



Michael Roy Barrick

February 23, 1956 - August 1, 2014

Barrick, Michael Roy, 58, of New Martinsville, WV, formerly of Clarksburg and Charleston, WV, died Friday, August 1, 2014 at Liza's Place, Wheeling, WV. He was born February 23, 1956 in Denver, CO, the son of Velma Irene Gilispie Barrick and the late Roy Lee Barrick.

Michael was a retired Fire Marshall for the state of WV, and a Methodist by faith.

Michael's love for fire service began as a Junior Firefighter, later becoming a member of the New Martinsville Fire Dept. He was also active with the WV State Emergency Response System and a member of the WV Fire Marshalls Association.

In addition to his mother, survivors include two brothers, John (Juanita) Barrick of Clanton, AL and Tom (Julie) Barrick of Charleston, WV; a sister, Barbara (Mark) Tiano of Manassas, VA; and 6 nieces and nephews, Brianna, Janele, Jonathon, Kaleigh, Justin and Spencer.

Family will receive friends on Monday from 5-8 p.m. at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville, where funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Greg Gillispie officiating.

Interment to follow in Northview Cemetery, New Martinsville

Memorial contributions may be made to WVU Foundation, "Rosenbaum Family House" in memo, 30 Family House Dr., P.O. Box 8228, Morgantown, WV 26506.

Cemetery Details

Northview Cemetery

219 N. State Rt. 2
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
(304) 455-1800
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JF

“ Dear Velma, Just want to tell you about Michael. I was tutor volunteer for Wang of the New China Restaurant. He needed Mike to check out some fire safety problems. Mike was so kind and helpful and didn't belittle the Chinese. He did his job and , of course, he did a great job. Wonderful guy. Our hearts and prayers are with you, Jo Fauber and T.C.

Jo Fauber - August 08, 2014 at 12:02 PM

RH

“ I was privilege to know Mike. He was a fantastic Person. I met Mike thru the FMA Training program. He always encouraged all to get as much training as possible . He will be sadly missed.

*Rick Himelrick
Green Bank WV.
H.C.C. Fire/Safety Inspector
formerly of Hundred WV.*

Richard Himelrick - August 07, 2014 at 02:17 PM



“ Aunt Velma,
I was so sorry to hear of Mike's death. I know how much he meant to you and how helpful he was to you over the years. What a great loss you are experiencing but it's wonderful to know that Mike is with Jesus, Roy, Marie and all of the family members we have lost before him. What a reunion that must have been!

*Sending love and prayers!
Lori Lee and Family*

Lori Lee - August 07, 2014 at 12:42 PM

DV

“ I am saddened to hear of the passing of Mike, my sympathies go out to his mother, family, and friends. Anyone who knew Mike recognized right away what a kind hearted individual he was. He was very passionate about the Fire Service and in particular public safety. It has been in the Fire Service that I knew Mike the most. I have enjoyed the training sessions he had conducted in the past, and was elated when I had the opportunity to assist in some fashion. In responses, he was a great individual to work with. A jovial man, one that if he were having a bad day, one would be hard pressed to identify it (he just wouldn't let on). At least that has been my experience with him.

The Fire Service and this community has another void in it. I will miss him.

Darrell Veyon

Darrell Veyon - August 06, 2014 at 04:46 PM

TA

“ My heartfelt sympathy to you, Velma, and your family. Mike was truly an exceptional human being and will be missed by all who knew him.

Thomas Ash and Family.

Thomas Ash - August 05, 2014 at 03:37 PM

DI

“ MIKE AND I GO BACK TO FIRE CLASSES AT WVNCC IN 1974 THRU 1977 .

THEN THROUGH OUT OUR CAREERS HE AT WVSFM, ME AT THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE F. D.

ONE TIME HE SAW ME WAITING IN LINE ON ROUTE 2 FOR AN INCEDENT, WAVING HIS ARMS WITH A BIG SMILE, HE GREETED ME AND GAVE ME A PERSONAL UPDATE ON THE SITUATION.

