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John Patrick "Sean" Barry, 82, of Annapolis passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, July 4,, 2021. A native of Currans, County Kerry, Ireland, John was born on March 15, 1939 to the late Ned Barry and Margaret Barry (nee O'Connor) and was a graduate of St. Patrick's Secondary School, Castleisland.

He immigrated to the United States on 11/11/57 and enlisted in the U.S. Army shortly thereafter. While stationed at Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland, John met & married Kathleen Cooleen and together they had 5 children: Margaret McLemore (Brian), Theresa (Don Coffey), Eamon, Sean (Michelle), and Kevin (Louise).

John is survived by his brother Eamon Barry of Dublin, Ireland, a sister, Joan Harriss of Chicago, Illinois, 10 grandchildren, a great-grandson, and many nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by his second wife Carole McNally Barry, his son Eamon and his daughter in law, Michelle Mathews Barry.

For 10 years he proudly served as a Washington, D.C. Firefighter, and for 20 years following he was the proprietor of five Irish pubs & restaurants in DC and Maryland, where he developed his signature rendition of "Patsy Fagan". He embraced the Irish-American community and supported countless Irish cultural, athletic, charitable and fraternal clubs & events throughout the region.

He served as President of the Washington, D.C. Irish American Club, and as a founder of the D.C. and Gaithersburg St. Patrick's Day parades. His contributions to the Washington and Maryland Irish were recognized by commendations from the Governor of Maryland, the Mayor of Ocean City, the Police & Fire Emerald Societies, the Gaelic Athletic Association, and the many charitable organizations who benefited from the various events hosted in his restaurants.

He was also honored as Division Marshal for the Washington, D.C. St Patrick's Day Parade, Grand Marshal for the Annapolis St Patrick's Parade (twice) and Grand Marshal for the Gaithersburg St



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Patrick's Day Parade. John enjoyed reading, story-telling, gardening, birding, was an avid golfer, and earned a gold medal in table tennis in the Maryland Senior Games.

John retired to Ocean City and then Annapolis, where he continued to enjoy occasional work in the hospitality industry, most notably at the Marlin Moon Grille and with the Annapolis Visitors Bureau. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Paralyzed Veterans of America or another Veterans Assistance organization of your choice.



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Jim & Diana posted:

Sending my condolences and deepest sympathies to John's family and friends. I know my sister Michelle adored him and cherished his place in the lives of his grandchildren. May God welcome him into His kingdom and may we one day meet again.

July 14 at 3:39 AM



Marty Peters posted:

John was so full of life! His wit and story telling never grew old. He was proud of his family, his friends and his heritage. He's one of the few who will not be forgotten. Tell St Patrick to make room for those who want "one more pint"!

July 12 at 4:57 AM



J. Lyon posted:

I met John through my parents probably 40 years ago. I will always cherish his wit, charm and friendship. I loved spending time with him at all the events in Annapolis. Never not the life of the party, had such dignity and a positive outlook til the end. A life well lived. God bless John. Enjoy eternity in heaven. See you soon. JPL

July 10 at 3:18 PM



Mary Bruder posted:

May God hold you in the palm of His hand. May comfort, light and love surround each of you during this difficult time. John Patrick was a good friend and will be dearly missed. Love, Mary Margaret Walsh and Steve Bruder

July 9 at 11:52 AM



Mary Bruder lit a candle in honor of John.



July 9 at 11:38 AM



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Don Coffey lit a candle in honor of John.



July 8 at 11:56 AM



Sharon Adams posted:

A down-to-earth, genuinely good human being who had an energetic, enthusiastic zest for life, loved all of life. And all of life loved and literally adored him. Hard to imagine a physical world without John Patrick.

July 7 at 2:59 PM



Rebecca Dracup lit a candle in honor of John.



July 7 at 2:14 PM



Susan T Kelly posted:

I have known John for over 40 years which began when I was secretary of the Irish American Club of DC. We reconnected at a memorial service for a mutual friend. We shared a special friendship over the last almost 4 years . I miss him more than I could ever express in words . He had a wit , charm, and humor that was uniquely John Barry . Sudoku puzzles are just part of my numerous Memories . John was right and if you cheated , you were always caught ! I give the following to his beloved family :When my own father passed, a family friend shared this :“ cry though your heart is breaking, for tomorrow the sun will shine” Sending heartfelt love and prayers for brighter tomorrows . Susan Twohig Kelly (John called me “Miss Twohig ” as that is how he knew me)

July 7 at 2:05 PM



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Ed Moore posted:

So sorry for the loss of your father it was always fun to listen to his story's. 🙏🙏

July 7 at 12:45 PM



Margaret July 14 at 6:35 AM

My deepest sympathy to the entire family.



Margaret Nicholson July 9 at 4:08 PM

To the entire Barry family sorry for your loss. John was always a great sport.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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