



Ben William Barber Jr.

December 25, 1937 - February 18, 2017

Benjamin William Barber, Jr., age 79, of Chanute, KS, passed away on Saturday, February 18, 2017. Ben was born on December 25, 1937 in Beloit, KS, the son of Benjamin William and Catherine Merle (Cotton) Barber. On June 16, 1963, Ben married Mary Louise Scott in Coffeyville, KS. She survives him at their home.

Ben graduated from Beloit High School in 1956 and from Kansas State University in 1961 with a degree in architecture. He was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. After graduation, he served as a First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force until 1965 when he moved to Chanute. He practiced architecture in Chanute, York, PA. and Kansas City, MO. Ben was a member of the American Institute of Architects, past president of the Kansas Society of the American Institute of Architects, past president of the Chanute Kiwanis Club, former president of the Martin and Osa Johnson Safari Museum, a member of the Neosho Investment Club and a member of the Kansas State University Alumni Association.

Ben was a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Chanute. He was also active with the Boy Scouts in Chanute and York, PA. In his free time he enjoyed building model circus wagons and improving his model "Scott and Barber" circus display.

Ben is survived by:

Wife:

Mary Louise Barber, of the home

Son:

Scott William Barber of Chandler, AZ

Sister:

Catherine Stephens of Lawrence, KS

Niece:

Carrie Volle

Nephew:

David Stephens

A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Chanute, KS. Interment at Memorial Park Cemetery will follow. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidafh.com. Memorials have been suggested to the Chanute First Presbyterian Church or the Martin and Osa Safari Museum and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 16 N Forest, Chanute, KS 66720.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

E.. 14th St.
Chanute, KS 66720

Previous Events

Service

FEB **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church Chanute
15 N. Steuben
Chanute, KS 66720

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Mary Louise and family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May God be your Comforter at
this time in your sorrow.
Marilyn Metzger McWhorter*

Marilyn Metzger McWhorter - March 01, 2017 at 03:59 PM

RS

“ *Sure Hate to hear about Ben. Most people don't know, but we were
in Kiwanis Club in Chanute together and we both shared being
President of the Chanute Kiwanis Club at different times. I still have
my Bell!*

*The biggest thing we had in common was the fact we were both
born on Chistmas Day of the same Year 1937. That is unusual and
a long time ago in years !*

*Good luck & Prayer's to Mary Louise, and all the family , from
Ronald F. Sutcliffe , 1506 Lakecrest Circle, Granbury, Texas 76048*

Ronald F. Sutcliffe - February 24, 2017 at 01:54 PM

KW

“ *Our love and prayers to Mary Louise and family!! Your true devotion
and love for Ben was an inspiration!! May God's promise of eternal
peace help to comfort you.*

Kathy and Jerry Williams - February 22, 2017 at 09:18 PM

DS

“ *Mary Louise and Family,*

Your family is in my prayers. I am so sorry for your loss.

Debra Schommer - February 22, 2017 at 10:20 AM

DS

“ *I remember Ben would come to Stoltz Hall faculty office lounge and join us for a snack while waiting for Mary Louise to finish teaching. He was always pleasant and we enjoyed his company. He will be missed.*



Debra Schommer - February 22, 2017 at 10:18 AM

BR

“ *Mrs Barber,*
I am so sorry to hear of your husbands passing. I will be praying for peace and comfort for rhe family.

Becky Mendez-Roles

Becky Roles - February 22, 2017 at 09:02 AM

MC

“ *We extend our deepest sympathy to Mary Louise and the family. Ben was an outstanding gentleman and contributed much to the Chanute and many organizations. It was always a joy to see Ben and Mary Louise at many community events. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Jeanice & Maynard Cress, Humboldt*

Maynard & Jeanice Cress - February 22, 2017 at 06:18 AM

DB

“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family*”
David Baum
Mountain Home, Ar.

David Baum - February 21, 2017 at 11:44 AM

JP

“ *I was so sorry to see that Ben had passed. He will be missed by all. May God comfort you and may your memories keep him always close.*”

Joan Pope - February 21, 2017 at 11:34 AM