



Barry A. Messere

January 6, 1943 - March 1, 2019

Barry A. Messere, age 76, husband of Cheryl (Barnett) Messere, of Phoenixville, PA, passed away on Friday, March 1, 2019 in the Seasons Hospice, Phoenixville. Born on January 6, 1943 in Phoenixville, PA, he was a son of the late Austin "Oysters" and Dorothy (Himes) Messere.

Barry was a graduate of Phoenixville High School, class of 1962, where he was a member of the football team. He owned and operated Messere Plumbing and Heating for many years, which was started by his father in 1943. Mr. Messere served in the United States Navy. He served aboard a tug boat in the Philadelphia Navy Yard, as well as a member of the National Honor Guard in Washington, D.C.

Barry was mostly known for his work with the homeless. He was a co-founder of People to People, a mission of the First Presbyterian Church to help those in need and to help feed the hungry. Affectionately known as "Tex", he was well known on the streets of Philadelphia through the People to People feeding program for which he volunteered for 32 years. He was also active with the lunch program at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Phoenixville as a chef.

Barry helped found "The House", a transitional shelter for homeless women sponsored by Phoenixville Women's Outreach. Also, he was active early on

with Habitat for Humanity in Phoenixville. He helped organize KYAL and served as past president of both the Phoenixville Lion's Club and the Kimberton Fire Company Auxiliary, where he was an active donut maker. He was a loyal, dedicated and tireless champion for the volunteer organizations of which he was involved.

Because of his strong community involvement, and his plumbing and heating business, Barry knew everyone. He loved to talk with friends and acquaintances, and you could guarantee he'd usually be at the ready to tease you about something. He was an Eagles ticket holder for over 35 years, and enjoyed deep sea fishing and eating crabs.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Messere is survived by two children, Toby A., husband of Beth Messere of Phoenixville, PA and Stephanie A., wife of Ken Scott of Florence, NJ; four grandchildren, Gabrielle Messere, Paige Messere, Toby Messere, and Addison Scott; one sister, Judith Lukis; one sister-in-law, Dolores Barnett; and several nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral ceremony at the First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville, 145 Main Street, Phoenixville, PA on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 11:00 am. Officiating will be Rev. Eva Johnson and Rev. Douglas N. Hagler. Burial will be held privately. Friends will be received from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Tuesday at Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc, 610 Main Street, Phoenixville, PA or on Wednesday morning from 10:00 am - 11:00 am at the Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to "Phoenixville Women's Outreach", P.O. Box 244, Phoenixville, PA 19460. Condolences may be made by visiting www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc
610 South Main Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Visitation

MAR 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville
145 Main Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Funeral Ceremony

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville
145 Main Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Tribute Wall

CL

“ *Barry was a great friend and could always count on him to help with my household problems. God Bless and keep him*

Charlie Lapella - May 14, 2019 at 08:04 AM

MJ

“ *Our deepest condolences on Barry's passing. May his memory be a blessing; our thoughts and prayers are offered to family and friends during this difficult time.*
Mindi & Gary Janosko

MINDI S JANOSKO - March 07, 2019 at 08:43 AM

MY

“ *MaryEllen Yiaski lit a candle in memory of Barry A. Messere*



MaryEllen Yiaski - March 06, 2019 at 08:14 PM

MC

“ *Barry was a man who just couldn't say no to anyone needing help. He is the Angel God wanted on his staff. May you rest in Blessed Peace. May you Rest In Peace no more discomfort. My thoughts goe out to Cheryl and the kids.* 🌹🌸🌺👉

m cannuli - March 06, 2019 at 02:51 PM



“ *Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Barry A. Messere .*



March 06, 2019 at 12:39 PM



“ *Mr. Messere was my head coach on the 1988 KYAL Pirates along with Mr. Sim and Mr. Burns. Although he was tough on us at times (and very funny while being tough!) he was a great coach as he got us to play hard for him. Despite being in 3rd place in the regular season we ended up winning the KYAL Majors Championship that year! It is true that winning as a team does something to immortalize you together as I have never forgotten that magical year or Mr. Messere, despite the fact I never saw him again after that year. He was an unforgettable guy and believe me I have thought of him a bunch of times in the 30 some years since our amazing championship season.*

My sincere condolences to his family. May God comfort you with the knowledge that as a believer he is with the Lord now and is now living in paradise with Him. I grieve with you as Mr. Messere will forever be part of a very happy childhood memory.

All the best,

-Jeremy Dabbeek

Jeremy Dabbeek - March 06, 2019 at 12:28 PM

BM

“ Cheryl and family, You're in our thoughts and prayers. We have a lot of good memories.

Bob and Marilyn - March 05, 2019 at 08:49 PM

MC

“ Barry was such an inspiration in so many ways - he impacted so many people, he was kind and gentle and FUNNY, he reached out to the world with love and caring and I hope I can always be inspired by his example. God bless you, Barry.

