



Jerry A. Barrickman

May 26, 1963 - September 6, 2017

Jerry Allen Barrickman, 54, of Oskaloosa, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, while being cared for at the Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. He was born May 26, 1963, in Oskaloosa, Iowa, the son of Bob and Margie Gorden Barrickman. At an early age, Jerry placed his trust in his Savior Jesus Christ and began his life-long service to God. Because Jerry loved God, as commanded in John 13:34, Jerry also loved people. He truly enjoyed his days at Earl May working with the public and his outgoing and cheerful smile made him a natural in retail. He worked at Earl May officially for 33 years, but his first Earl May uniform was a toddler size as his father managed the store for 28 years before Jerry. He literally “grew up in the business.” After he left Earl May and went to work at Mahaska County Secondary Roads Dept., he often said he enjoyed his new work, but certainly missed the people.

Jerry, like his father, loved old tractors, old gas engines, and old cars. He made projects out of restoring forgotten items and would often explain to Robyn how his latest purchase of some dilapidated piece of machinery was actually an investment, because when he was finished it would be worth a great deal more. To which she would remind him that there would only be a return on that investment if he sold it when it was done. Jerry was a collector of many things. If anyone needed a piece of equipment or a tool, Jerry usually had it and would provide the helping hands to go with it.

Jerry’s greatest joy in life was being a father. He often said the day Holly was born was the best day of his life. He was so excited that he bought a pink tricycle and brought it to the hospital.

Jerry’s passing will leave a great void in the lives of his wife, Robyn. His daughter, Holly (Brian Sorbet), his sisters Karen (Ed) Parker; Patty (Dan) Vermillion. Brother, Dr. Les Barrickman. Mother-in-law, Ann Johannes. Brother-in-law and sister-in-law Bryon and Trisha Johannes. And his beloved nieces and nephews, Bailey, Courtney, Riley and Kinley Johannes, Ben and Rachel Parker, Heidi and Jacob Gwinn (Jackson and Leah), Julia Vermillion, Christopher Barrickman, Kelly McCullough (Katlyn, James, Rebekah).

While we are grieving here on earth, Jerry is having a joyous reunion in heaven with his parents, Bob and Margie Barrickman, his brother Bobby Barrickman, and his father-in-law Mike Johannes, and many other loved ones who we are assured are angels in heaven by

their faith in Jesus Christ.

Jerry loved taking care of people. He took excellent care of his parents in their twilight years and helped out many folks in the community. He was active in many community service projects, one of his dearest being Trees Forever. Over many years, Jerry helped to plant thousands of trees throughout the city of Oskaloosa. It will be a great comfort to Robyn to see the mark Jerry has left on his hometown, as nearly every street she drives on has a tree that is thriving due to Jerry's efforts.

One of Jerry's favorite expressions was "The best time to plant a tree was 25 years ago, the next best time is today." Jerry would be very pleased if you would plant a tree in his honor or adopt an already planted tree and watch over its care. That will be a fitting legacy for a man that was strong as an oak.

A memorial service will be held Monday, September 11, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bethel Baptist Church in Oskaloosa with Reverend Steven Cox officiating. As was Jerry's wish his body has been cremated and burial of the urn will be at a later date. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Visitation will begin Sunday after 1:30 p.m. in the Bethel Baptist Church in Oskaloosa and the family will be at the church from 2-5 Sunday afternoon to greet friends and relatives. Memorials may be made to Bethel Baptist Church Youth Group.

Events

SEP **Visitation** 02:00PM - 05:00PM

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Bethel Baptist Church
1407 'A' Avenue West, Oskaloosa, IA, US

SEP **Memorial Service** 10:30AM

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Comments



“ You have my sympathy in your loss. I always enjoyed having Jerry help me during his years at Earl May - and his parents before that. May he rest in peace. Marlene Hammes

Marlene Hammes - September 09, 2017 at 04:16 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Robin and family.. Jerry will be greatly missed by many!



Linda King and family! - September 09, 2017 at 02:08 AM



“ 98 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bates Funeral Chapel - September 08, 2017 at 02:36 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. A kinder, more decent person you could not find. I will miss him stopping in the bank, sticking his head in my office and saying hi or wishing me a good weekend. Our town is definitely smaller with his passing but was made better by his presence. My thoughts and prayers are with those who loved him most.

Jill Ewing

Jill Ewing - September 08, 2017 at 11:56 AM



“ What a great guy, Jerry will be missed buy many. I know for a fact the H-V coffee club is going to! Our thoughts and prayers are with his family
Bob & Linda Strasser

Bob Strasser - September 08, 2017 at 11:48 AM



“ Robyn
So sorry for your loss. All of us in Cedar Rapids are thinking of you and sending hugs and prayers.
Theola Hauskins

Theola Hauskins - September 08, 2017 at 10:01 AM



“ Robyn,
So sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Hugs from a far!
Janet Rigg

janet rigg - September 08, 2017 at 09:14 AM



“ Amy Whatling lit a candle in memory of Jerry A. Barrickman



Amy Whatling - September 07, 2017 at 10:03 PM



“ In having alot of memories** is what i meant :)

Amy Whatling - September 07, 2017 at 09:56 PM



“ I knew Jerry from Bethal Baptist Church in Oskaloosa. I was heart broken when i was informed of what happened. You know, God has a plan for us, even if ur taken in the blink of an eye. I am so happy he got to live as long as he did, he was a happy man with a wonderful wife, Robyn and beautiful daughter Holly. I give my simpathy to the family in having alot of from church. Heaven gained another angel, a kind hearted, hard working, special guy. Amen and celebrate his life!

