



Norman Robert Barnett

January 13, 2019

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October 10, 1950 - January 13, 2019

Norman Barnett (Barney) passed away peacefully in his 68th year at Margaret Bahen Hospice on January 13, 2019, the victim of rapidly advancing lung cancer, diagnosed in December. Dear son and loving caregiver to Robert, inspirational brother to Ron and his spouse Barbara (Pearn), beloved uncle to Taylor, Sean and her husband Graham (Dalziel).

He will also be greatly missed by his aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws, many friends and neighbours in all of the places he has called home including Aurora, Newmarket, Toronto, Hamilton and Burlington. He was an intelligent, socially-responsible, gun-hating pacifist who cooked up a recipe of wit and kindness for everyone that he met.

As a school bus driver, he was much-loved by his student-passengers. As an automotive parts driver, he serviced customers with typical candor and an infectious smile. As a passionate writer and as creative director at advertising agencies for over 30 years, he penned many successful marketing campaigns, slogans, editorials, humorous quips, Facebook posts and a thrilling adventure novel too.

While he was alive, he was very grateful for the friendship and caring support of staff and volunteers at Margaret Bahen Hospice in Newmarket where he spent the last 5 weeks of his life. If he could, he would also thank his oncologist Doctor Alisha Kassam for her invaluable care and advocacy.

Saddened by the loss of his mother Louise 14 years ago, he has joined her now in the afterlife, where the two of them exchange stories about the good old days, his chronic sloppiness and annoyingly impulsive behaviour.

A celebration of life will take place in the coming months.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a tribute donation to Margaret Bahen Hospice (<https://www.myhospice.ca/support-my-hospice/>) in Newmarket.

Tribute Wall

JK

“ Jean(Cassidy) Kammermayer lit a candle in memory of Norman Robert Barnett



Jean(Cassidy) Kammermayer - February 13, 2019 at 12:23 PM

RB

“ 1 file added to the album Visiting Norm at the hospice.



Ron Barnett - January 18, 2019 at 09:35 AM

LM

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Linda Mifflin - January 17, 2019 at 10:59 AM

RB

I love this picture Linda!

Ron Barnett - January 18, 2019 at 10:36 AM

LM

Me too Ron. Funny thing is, it's my first selfie, and now a very memorable one!

Linda Mifflin - February 14, 2019 at 09:06 AM

LO

“ *Linda Tomblin Oliver lit a candle in memory of Norman Robert Barnett*



Linda Tomblin Oliver - January 16, 2019 at 08:45 PM



“ *About 33 years ago, Norm and I went on what was supposed to be a cheap little week-long trip to Florida over New Year's with his friend Olaf. But it didn't quite go according to plan. Missing our flight to Fort Lauderdale, we were forced to take a plane to Jacksonville followed by a day-long milk-run schoolbus to Fort Lauderdale. We had planned to stay in a campground to save money but it was so cold at night, we froze our butts off in a tent without heat. We spent our days trying to soak up some warmth on the beach preparing for another frigid night at the campground. We broke down and found other lodging every other night. We all had a good laugh at ourselves - broke but happy. As uncomfortable and expensive as the trip became, I wouldn't trade that experience with my brother for anything.*

Ron Barnett - January 16, 2019 at 07:34 AM

LM

“ *Linda Mifflin lit a candle in memory of Norman Robert Barnett*



Linda Mifflin - January 15, 2019 at 03:53 PM

LM

“ *I remember going to Norm's place in Burlington way back. When I walked in there was a very large motor in the middle of the floor. I said, "Please tell me that's not the motor from your car." His reply, "Uh, well ya, but don't worry, I know a "guy" who is really good at fixing cars and he's going to help me put it fix it and put it back into my car." Well, long story short, that car didn't see the road again!! I still chuckle when I think of it. He never made fun of anybody but himself. I think he should have been a comedian!!*

Rest in peace my dear friend!!

Linda Mifflin - January 15, 2019 at 03:48 PM