



# Barry James Dombroski

May 3, 2022

BARRY JAMES DOMBROSKI - August 26, 1958 – May 3, 2022

Barry, age 63, died peacefully at home May 3, 2022, after a very long and hard-fought battle with cancer.

Barry is survived by Marion, his loving wife of 39 years and his brother Jim (Lorraine, Jesse, Lucas). Predeceased by his parents Merita and Aloysius, and brother Keith (Dayna, Hannah). Barry will be greatly missed by his many nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends.

Thank you to the Temmy Latner Centre Home Palliative Care Team for all their support. A very special and heartfelt thank you to my totally amazing family and incredible neighbours and friends who have consistently stood by my side throughout Barry's decline. And to PSW Azeb, for all her help during pre-palliative care.

At Barry's request, he has been cremated.

There will be a small service and Celebration of Life held in Toronto on June 4, 2022, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 p.m. at our home, 127 Donside Drive, Scarborough, ON.

There will also be a service and burial held at St. Lawrence O'Toole Annex Cemetery, 117 Pioneer Road, Barry's Bay, Ontario on June 25, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. followed by light refreshments at his brother's home, 299 Siberia Road, Barry's Bay, ON

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the United Nations Refugee Agency in Canada at [give.unhcr.ca](http://give.unhcr.ca) or Shades of Hope Wildlife Refuge [shadesofhope.ca](http://shadesofhope.ca) would be appreciated.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **4**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Residence  
127 Donside Drive  
Toronto, ON (CA)

## Service & Burial

JUN **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Lawrence O'Toole Annex Cemetery  
117 Pioneer Road  
Barry's Bay, ON (CA)

# Tribute Wall

VR

“ I first had the pleasure of meeting both Marion and Barry, when we lived on Eccleston Drive, in the 1980's. A wonderful couple. They became my family. Barry had a warm and engaging personality, and he was like a big brother to me. A connoisseur of fine wine and food, a computer genius and so much fun at dinner parties, and Christmas time too. He was an amazing cyclist too. I am sorry he had to struggle with his health and challenges. When I shall look into the night sky in summer or winter, there will be a bright star shining that twinkles with a warm glow; a signal to me and all those that loved him, he is watching over us. Rest now, in peace and listen for those popping corks as we celebrate your life and friendship.



*Big hugs, Vanessa Rottner*

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**Vanessa Rose Rottner** - June 02 at 11:15 PM

JD

“ We met Barry (& Marion) through mutual friends, the Dalley's. Barry was easy going, fun loving, and always sported a smile. Sorry your earth journey has come to an end, but happy you're pain free and have a beauty view. Jennie & Dave, xo

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**Jennie Derdall** - May 29 at 09:36 PM

AF

“ I first met Barry when he was dating my cousin Marion. I spent a lot of time with Marion and Barry and the rest of the gang at “The Farm” and of course many nights at Fred’s. I missed their wedding (for which Marion has never quite forgiven me) as I left the week before for a job in Indonesia. When I returned four years later and moved to Toronto, we began to spend time together again, including at those Muskoka Madness Party Weekends mentioned by Donna and Kelly Dalley. The Farm was gone but there were more trips to Chapeau and one memorable night that Barry and I shared his tent! There are so many memories: two unforgettable birthday parties – one at the Legion in Montreal and the other at a pub in Toronto, there were parties (with the band) in their back yard and on the street; trips to The Ex (Barry of course had to try bungee jumping), new recipes and dinners too numerous to count, Saturday excursions to Chinatown for dim sum, followed by beer in Kensington Market and then the rest of the afternoon at Grossman’s Tavern. We had too many adventures to mention but my favourite is our Leprechaun Wannabe Tour of Ireland – Barry, Marion, John, Dolores, Brenda and I – chauffeur Rob who lives in Dublin.

Barry became to go-to person for the things I could not do – install curtain rods, build a screen door, change the shower head, etc. He told me he wanted to be the one to make a wooden box for my sister’s ashes – it was magnificent. And an amazing gesture that showed the kind of person Barry was – kind, generous, loyal, willing to help and loving. He will be sorely missed – lots of tears yet to come.

Agnes

Agnes FitzGerald - May 16 at 11:09 AM

BE

“ Beth lit a candle in memory of Barry James Dombroski



Beth - May 11 at 10:08 PM

BE

“ I met Barry at Becker’s Warden Avenue office when I started working there in 1991. Even though many years have passed since I saw Barry, I remember the laughs we shared at Becker’s and Mac’s fondly. He had such a wonderfully infectious laugh. I’m so sorry he had to lose this fight. Heartfelt condolences to Barry’s beloveds; Marion, I’m carrying you in my heart.

Beth - May 11 at 10:07 PM

KF

“ Marion and the Dombroski family, please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of Barry better known as Mr O (to me in our Becker's and Silcorp days). He was a great person always there to lend a hand and or play practical jokes (turning monitors on the side and or taping receivers down). We shared many chats over coffee and cigarettes. We will be missing one of our dear friends each time we do a get together! Marion, just remember we (the Becker's crew) will always be here for you - you are stuck with us! Rest In Peace Barry Dombroski, you will definitely be missed. Kelly, Derek and Rebecca Ferguson

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**Kelly, Derek and Rebecca Ferguson** - May 11 at 07:53 PM

CV

Marion and the Dombroski Family we are sending our deepest sympathy to you and your family. I met Barry and Marion thru my best Friends the Dalles May he RIP. I hope you will keep a seat fir my on the Ferris Wheel that turns upside down when you are in the air. Another Angel to join our Family .