HAVE MANY OTHER REFLECTIONS OF MIKE, BUT THAT SHOWED WHAT A GIVING AND FRIENDLY SOUL HE WAS.

DON DURIG II
RETIRED FIRE CHIEF CMFD

DON DURIG II - August 05, 2014 at 10:02 AM

DC

“ Please accept my sincere sympathy for your loss. Mike was a friend, a dedicated colleague and a very knowledgeable professional. He was always willing to share and offer assistance at any time. Your perpetual smile and humor were an inspiration to everyone. May the Good Lord welcome you with open arms. Rest well my friend. You will be sorely missed. God bless you and may God bless America.

Dr. John M. Carson

Dr. John M. Carson - August 05, 2014 at 09:32 AM

MS

“ Velma,

I talked with Mike in June, and he was so enthused about his upcoming retirement. I was shocked and saddened to read of his death. God bless you.

Margaret Sine

Margaret Sine - August 04, 2014 at 07:10 PM

JT

“ *I worked with Mike many times performing building inspections. I always appreciated his approach and dedication to his job. He provided direction and correction when warranted and support when needed. He will be missed. My condolences to family, friends and coworkers.*

*Jeff Turner
Wheeling, WV*

Jeff Turner - August 04, 2014 at 04:13 PM

GA

“ *I met Mike while working with the State Fire Marshal's office on a project back in 2003. He was always the "common sense" voice in our discussions. I'll miss him but I will never forget what he taught me. Gregg P Dorfner, AIA, Wheeling.*

Gregg P Dorfner, AIA - August 04, 2014 at 03:00 PM



“ *Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Michael Roy Barrick.*



August 04, 2014 at 12:51 PM



“ *Aunt Velma, John, Tom & Barbara,
There are no words to adequately express my sorrow for your and our family's loss. Mike was a wonderful son, brother, cousin and man. He touched so many lives with his kindness - we should all strive to be the caliber of person he was. I will always remember his smile and hearty laugh. May you rest in peace, Mike - you were loved and will be truly missed.*



Love, Pam Barrick

Pamela Barrick - August 04, 2014 at 12:23 PM

LC

“ So many of us in the Fire Service have dozens of great "Mike Barrick" stories.

Mike has contributed so much to the safety of so many, an often thankless job.

We had our laughs, stories and bad times as well, but through it all there was always that smile.

Mike always said that we have to "work smarter, not harder", a saying that we can all embrace at nearly any point and time in our lives.

As you pass through New Martinsville tomorrow, Tuesday, August 5th, 2014 and you see the crossed Ladders of the Fire Department with the huge American Flag waving in the breeze, on Rt#2 at the North View Cemetery, take just a moment to remember our friend and brother, your Public Servant for all of his life...

Larry W. Couch, Fire Chief - August 04, 2014 at 11:23 AM



“ *America the Beautiful* was purchased for the family of Michael Roy Barrick.



August 04, 2014 at 09:34 AM

VW

“ My condolences and prayers for the family. Mike was a wonderful guy. I always enjoyed his laughter and sense of humor. He will be greatly missed.

Virgil C. White WVSFC

Virgil C White - August 04, 2014 at 08:20 AM

CV

“ I had the privilege of working with Mike for many years. He inspected many jobs that I had done in the valley and most recently proctored the Apprentice examination for a class I teach. He always encouraged my students to pursue the electrical trade and inspired them to be the best they could be. He was firm as an inspector, but fair with the trades that were working on the job sites. He will be missed by many for sure. I'm proud to have known him and worked side by side with him for so many years. Prayers for his dear mother and family in this time of loss. Clark E. Villers, Paden City, WV

Clark E. Villers - August 04, 2014 at 08:00 AM

AP

“ So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Lifting your family up in prayer. God Bless.

Anita (Phillips) Puglia - August 04, 2014 at 06:21 AM

SD

“ Sheryl D. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael Roy Barrick.



Sheryl D. - August 03, 2014 at 09:14 PM

SL

“ I have been blessed to call Michael Barrick friend! His devotion to his work, his dedication to others and his love of life made him an instant friend to all. He never met a stranger! His love of knowledge and the willingness to share (sometimes overflowing my email!) was a huge help to me many times.