Amy Whatling - September 07, 2017 at 09:55 PM



“ Robyn and Holly, my heart goes out to you today! No words I can say will heal your pain, just know we are sending prayers and hugs your way.
I will be forever grateful he was there to help my Dad (Harvey) the day Daniel passed. He has touched everyone in some way and our lives are forever changed because he was part of it.

Jodi Dumermuth

Jodi Dumermuth - September 09, 2017 at 02:42 PM



“ Cynthia Penelton sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry A. Barrickman



Cynthia Penelton - September 07, 2017 at 09:30 PM



“ May Jerry Rest In Peace
Wings Were Granted
I Meet Jerry and His Family being their Neighbor on 905 N A . Those Were Good Days. Sending Prayers up For His Family

Cynthia Penelton - September 07, 2017 at 09:26 PM



“ I met Jerry when I attended KRBS in Knoxville. He was such a genuine friend. There were only 9 of us in the 9th grade class and between classes we were friends. When my father was hit by a car and hospitalized for several weeks it was Jerry who would ask me how my dad was doing. Later when I was married and living in Pella I would see Jerry at the Earl May store in Oskaloosa. He was always so helpful and patient, even when my son picked out one very specific fish. Jerry would take the time to get the exact one! I remember when he and Robyn were engaged he was so excited. I lost track of Jerry when I moved to Florida but I've never forgotten him. I'll see you again one day soon.

Char Arrington - September 07, 2017 at 09:23 PM



“ I will always remember Jerry as such a kind and helpful person. My daughter worked for him while attending William Penn and he, Robyn and Bob made working at Earl May not only a learning experience but a fun one too! Thoughts and prayers are with you all. Take care Robyn & Holly.



Vicki Besco - September 07, 2017 at 08:52 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jerry A. Barrickman.



September 07, 2017 at 08:04 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry A. Barrickman.



September 07, 2017 at 06:11 PM



“ It is with great sadness that I heard of Jerry's passing. We went school together in Knoxville and became good friends. I regret not staying in touch with Jerry all these years. My mother who lives in Albia always loved going to Earl May and Jerry always helped her. He was just that way. Always nice, and you couldn't ask for a better person!

I recall Jerry and I doing a project for school and I spent the night with him and his parents. It was a fond memory. We also had a ton of fun in class...when we were supposed to be working....for some reason he still got good grades and I had to work my tail off to catch up. That was good group of kids at that school....and Jerry was one of the best!

I also recall how much he love Elvis, he knew every song and was a big fan....and the last memory...was Jerry would always give me updates on a girl from Osky that I was sweet on. They went to the same church and I used to ask him all the time if she had a boy friend or if she liked me, and other silly questions...I'll miss you old friend.I regret growing apart and losing touch!

See you soon!
Gregg McDonald

Gregg McDonald - September 07, 2017 at 05:33 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Jerry A. Barrickman.



September 07, 2017 at 05:17 PM



“ Sio sorry for your loss. He was always a helpful caring person. It was an honor and priviledge to know him. I will be praying for the family. Russell Sparks

Rissell Sparks - September 07, 2017 at 04:49 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for you Robyn and your family. Bob and Bev Gray

Bev Gray - September 07, 2017 at 05:48 PM



“ Robyn, Holly & all your family, we are so very sorry for your loss. Jerry was always so friendly when we saw him. I know he will be greatly missed. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Bill & Sue Jones & family



Sue Jones - September 07, 2017 at 04:02 PM



“ Robyn, Holly, and family,
So sorry to hear about Jerry's passing. He was a great guy to know and his family. I know you feel a lost but knowing that you will see him again helps make it a little easier. May God give you strength, comfort, and peace during this time like no one can do but Jesus. You will be in our prayers.
Lee and Connie Wright



Connie Wright - September 07, 2017 at 03:23 PM



“ It was my privilege as pastor to marry Jerry & Robyn. We have many wonderful memories with this family. May your memories and the blessed hope of being together again comfort your hearts. Jim & Fay Smith

Jim & Fay Smith - September 07, 2017 at 03:12 PM



“ will miss him, he was great to work for.nancy smith

nancy smith - September 07, 2017 at 04:35 PM



“ Robyn, Holly and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Jerry will be missed dearly. He was one of the nicest people that I've had the privilege of knowing. He had a great soul and smile. May you be lifted up with all of your wonderful memories he has given you.

Carri Vande Ree - September 07, 2017 at 05:26 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of Jerry's passing. He and his parents lived across the street from our family of girls and a couple other neighbor boys. Being a young girl eager to play with my neighbors, I ended up playing with Jerry and the neighbor boys. We used to go to the old Earl May where his dad worked and play on the feed bags jumping from stack to stack. We grew up and grew apart but he and his family were always lovely neighbors. Prayers for his family for peace and healing.

Debbie Jefferies-Welsh

Debbie Jefferies-Welsh - September 07, 2017 at 07:40 PM



“ We were so surprised and sorry to hear of Jerry's passing; we knew him from working at Earl May, the Bethel Baptist Church and then as neighbors south of town. Dave also enjoyed planting trees with him and he always had a smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Dave and Evonne VanMaanen

Evonne VanMaanen - September 07, 2017 at 09:23 PM