 - February 07, 2022 at 05:07 PM

PP

“ I knew Bob at Central Michigan University, and we reconnected when I moved to Fox Run. Bob was one of the kindest and caring people I know. I was one of the fortunate to receive his special bouquet's of dahlias. The flowers were full of color, joy, and love. The world is a better place because of Bob. My prayers to his family. Patricia Paullin

Patricia Paullin - February 06, 2022 at 01:20 PM

CD

“ Carolyn And Frank Davis lit a candle in memory of Robert C. Barner



Carolyn and Frank Davis - February 05, 2022 at 09:17 PM

JB

“ Robin and Karen
You are in our prayers during this most difficult time! We always enjoyed talking with your Dad he was so proud of his family and his flowers. May he Rest In Peace.

John and CJ Brummeler

John Brummeler - February 05, 2022 at 06:12 PM

LR

“ Lorne & Penny Winglemire Raupp lit a candle in memory of Robert C. Barner



Lorne & Penny Winglemire Raupp - February 05, 2022 at 04:18 PM

JP

“ Judy Prose lit a candle in memory of Robert C. Barner



Judy Prose - February 05, 2022 at 10:58 AM

GR

“ The sugar pack game was loved by my kids. We also all benefited from the dahlias. What a gift he gave us.

Gail Rink - February 05, 2022 at 08:32 AM

KL

“ Robin and Karen and families

*Bob and I are so sorry to hear about your dad. He was an awesome neighbor to us. One special kind and compassionate man
You are in our thoughts and prayers
Bob and Kay lacey*

Kay lacey - February 04, 2022 at 07:58 PM

HF

“ I am so sorry to hear of his passing! Mr. Barner was my driver's training instructor at Holly High School in 1957/58. He tried his best, but couldn't pass me , because I wouldn't drive more than 25 mph on the expressway. He and Dorothy with Robin and Karen and their families were such a wonderful addition to our United Methodist church family in Holly. Dorothy was our organist and choir director for many years. Mr. Barner was always very happy whenever I saw him. Yes, his flowers were awesome! My deepest sympathy to the family! Lore Felch

HANNELORE FELCH - February 04, 2022 at 03:51 PM

BH

“ Dear.Rrobin and Karen. We have so many fond memories of your Dad. He was one of my favorite teachers. And through the years Bruce was privileged to get to know him too.
Much love to you and your families.
Bruce. And Pat Harton

Bruce and Pat Harton - February 04, 2022 at 03:45 PM