



Robert O. "Bob" Barney

June 23, 1938 - May 8, 2016

Robert O. "Bob" Barney, age 77 of Highland, IL, died Sunday, May 08, 2016, at San Gabriel Memory Care in Highland, IL.

He was born on Thursday, June 23, 1938, in Kankakee, IL, the son of Harold and Ruth (nee Johnson) Barney.

On Saturday, December 02, 1995, he married Junealda K. Giger Kamhoeffner (nee Kadell) at Nashville, TN, who survives.

He was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ, Highland, IL; sang tenor with The Evangelical United Church of Christ Choir; JOY Singers; Highland Pistol and Rifle Club.

Born and reared at Kankakee, IL; attended school at Kankakee up to the eighth grade; then attended Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School, just north of Kankakee, graduated in the class of 1956. Graduate of Illinois State Normal University (I.S.U.) in 1960; 1965 graduated from I.S.U., Normal, IL with a Masters degree. He taught math (1961 - 1965) at Chiddix Junior High School, Normal, IL; a principal (1965 - 1968) at Danvers High School, Danvers, IL; principal, teacher and coach (1968 - 1983) at Grantfork Elementary School, Grantfork, IL.; taught fourth through sixth grades (1983 - 1993) at Highland Elementary School, Highland, IL; retired in 1993; substitute

teacher (1993 - 1995). He and his wife traveled extensively though out the United States, covering all 50 states. He was a Boy Scoutmaster of Highland Troop 43 and Grantfork Troop 66. He was a bee keeper. He had horses and carriages. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, trap and skeet shooting, camping and producing family genealogy books.

Survivors include:

Wife - Junealda K. Giger Kamphoeffner Barney nee Kadell, Highland, IL

Daughter - Beth A. Duncan, Edwardsville, IL

Daughter - Catherine R. Politte, Saint Charles, MO

Step-Son - Keith M. (Eileen) Giger, Franklin, TN

Step-Son - David J. (Caroline) Giger, Highland, IL

Step-Daughter - Janis Giger (Ron) Kleck, Lombard, IL

Grandson - Donnell "D.J." Duncan, Jr., Edwardsville, IL

Granddaughter - Catherine "Katy" Arnold, St. Charles, MO

Step-Granddaughter - Lena Giger, Highland, IL

Step-Grandson - Alexander Giger, Franklin, TN

Step-Grandson - Matthew Giger, Franklin, TN

Brother - Dr. Charles R. Barney, St. Charles, MO

Former Wife - Mary C. Doenitz (Married 6/11/1961), Waterloo, IL.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Harold C. Barney died February 1992

Mother - Ruth M. (Johnson) Barney died 12/7/2008.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

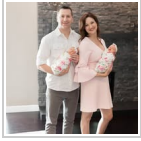
Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL., with Rev. Christopher W. Hill, Senior Pastor, officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois or Highland Animal Shelter.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Barney was my 4th grade teacher and one of my favorites too (as Julia said below). I think fondly of him from time to time. He was the first teacher to spark my interest in science. I remember he always had a rotating cast of animals in the classroom. Lots of science experiments. We even cooked simple recipes in the classroom. Thank you, Bob, for being an inspiring teacher to a young kid like me.*

Kent Peek - November 16, 2022 at 10:21 PM

CB

“ *Clyde Barney lit a candle in memory of Robert O. "Bob" Barney*



Clyde Barney - November 03, 2018 at 09:33 AM

CB

“ *Very sad to only today read about the passing of Bob. He and I collaborated on our Barney family Genealogy.*

I will miss you Bob. You are in the Lird's hands.

Your cousin, Clyde

Clyde Barney - November 03, 2018 at 09:31 AM

MC

“ *It was great knowing you. I enjoyed your company on the skeet range. Thomas cowie*

mary cowie - May 11, 2016 at 02:51 PM

SD

“ Bob was always welcoming and ready with a smile when I visited June & Bob with daughter Janis. May he be always at peace. And may his family, friends and admirers find peace in memories of him.

- Shirley Denman

Shirley Denman - May 10, 2016 at 04:58 PM

JU

“ Mr. Barney was my fourth grade teacher. He has always been one of my favorites. It was visible how much he enjoyed teaching and all the students adored him. My prayers go out to his family and friends.

Julia - May 10, 2016 at 06:44 AM

BD

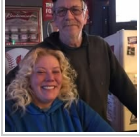
“ Mr. Barney was one of my most influential teachers in my life. I had Mr. Barney for fourth grade. I remember his love for nature and biology. We had at least 20 aquariums in the class room. Each aquarium was full of a different insect or animal. He would also cook us something each week. He made us things like 20 bean soup. Elk, deer heart, gizzards, frog legs, and many more delicatessen. Mr. BARNEY was not only a great teacher, but a genuinely wonderful person, whom I will never ever forget. R.I.P my friend.

brendan dillier - May 09, 2016 at 10:31 PM

AK

“ Mr. Barney was my 4th grade teacher at Highland in 1992. He was truly amazing. He believed in all of us and pushed us to be better students. He ultimately is the person who inspired me to love math and become a CPA. God bless you Mr. Barney and rest in peace.

Amber (Heimsath) Krzystyniak - May 09, 2016 at 08:26 PM



“ *Heather Zobrist lit a candle in memory of Robert O. "Bob" Barney*



Heather Zobrist - May 09, 2016 at 07:27 PM

EM

“ *Mr. Barney was my forth grade teacher at Highland Elementary. Among my many fond memories of him, I recall trying blue cheese, King's cake and gumbo for the first time in his class. I love the way he tried to expose his students to new things. He was a great teacher and a great man.*

Erin Mignin - May 09, 2016 at 05:25 PM