



Marc S. Barton

June 18, 1952 - May 25, 2020

MILAN – Marc S. Barton, 67, of Milan, formerly of Blissfield, died unexpectedly Monday, May 25, 2020, at his home. Born June 18, 1952 in Detroit, he was the oldest of eight children, to Steven and Theresa (Bakun) Barton.

Marc was a 1970 graduate of Utica High School. He then earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Wayne State University in Fine Art Design. His love of the fine arts and nature led him to pursue his career in landscape design. Marc worked for many companies throughout his lifetime, including Nutrien – Seed Fertilizer Company. Most recently he worked as an Independent Landscaper until his retirement in December 2019. During his retirement he had the opportunity to create and tend to his own garden.

On December 18, 1975 he married Anne Mueller at St. Kierans Catholic Church in Shelby Township. He was a member of Light of Christ Catholic Parish in Blissfield for over 26 years and most recently Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Milan.

In addition to his love of gardening, he was an avid reader, and a great lover of all genres of music. Marc had a large record collection, numbering in the thousands, in which he used to sell and trade. Marc also liked horses. He grew up riding them and enjoyed all things equestrian throughout his life.

Marc is survived by his parents, Steven and Theresa Barton of Washington, MI; his wife of over 44 years, Anne; two daughters, Julia (Dylan) DuVall and Elise (John) McNulty, both of Canton, MI; four grandchildren, Caelan, Carys, Evelynn, and Addisyn; his siblings, Marcia Barton (Alicia) of Santa Fe, NW, Michael (Rosario) Barton of Costa Rica, Michelle (Jerry) Snyder of Pickney, Merrill (Gina) Barton of Riverside, CA, Matthew Barton of Santa Fe, NM, and Carl (Becky) Barton of Macomb; sister-in-law, Pina Barton of Troy; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He truly loved being with his family and friends and was a proud father and grandfather.

Marc was preceded in death by a brother, Brian Barton; maternal and paternal grandparents; and all of his aunts and uncles.

Visitation for Marc will take place on Friday, May 29, 2020 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel, Blissfield. In accordance with CDC guidelines regarding the Coronavirus Pandemic, responsible social distancing and wearing masks is encouraged. A funeral service and burial for Marc will be held privately.

The family suggests that memorial contributions to honor Marc be made to the Detroit Institute of the Arts. Online memories and condolences may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **29**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel (Blissfield)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marc S. Barton*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *We last saw Marc at Marcia and Alicia's Michigan wedding party at his home. He, Anne and his family were so gracious, kind, generous. Marc touched our lives with horticultural tips and eclectic music. Andreas Vollenweider, Caverna Magica, will always conjure his beautiful spirit. Sending love to Marcia, Alicia and the Barton Family. Carol and Bob*

Carol Linteau - July 16, 2020 at 10:48 PM



“ *So very very sorry and heartbroken to hear of the passing of our dear friend Marc. Our condolences and prayers are with Anne and your family. The record shows will not be the same without Marc there. If there is ever anything we can do please don't hesitate to call us*

John and Sharon Freist - June 15, 2020 at 08:38 PM

“ Comments and Reflections for My Dearest Friend Marc

We all know that Marc loved music. I mean Marc REALLY loved Music, and he played it often and loud! Very loud!! All genres. Over 40

years of his influence has altered and enhanced my former pedestrian music habits. So, I will quote a few lines from a song (and I know Marc is smiling right now) "No Hard Feelings" by the Avett Brothers.

*"When my body won't hold me anymore
And it finally lets me free
Will I be ready?
When my feet won't walk another mile
And my lips give their last kiss goodbye
Will my hands be steady? No Hard Feelings".*

I have had the honor of calling Marc Barton "FRIEND" for over four decades. Marc left us on Monday evening last. The last few days have felt like a super gut-punch that knocks you to the ground, and no matter what you do - you cannot get up. That is how it felt when Anne called us, and in many ways, it still feels that way a week later.

Those of you who know me - know that I have been blessed with a pretty positive attitude and disposition. I am sure that I will get that back soon – but today - the memories of a cherished friendship aches in the very core of my heart.

*Why did our Friendship last over the decades?
What was the glue that held it together despite changing times and circumstances?*

Marc and I brought to the Friendship very unique and, at times, disparate pieces of the puzzle that created the mosaic of our bond. And over the years, that bond became a brotherly love song.

A love song of Friendship.

Not to diminish, or take away at all:

- the special and unique love song that Marc lived with his beloved Anne.*
- the special love song that Marc lived with his beloved Julia and Elise.*
- the special love song that Marc lived with his sons-in-law, grandkids, nieces, and nephews.*
- the special love song that Marc lived with his Mom and Dad, his brothers and sisters, and extended family.*

But, a love song of cherished Friendship hardened and polished over the decades.

I could list a "laundry list" of things we did together and things we enjoyed together, but the list would be too long and is really not needed.

But - Oh, boy - could we debate and talk and discuss and debate! Even when we could not agree (which was often) – we always ended with a smile of acknowledgment and mutual respect -usually followed by a top-shelf bottle of wine or harder spirits!!!

It states in the Jewish Meditations Before Kaddish that "Love doesn't die, people do.

So, when all that's left of me is Love– give me away."

"When my body won't hold me anymore

And it finally lets me free

Where will I go?

Will the trade winds take me south

Through Georgia grain or tropical rain

Or snow from the heavens?