I will certainly miss his jolly laugh, his endless stories, his witty humor and his friendship.

You were a true gentle man, Michael Barrick....and made a difference in so many lives.

"What lies within us and what lies before us are tiny matters are to what lies within us." ? Ralph Waldo Emerson

Suzanne Park Lewis - August 03, 2014 at 08:38 PM

TG

“ My thoughts and my prayers are with you. Mike was such a great friend to everyone, . He was always so dear to our family. Lots of good memories, the kids an I always talk about fun and great memories we have of him. He will be missed. You have my deepest sympathy Tammy deGruchy Grubbs



Tammy deGruchy Grubbs - August 03, 2014 at 08:27 PM

TA

Velma, I miss you loads!

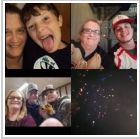
Tammy - August 04, 2014 at 09:44 PM

PB

“ Mike was one of the more decent and affable people that I grew up with. Again, never a harsh word for others and an overall nice man. My condolences to his family.

Phil Brooks (Magnolia Class of 1974)

Philip Brooks - August 02, 2014 at 12:46 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of this wonderful man! I first meet him shortly after moving to Wetzel County while eating at Golden Corral, he always stopped and talked with every one and at times went from table to table laughing and smiling! We were eating one time when my daughter was expecting and was having some pains, Mike came up to our table and smiled and told her "Please don't be going into labor, I have done a lot in my time but never delivered a baby" He went on to tell her that he would give us all gift certificates to eat a family meal after the baby was born! That baby just turned 17. I always enjoyed him doing the fire inspections where I worked and we would talk for long time after the inspections was done!! Heaven is gaining a true angel!! You will be greatly missed Mike

Rita Moore-Roberts - August 02, 2014 at 12:36 PM

NB

“ How fortunate we are to have known Mike. I feel as though Mike and I "grew up" together working at the State Fire Marshal's office with many other great friends. What stories we could tell, what great memories we have. I am still smiling, Mike

Tom and Nancy Stephens Barry

Nancy S Barry - August 02, 2014 at 11:23 AM

MG

“ Mike was one of the nicest, most genuine people I've ever met. I'm going to miss the occasional email conversations we would have regarding the weather and emergency management, and I will really miss having my cousin around. Thoughts and prayers go out to Velma, Tom, John, Barb and the entire family.

Mike Gillispie - August 02, 2014 at 10:44 AM

CM

“ Words cannot express how much our family will miss you, You have been a part of us since we met way back in 1975. Our friendship at the NMVFD grew into something akin to a family, like a brother from another mother. Brian and Melissa both think of you as an uncle. I just wish you could be here to be the same to their children. I know we drifted apart in recent years when life got in the way, but time and distance didn't weaken the bonds of friendship and brotherhood. We could always start up a conversation where we left it. We are all going to miss you, Mike.

*Until we meet again,
Charles and Jan Myers*

Charles Myers - August 02, 2014 at 10:35 AM

BG

“ Mike, you fought - and won - the battle! Enjoy eternal peace. We celebrate the way you contributed to each of our lives; through serious work and through friendly relationships. Uncle Buck



Buck Gillispie - August 02, 2014 at 09:45 AM



“ *What a great man and cousin to me and my family. He will be remembered as a loving, kind man. What a joy he was to visit and joke with. He will be missed but what a great celebration in heaven is going on right now. I am sure he was greeted by the many that passed before him. My mother, I am sure was one of the first to put her loving arms around him. Take care Aunt Velma and family. My prayers are with you and I love you*

Jodie Ackerman

Jodie Ackerman - August 02, 2014 at 08:36 AM



“ *May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,
May your memories of Michael Roy Barrick, give you peace,
comfort and strength...*

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your work on earth is complete.

I thank you for your service to the communitites

You will not be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with the family of.....

