



Leslie 'Barney' Byron Botkin

September 23, 1937 - March 11, 2011

ADRIAN – Leslie 'Barney' Byron Botkin, Jr., 73, of Adrian, passed away Friday, March 11, 2011 at Lenawee Medical Care Facility surrounded by his loving family.

Les was born September 23, 1937, in Detroit, the youngest child of Leslie Byron and Ruth (Porter) Botkin, Sr. He attended school in Milan until he enlisted in the United States Army, serving in France during the Korean War. On October 23, 1976, Leslie married Betty Carlson Raymond.

Les worked for the State of Michigan Highway Department as a Construction Inspector for over 30 years, retiring in 1989. Upon his retirement he worked part time at the Lenawee County Road Commission until 2001. Les loved to golf and was involved in many leagues; he treasured the friendships that evolved on the course. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge and used to bowl frequently, dance and play cards. Above all he cherished spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Les is survived by his wife of 34 years, Betty; his children, Jeffrey (Rhonda) Botkin of East Lansing; Kristy (Charlie) Watson of Grand Rapids; Kathy (Joe) Berlin also of Grand Rapids; Eric (Lynn) Botkin of Frisco, TX; Lori (Scott) Lara of Tecumseh; and Troy (Patricia) Raymond of Adrian; 13 grandchildren and his sister, Rosemary Wolfe, of Adrian. He was preceded in death by his

parents.

Services for Les will be held at Wagley Funeral Home on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. John Kottke officiating. Friends may visit the family at the funeral home on Monday, March 14, 2011 from 4-8 p.m. Contributions in Les' memory may be directed to Hospice of Lenawee. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. You may also sign the register book or send condolences at www.wagleyfuneralhome.com

A special thank you to the caregivers and staff of Hospice of Lenawee for the wonderful care and support given to Les and his family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Leslie 'Barney' Byron Botkin*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Betty, I am so sorry for your loss. Dave and I have wonderful memories of all the good times we used to have together when we lived in Adrian. Barney was such a wonderful and fun guy to be around. He will be missed greatly. Our condolences to you and all your family.##imported-begin##Linda and Dave Genton##imported-end##*

March 25, 2011 at 07:46 AM



“ *Betty, I'm thinking if you and keeping you in my prayers. It's been a hard time for you. Mary Sue##imported-begin##may sue proudfoot##imported-end##*

March 21, 2011 at 11:48 AM



“ *Betty, I am so sorry that the outcome for your husband was not good. I am sure that Hospice was a welcome aide as they handle end of life issues so well. You need a hug and will get it when I see you at Raisin Valley soon. My thoughts are with you and have been the past year. Rose##imported-begin##Rose Hinkleman##imported-end##*

March 20, 2011 at 08:38 PM



“ *Betty, My condolences to you and your family in this time of sorrow. Remember the good things and I know there were many. Les was a great personality and Ben I always enjoyed his company.*
Sandra###imported-begin##*Sandra Lewin*###imported-end##

March 20, 2011 at 11:53 AM



“ *Betty and family please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Barney was such a loving man and he will be deeply missed by all. Betty we are here for you if you ever need us. Much love to you and your family.*
Amy & Rob Sedlacek###imported-begin##*Amy & Rob Sedlacek*###imported-end##

March 19, 2011 at 09:06 AM



“ *Kristy & Family,*
Sending a lot of warm thoughts and love in your direction. My prayers are for peace and comfort during these difficult times.
Sincerely,
Jeanette
(lssm)###imported-begin##*Jeanette Tibstra*###imported-end##

March 16, 2011 at 01:30 PM



“ Betty - I am so sorry to hear about Barney . Its been along time since Ive seen any of you but I often think about you and family . I will always remember the times I spent with Barney like helping with the addition on your home and the fishing trip to Canada and just being around him ! I pray for you and family to find peace and acceptance in your hearts .##imported-begin##Dan Rodgers##imported-end##

March 16, 2011 at 08:55 AM



“ Lovely Lady:

So sad to hear about Les today. We will pray for the Lord to be with you and your family. Will see you at the service.