Will I join with the ocean blue

Or run into the Savior True

And shake hands laughing

*And walk through the night
Straight to the light
Holding the Love, I've known in my life?
With No Hard Feelings".*

*Goodbye for now, my cherished and dear friend.
God Speed. I love you.*

Fred

Fred Borowski - May 30, 2020 at 05:16 PM

DM

“ *Dear Anne, Jeanette and I are so sorry to learn of Marc's death. Our prayers and consolations to you and your family. May Marc Rest In Peace. Dave Maxwell*

David E Maxwell - May 29, 2020 at 02:05 PM

TF

“ *The Sitko Family purchased the Heartfelt Memorials for the family of Marc S. Barton.*



The Sitko Family - May 29, 2020 at 11:51 AM

RC

“ Although we became neighbors only a short time ago, we became friends and neighbors quickly and were so happy to have such nice people next door. Marc and I would talk about woodworking, gardening, home repairs and renovations. We would enjoy listening to his playing of record albums from the 60's. We gave him a few of our old albums for his collection. Marc, we'll miss you, and our chats. You were a kind and thoughtful man and you will live on in our hearts and minds. The world is a better place for having been in it. Ann, we are so sorry for your loss and are praying for you both.
with sympathy
Rich and Marilyn Cortellini

Richard M Cortellini - May 29, 2020 at 09:56 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Marc S. Barton.



May 29, 2020 at 09:18 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Marc S. Barton.



May 29, 2020 at 09:15 AM

CL

“ Dear Ann, Steven and Theresa and the whole family, I am so sorry to hear the news of Marc's passing. Please receive my sincere condolences. May all the memories of him give you comfort. The world lost such a kind and gentle man. Hugs to you all.
Charo

Charo Ledon - May 28, 2020 at 10:10 PM

AB

Thank you.

Anne Barton - June 20, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marc S. Barton.



May 28, 2020 at 09:25 PM

LP

“ Love, Pina purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Marc S. Barton.



Love, Pina - May 28, 2020 at 09:25 PM

AM

“ Anne and family, I am so saddened to hear of Marc’s passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers as you journey through this difficult time.

Alice Miller

Alice Miller - May 28, 2020 at 09:03 PM

AB

Thank you

Anne Barton - June 20, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Marc S. Barton.



May 28, 2020 at 07:26 PM

FS

“ I have set my rainbow in the clouds and it will be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth." Genesis 9:13.
Marc was always a rainbow and always will be. I can only cherish my memories and love. We will miss you, but we will look and find your rainbow.

Frank (Mr. Frank) & Anna Schuller

Frank Schuller - May 28, 2020 at 07:07 PM

TE

“ *The Hubbell Family - Clint and Emily purchased the Glorious Grace Bouquet for the family of Marc S. Barton.*



The Hubbell Family - Clint and Emily - May 28, 2020 at 03:43 PM

JD

“ *Jud & Kathryn Schleper & Gene & Missy Dours purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Marc S. Barton.*



Jud & Kathryn Schleper & Gene & Missy Dours - May 28, 2020 at 03:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marc S. Barton.*



May 28, 2020 at 01:35 PM

KL

“ *So sorry for the unexpected passing of Marc. No words can ease the pain but praying for strength as you go through this difficult time. Our hearts go out to the entire Barton Family. Love to you All!
Pat and Karen Lyons (Pina's friend)*

karen lyons - May 28, 2020 at 12:40 PM

MB

“ To call Marc an audiophile doesn't capture his deep love of beauty and harmony. Music was the gateway for him; he listened so completely that it filled his senses, and he let it. He tried to experience it completely, let it pour into him, and permeate every fiber of his being, until there was only the music, and he was in it, with it.

Sometimes when I visited Marc he would play some albums, LOUD, and we would listen, occasionally chatting. I realize now he was inviting me into his world, a refined world that took him beyond the everyday, to another world where beauty and harmony was the medium he breathed.

The music shaped him, trained his sensibilities, and helped him discern harmony and beauty in other areas. It informed his appreciation of fine woodworking, of wine, of how color and texture interwove, and gave him a great appreciation of nature. Marc was a collector of many things: blue bottles, hand planes, and antiques, just to name a few. He was able to dive deeply into the aesthetic of the object and appreciate the maker's intentions.

Marc understood how the elements of different plants, shrubs and trees could be combined to create a harmonious landscape. He surrounded himself and his family with that beauty. He died while doing what he loved, surrounding himself with old and new plant friends, creating beauty and harmony around him and Anne, his life partner.

I imagine Marc now, immersed in the harmonies of the spheres, the whisperings and roars of the solar wind, the music of the universe. May our love surround you on your new journey, Marc, and help you find your way through any spirit darkness into the spirit's light, beauty, and harmony. You are well loved.

Marcia Barton - May 28, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Marc S. Barton.



May 28, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Marc S. Barton.



May 27, 2020 at 08:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Marc S. Barton.



May 27, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ *I am a dear friend of Finola Campbell's. Please know that I am truly sorry for your loss.*
Pat Tagsold

Pat Tagsold - May 27, 2020 at 11:29 AM

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Fred Borowski - May 27, 2020 at 09:16 AM

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Fred Borowski - May 27, 2020 at 09:14 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Fred Borowski - May 27, 2020 at 09:13 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Fred Borowski - May 27, 2020 at 09:12 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Fred Borowski - May 27, 2020 at 09:11 AM

FT

“ Fred and Tamara purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Marc S. Barton.



Fred and Tamara - May 27, 2020 at 09:02 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marc S. Barton.



May 26, 2020 at 10:05 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marc S. Barton.* ”



May 26, 2020 at 07:27 PM