Fire Fighter Michael Roy Barrick, “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - August 02, 2014 at 06:51 AM

BT

“ I was so shocked and saddened to hear of Mike's passing! My deepest sympathy to you, his family. Mike made the people around him feel very special and he absolutely LOVED the job that he did!. I will always remember many years ago after moving to Florida and had been home visiting, I was headed back to Florida on I-77. I looked in my rear view mirror and saw a state car close on my tail. I quickly got "pulled over" and here comes Mike, that great big smile on his face, walking up to my car. I recognized him and got out and hugged him! He's going, "I knew it was you even with those Florida tags!" We stood there and talked for several minutes, laughing about how people passing must be at a loss as to why some woman had got pulled over yet was standing there laughing the whole time. Leave it to Mike to make such a wonderful memory for me! I know you'll miss him, but life here is temporary. Life after death is permanent. I can't stand in judgement for any man, but I would dare say that Mike is rejoicing right now and looking forward to those who are ready to meet God to join him soon! Prayers for you during this difficult time. ?Hugs, Mike!?

Beverly Titus - August 01, 2014 at 11:02 PM

CJ

“ I send my deepest sympathy to the family! When I joined the New Martinsville Fire Dept. Mike was a great educator and really helped to me, as a firefighter and fire ground officer. We had years of great conversations at the Steelton fire station and will miss having them. Mike and I never ended a talk without him asking about my family and making sure that everyone was doing ok. I would like to send prayers to the friends and family.

*Cris Jenkins
Deputy Fire Chief
New Martinsville Fire Department*

Cris Jenkins - August 01, 2014 at 10:00 PM

JH

“ I will truly miss this man.... He was a asset to his profession as a Fire Marshall... He was always respectful with the people he dealt with on a daily basis. Mike had a way of making me feel that my opinion was important during the times we would correspond with situations that would arise in my jurisdiction as the city Building Inspector... I always appreciated that...

Many times when we had a chance to take in a lunch our discussions would turn to what was going on with family, he would always take the time to ask about how everything was going with my kids, and wife.

Mike truly cared for others and loved his family very much, it's a shame that we have lost him...

God bless his family and know that Mike will be sadly missed by so many.

With all respect.

Joe Hanna

Building and Safety Inspector

City of New Martinsville

Joe Hanna - August 01, 2014 at 09:16 PM

GR

“ It is with deepest sympathy that we send this message. Michael was a very good friend not only with Emergency Services but personally. His knowledge and contacts were a huge aid when New Martinsville or Wetzel County faced disasters. We will miss his bright smile and his warm spirit.

Greg and Nancy Richmond

Greg Richmond - August 01, 2014 at 08:38 PM

MM

“ I've known Mike my entire life. He will always be in my heart and missed very deeply. I just can't believe he's gone. God truly got another angel. My sympathies to the family. Love you Mikey!

Mary Kay Milliken - August 01, 2014 at 07:44 PM



“ Mike will be missed by many. My last memory of him is my fondest one. We were both in PJ's picking up our dinner or so I thought. As we stood and chatted I realized he was not ordering or picking up dinner for himself. He was ordering dinner to be sent to the ER at WCH as a gift of thanks. They asked if wanted them to tell the staff who sent it and he replied no thank you. I am so glad I shared that moment with him. Thank you Mike for paying it forward I will always remember this. I pray for comfort for Mike's friends and family.

Dawn Myers - August 01, 2014 at 07:37 PM

RH

“ Mike was a wonderful person and friend. Heaven has gained another very special angel. The family is in our thoughts and prayers

Roger and Janice Hall - August 01, 2014 at 06:26 PM



“ I last talked to Mike in Paden City this year with his mother. He wasn't much older than me and was always friendly. He will be missed. I am so sorry about his death. Prayers for all of you at this time. His smile was a great one.

Betty Ann Thomas - August 01, 2014 at 06:24 PM



I was Betty Ann Mitchell, Bob and Karen's oldest.

Betty Ann Thomas - August 01, 2014 at 06:25 PM

YF

“*Mike was a great man and friend. My kids looked to him as an Uncle and loved to spend time with him. He was already to help a friend out and always had a joke and a smile to share. We will miss you Mike. My condolences to his family.*”

yaron family - August 01, 2014 at 04:03 PM