Amy##imported-begin##Daniel & Amy DeLine##imported-end##

March 15, 2011 at 08:06 AM



“ We are very sorry to hear of your loss. We pray that the family finds strength and comfort during this sad time. May God keep you all in the palm of his hand. Vince, Michelle Gonzales and Family##imported-begin##Vince and Michelle Gonzales##imported-end##

March 14, 2011 at 06:51 PM



“ Kristy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Take care of each other and we will see you soon. I owe you a great big hug!##imported-begin##Angie Henry##imported-end##

March 14, 2011 at 05:22 PM



“ Kristy, Charlie and little Charlie -

You are in my thoughts as you go through this time of grief and transition. Take each day for what it's worth and do everything in your own time. Recall all the great memories Barney, and laugh as much as you can - it's the best medicine, you know.

I hope that being with family brings warmth and peace to you all -

LAURA##imported-begin##Laura Mitchell##imported-end##

March 14, 2011 at 05:20 PM



“ *It's never easy during times of loss like this. Breathe. Know you are loved and we are all thinking of you and your family.##imported-begin##Peg Zimmermann##imported-end##*

March 14, 2011 at 04:48 PM



“ *Kristy, Just wanting you to know you're in my heart and prayers. From your comments and stories I can tell your dad was very special and that you couldn't have loved him any more. Let me know if there's anything I can do. God Bless, Joan Lutke##imported-begin##Joan Lutke##imported-end##*

March 14, 2011 at 04:41 PM



“ *Betty, My prayers are with you at this difficult time. May God be with you and your family. Gloria##imported-begin##Gloria Emery##imported-end##*

March 13, 2011 at 07:11 PM



“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Les you are in our prayers and our thoughts.##imported-begin##Ike and Laura Craft##imported-end##

March 13, 2011 at 05:41 PM



“ I will miss Barney so much. We had so much fun in earlier years. So many good memories. Betty and the rest of the family: I wish I could be there for you. God bless you all.... Paula##imported-begin##Paula Martek##imported-end##

March 13, 2011 at 11:48 AM



“ Our Condolences to you and your family. May God give you strength at this time. Love to you!##imported-begin##Gary and Mary Lou Crane##imported-end##

March 13, 2011 at 11:05 AM



“ So sorry for your loss.

We won't be able to attend as we are in Florida for a few more weeks.##imported-begin##Carlton & Linda Reeves##imported-end##

March 13, 2011 at 09:00 AM



“ Betty,

We are so sorry to hear about Barney, what a fun and loving man..he will be dearly missed by everyone that came to know and love him...our deepest sympathy to you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers always and know that Barney's memories will live on forever in your hearts... Our love to you!##imported-begin##Dennis and Mimi Carter##imported-end##

March 13, 2011 at 08:29 AM



“ Betty,

*We are out of town but want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Norm & Jane##imported-begin##Norm & Jane Seidel##imported-end##*

March 13, 2011 at 03:56 AM



“ *Our hearts are with your family at this time and in our prayers!##imported-begin##John and Sue (Stegg) Nye##imported-end##*

March 12, 2011 at 05:14 PM



“ Words cannot express our feelings, at this time of Barney's passing. We have certainly lost one of our dearest friends. We love you Barnster and know that you are in a better place. You knew it was time to let go and let God, take you into his loving arms. Betty, please know that we are with you in every possible way, without physically being by your side. We love you and will always be here for you. Also, our condolences go out to the whole rest of the family. He was an inspiration to us, as I'm sure he was to alot of others. Our sincerest sympathy, Garry and Darlene##imported-begin##Garry and Darlene Morris##imported-end##

March 12, 2011 at 04:58 PM



“ Betty and family ,

I am so sorry to hear of Les's passing. We only knew him a short time but truly enjoyed the time that he spent with us at Daybreak. Our deepest sympathy to his loved ones.
Tammy##imported-begin##Tammy Jewell ##imported-end##

March 12, 2011 at 12:37 PM