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**Charlene Villeneuve** - June 03 at 07:43 PM

DF

“ I first met Barry when I started working at Becker's in Oct 1988. We were on the same Team and he was promoted to Petroleum Manager shortly afterwards and I reported directly to him.

At first we were just "co-workers" and then my husband and I met Barry's lovely wife Marion when Barry asked her to cook a Christmas Dinner for the Team and a lifelong friendship was formed and continues to this day.

On the work side, there are numerous memories of Barry's antics pranking myself and various co-workers from taping down telephone handles, lowering chairs and many other pranks.

On the personal side, both my husband Kel and I have very fond memories of Barry from our many annual Muskoka Madness Party Weekends held on the long weekend in August every year up to and including 1993.

Throughout the years, our friendship grew and we all became part of each other's families.

We moved out of the city in 1998 and I continue to this day to work at now Circle K (prev Becker's/Mac's/Silcorp) and even after Barry resigned, although contact was not as frequent, our close friendship with Barry and Marion continues.

We are relieved that his fight is over and he is no longer suffering, he put up a long and hard fought battle right to the very end. He will be greatly missed and our sincerest condolences to Marion and to Barry's brother Jim and his family and to all his extended family.

Marion - our friendship will continue and Barry will be in our hearts forever!

"We love you Barry, oh yes we do, there has never been anyone quite like you"

Rest in Peace Dear Friend!

*Donna & Kel Dalley*

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**Dalley Family** - May 11 at 03:41 PM

DF

“ Dalley And Chase Families lit a candle in memory of Barry  
James Dombroski



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**Dalley and Chase Families** - May 11 at 03:39 PM

AN

“ I am so sorry for you loss, Marion and the Dombroski family. He was well loved.

*Angela deSouza*

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**Angela** - May 11 at 11:53 AM

WM

“ Wendy Minifie lit a candle in memory of Barry James Dombroski



Wendy Minifie - May 10 at 11:46 AM

WM

“ I'm so sorry you had to leave us so soon. It's just not fair. Thank you for being so supportive to me even though I was no longer part of your family. You will always be Uncle Barry to me and my girls. You will be dearly missed. Love you lots, Wendy xoxo

Wendy Minifie - May 10 at 11:46 AM

JR

“ Barry and Marion were my neighbours when we met, but we became great friends. We had so much fun no matter what we did. Sometimes it was a drink, or a few, and sometimes sharing a cup of tea. And what could be better than having your good fiends live across the hall! Makes it easy to borrow a cup of sugar or anything else either of us would need. Barry was a handy guy who helped me by fixing my vacuum cleaner or hanging blinds, or playing dentist to my dear cat Pookey. He could do it all. Thank you Barry, you shall be missed!

JOHANNA RIP - May 09 at 07:19 PM

AG

“ Barry & Marion moved to the cul-de-sac 25 years ago and from the 'get go' we felt the deep love they had for each other and for Life! Within a year, Barry had transformed the basic flower beds into an oasis of color and texture, his veggie garden was the envy of all and his lawn was always verdant green with nary a dandelion in sight. On w/ends Barry & Marion took a keen interest in all the cul-de-sac 'wee bods'. One hot July day (circa 2003, before our kids--and the kids next door--could swim) Barry asked us to send over the kids in their life jackets. Curious to see what was on the agenda, I found they'd purchased a large back yard pool and wanted all the kids to jog around in it to create a giant 'vortex'. (Best Science class ever!) This was followed by bobbing, and singing all kinds of silly songs e.g. 'Swimming, swimming, in my swimming pool.....' Ravenous after 30 min of water play, all 4 kids were sent to 'fetch the parents' then we all sat down to mouth-watering meal ribs, Polish sausage, 'taters, salad etc. We parents thanked M&B for such a fun afternoon then Barry said, 'Come back at 8 pm for the campfire; one of our evening guests is an amazing guitar player; he'll have us all singing under the stars'. Such a magical day and there were many others like it. As the years flew by, our family learned that Barry had a multitude of passions including 'Ride for Heart', coaching skiing, electronics, vintage sports cars, wood-working, movies and music but his #1 passion was always Marion :)

Alice Goulet - May 09 at 06:56 PM

JC

“ I first met Barry in high school in Pembroke. He then became my brother in law when he married Marion. We have shared many good family times together. My sincere condolences to you Marion. Barry fought hard and long over the past few years. His pain is over and he's with his family and friends until we see him again. Jeannette

Jeannette Corriveau - May 09 at 05:59 PM

AG

“ Alice Goulet lit a candle in memory of Barry James Dombroski



Alice Goulet - May 09 at 05:50 PM

SC

“ Barry, my buddy, our family will miss you. I will always be grateful for the memories our children ( big guys now) , James and Sean have of you. You and Marion have always been the back up set of parents every child cherishes. I will always remember your kindness on those snowy mornings when we dreaded digging out the driveway and you had already come over with your snow blower! Anything that needed fixing met its match in you. The last few years have not been kind to but but you fought with everything in you. Rest in peace my friend. Condolences to all your family and friends.  
Sandra

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**Sandra Clive** - May 09 at 05:30 PM