



## Larry A. Barrett

June 27, 1940 - April 18, 2015

Larry A Barrett of Petersburg, formerly of Havana, passed away peacefully on April 18 at Memorial Hospital in Springfield, Illinois after a long illness. He was born June 27, 1940 in Jacksonville, Illinois to Merle and Lowell Barrett. He married Karen Barrett on September 2, 1961 in Mason City. He attended Western Illinois University. He began his working career as a teller at The Havana National Bank in Havana. He then worked for Bonnett Irrigation for four years. He owned and operated Illinois Valley Irrigation, representing Valmont Industries a Global Irrigation Manufacturer in Valley, NE, from 1969 until his retirement in 2005. During that time he partnered first with the late John Bamburger of Havana and later with the late John Boggs of Manito. He felt privileged to serve the farm community and had high regard for his customers. He was fortunate to have had many good employees over the years. Larry was a VIP Dealer most years and proud to have played a part in the development of center pivot irrigation in central Illinois. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Havana for 46 years. He joined the United Methodist Church of Petersburg in 2007 after moving to Petersburg. He was also a member of the Havana BOE for 18 years. He belonged to the Havana Jaycees.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Merle Barrett, his grandparents, Charles Spurgeon and Nora Barrett, as well as John and Lucille Eilers. Survivors include his 95 year old father, Lowell Barrett, of Chandlerville, his wife, Karen of 53 years, son, Gregg, (Shannon) of Bigfork, MT, son, Tim,

(JoAnna) of Austin, TX, and son Matt, (partner, Larry O'Toole) of Colorado Springs, CO. A great source of pride and joy were his four grandchildren, Hannah Barrett, MT, Cooper Barrett, MT, Tyler Barrett, TX, and Ryan Barrett, TX.

Family and friends are invited to attend visitation at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana on Thursday, April 23 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

There will be an additional visitation from 10 to 11 am on Friday, April 24 just prior to the 11 am service at Petersburg United Methodist. Burial will follow at Oakland Cemetery, Petersburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to The First Baptist Church of Havana or The United Methodist Church of Petersburg.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakland Cemetery

Petersburg, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana  
217 North Plum Street  
P.O. Box #648  
Havana, IL 62644  
(309) 543-2244  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Funeral

APR **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Petersburg United Methodist Church  
221 W. Jackson  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-7689

# Tribute Wall



“ *Larry A. Barrett*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *WaterStreet Company Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Larry A. Barrett.*



**WaterStreet Company Family** - April 24, 2015 at 11:29 AM



“ *I am so sorry Karen and family. Larry was such fun to be around and always had a smile and a good joke. He will be missed by many. Hugs to you. Layne and Cori Daniels*

**Cori Arundale-Daniels** - April 24, 2015 at 11:06 AM



“ *I'm sorry to hear of your loss, I have many fond memories of him and his wonderful family. He was very good to me in so many ways at school and coaching! I enjoyed "the boys", I 'm sure they are fine young men today and carrying on Larry's joy of life. Sincerely, doug koke*

**Douglas koke** - April 23, 2015 at 03:06 PM

YT

“ YES, Energy Management Field Ops Team purchased the Amazing Arboricola for the family of Larry A. Barrett.



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**YES, Energy Management Field Ops Team** - April 22, 2015 at 02:44 PM

BK

“ Larry was one of my favorite clients. I always looked forward to seeing him and being greeted with a good joke. He was one of a kind and a really good man. I remember years ago when he flew Jack Hills, Ernie Hoff and me to Washington Island, Wisconsin to fish for a few days. What good memories. Sorry for your loss. Bill Knuppel

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**bill knuppel** - April 22, 2015 at 01:14 PM

PV

“ So sorry to hear of Larry's passing.  
Mike & Pat Vig

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**Patricia Vig** - April 22, 2015 at 09:24 AM

RT

“ We send our thoughts and prayers to the Barrett family. We only met Larry a couple times, but know that he was a great individual. He raised Gregg who has been a great husband to my sister Shannon and a great father to Hannah and Cooper. Take care. Rick, Kathy, Bryson, Mandy Turner



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**Rick Turner** - April 22, 2015 at 08:52 AM



“ *Splendid Orchids was purchased for the family of Larry A. Barrett.*



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April 21, 2015 at 07:48 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss  
Mr. & Mrs. Pat Sarnes*

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**pat sarnes** - April 21, 2015 at 04:21 PM



“ *Larry was certainly one of a kind! His smile, quick wit, and sense of humor would always bring a room to life. He will truly be missed.  
Shelley Spratt  
Havana National Bank*

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**Shelley Spratt** - April 21, 2015 at 01:58 PM



“ *Karen, Matt & family - My memories are less of Larry than of the next generation. However, I know that Karen & Larry raised some pretty amazing kids, and that says volumes about any human and parent. Thinking of all of you today & in the days to come. May all the memories you keep be good ones. ~Amy Kruse (& daughter Bailey)*

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**Amy Kruse** - April 21, 2015 at 11:15 AM

DM

“ Karen:

*I remember the fun we had in the choir at First Baptist. Larry was a kind and caring man with a great sense of humor. My prayers are with you.*

*Debi (Payne) McCarthy  
Bob and Norma's daughter*

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**Debra McCarthy** - April 21, 2015 at 09:43 AM

DM

“ Karen:

*I fondly remember all the fun we had at First Baptist in the choir. I will always remember Larry as a kind and caring man with a great sense of humor. My prayers are with you and the family.*

*Debi (Payne) McCarthy  
Bob and Norma's daughter*

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**Debra McCarthy** - April 21, 2015 at 09:38 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry A. Barrett.*



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April 21, 2015 at 09:00 AM

DD

“ Karen and family, I was sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I had the pleasure of calling on Larry as his Territory Manager for Valley irrigation. Larry was a good person with a big heart, I am sorry for your loss. Doug and Carol Dale.

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**Doug Dale** - April 21, 2015 at 08:06 AM



“ Larry was my cousin and my friend growing up. I will always remember his easy smile and his great respect for everyone. I am sure he is with the Lord and knows that my heart is aching for all who loved and missed him. Anyone that knew Larry is a lucky person. He met life's challenges head on and made the world a better place for the journey that he chose.

*In loving memory from Nancy Henry Wessel.*

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**Nancy Wessel** - April 21, 2015 at 07:33 AM

NE

“ Larry was always quick with a joke and a smile. I remember the years that he and my father spent on the Board of Education. What a great guy!

*Nancy Elliott*

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**Nancy Elliott** - April 20, 2015 at 07:26 PM

JL

“ Karen and Family,  
My heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies go out to you all  
Jeff Lynn & Family

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**Jeff Lynn** - April 20, 2015 at 06:38 PM

BM

“ *Karen & Family:*

*We send our sincere condolences on Larry's passing. May you find comfort in knowing that we care and that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Bob & Mary Jo Morlee*

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**Bob & Mary Jo Morlee** - April 20, 2015 at 04:39 PM



MP

“ *My deepest thoughts and prayers go out to you Karen, sons and families. Have many wonderful memories of Larry and you and the boys for many years. Our peace is knowing loved ones is no longer in pain and in the arms of our Savior.*

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**MARY L POTTS** - April 20, 2015 at 04:07 PM

CH

“ *Karen Nick and I are so sorry about your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Nick and Charleen Hamilton*

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**charleen hamilton** - April 20, 2015 at 03:33 PM

BS

“ To all of the family, we want to extend our deepest sympathies. He was a wonderful man. Bob was glad that he got to the hospital on Friday. Sometimes it seems one feels so helpless, but it isn't up to us. It is God's plan and now we know that Larry is at peace.

*Bob and Lyn Sisson*

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**Bob Sisson** - April 20, 2015 at 01:03 PM

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*Lowell, Karen & Boys  
Praying that God will comfort you and give you his strength during this difficult time. He always took the time to listen to your concern and would lend a helping hand when needed.*

*Alice Miller & Family*

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**Alice Miller** - April 20, 2015 at 09:48 PM

LH

*Karen,  
I miss Larry already! He always brightened my day when he would stop by the church office. I loved his stories and he always spoke of his family as a proud father and grandfather. We know your heart is heavy and we continue to lift both you and your family up in prayer.  
Our deepest sympathy,  
Laura & Kevin Heubner*

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**laura heubner** - April 20, 2015 at 09:54 PM