Mib Campbell - March 05, 2019 at 05:20 PM

AN

“ Dearest Cheryl and family, We knew Barry as a faithful, sincere plumber and family man. We were amazed to learn about all the wonderful things that he had accomplished in life- such a giving man! He has run the race for our Lord. I can almost hear the words "good and faithful servant" coming from heaven! May he be in glory now. We are sorry for your great loss.

Angie Ng - March 05, 2019 at 03:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barry A. Messere .



March 05, 2019 at 11:25 AM

GI

“ Barry was a special man and gave love and helps to all he came in contact with. We will miss him. Seeing him ride his scooter with his dog around the walking path is a sight we will remember. God is good and will give you Cheryl the strength and comfort that can only come from Him. Blessings and love, Joan and George Irwin

George Irwin - March 04, 2019 at 12:00 PM

MO

“ We will never forget Barry for his loving generosity and service to all who needed it. Cheryl, you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Marie Olearsek - March 04, 2019 at 11:54 AM

LR

“ My best friend since High School. Barry will be missed by all of us who knew him. A very special person who touch me and so many.

Larry Reiter - March 04, 2019 at 11:09 AM

MM

barry will be missed greatly in the Plumbing field - he was awesome to work with side by side - ill never forget all the tips and skills of the trade i learned from him . He would answer his phone anytime of the day when i would need a pointer.
cant say how much i could thank him at times 🙏

matt miller - March 05, 2019 at 06:58 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Barry A. Messere .



March 04, 2019 at 10:58 AM

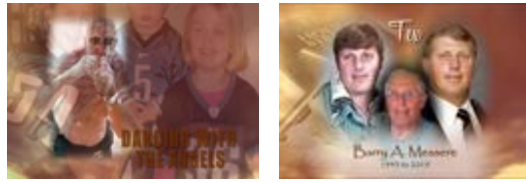
SS

“ *My heartfelt sympathies to the family! Sissy Scanlin-sacher Chapman*

sissy scanlin - March 04, 2019 at 09:19 AM



“ *2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE*



Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - March 04, 2019 at 08:41 AM

JS

Beautiful tribute to a life well lived.

John Sickler - March 04, 2019 at 10:54 AM

WS

*Mike and I got to know Barry and Cheryl through the Presbyterian Church during the years we lived in Phoenixville. I learned early on that Barry was a tireless worker who believed in helping his fellow-man. His presence will be missed greatly by all of those he helped and those who loved him.
Wanda Scott*

Wanda Scott - March 04, 2019 at 03:47 PM

CN

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the entire Messere family.
Cynthia M. Neff*

Cynthia M. Neff - March 04, 2019 at 08:22 AM

CL

“ *My condolences to the family. Barry was a great friend.*

Charlie LaPella - March 04, 2019 at 08:02 AM

MO

“ *My condolences to you and your family he did plumbing for my father and me.*

monica olszyk - March 03, 2019 at 03:19 PM

BL

“ *It has been a privilege to know our next door neighbor Barry over the years he and Cheryl have lived in Coldstream Crossing. I never knew a person who could overcome physical adversity so steadfastly and maintain a cheerful attitude as Barry surely did. He was an inspiration to all of us as well as a good friend. We will miss him dearly.*

Bob and Doris Lawson - March 03, 2019 at 02:23 PM

EK

“ *So sorry to hear of Barry's passing. May God grant you and your family peace while you grieve. Esther Kombol of the Royal Scarlet Flock.*

esther kombol - March 03, 2019 at 01:43 PM

BP

“ *Cheryl, We are so sorry to hear about Barry. May God bless you and help you through the grief that you now face.
Ben and Becky Perez*

Benjamin Perez - March 03, 2019 at 01:04 PM

GH

“ Dear Cheryl and Family . . . I can still remember growing up on Hall Street. I was probably the youngest of the neighborhood kids. So many memories. Know that Barry now enjoys the embrace of our Heavenly Father.

Gene Hutter

Gene Hutter - March 03, 2019 at 12:46 PM

RA

“ Ron & Michaleen Allen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Barry A. Messere .



Ron & Michaleen Allen - March 03, 2019 at 11:52 AM

GP

“ I always enjoyed visits with Barry at the Cancer Center. He always made, by virtue of his quick wit, the cancer center a little more humane and hopeful. Barry was one of those quiet souls who gave of himself with little or no fanfare. The world has lost a quiet hero in Barry. -Chaplain Greg

Greg Porter - March 03, 2019 at 10:49 AM

JH

“ Dear Cheryl and family. I am so sorry to hear of Barry's passing. My prayers and condolences are with you. This is the most difficult part of life, but his memories will live on, cherish them all.

*With fond memories,
Jane Hudson*

Jane Hudson - March 03, 2019 at 10:09 AM

ML

“ Dear Cheryl and family, I am so thankful that I was able to get to know Barry and you through my mom and the Kimberton Fire Auxiliary. I am even more thankful for the likenesses extended over the years to members of my family. That kindness will never be forgotten. After mom passed, I enjoyed the time I spent making donuts with Barry and looked forward to his joking around and always sharing his smile with everyone. His dedication to helping the underserved is to be commended. May your heart be full of the many wonderful memories you made and shared with Barry and may you feel peace knowing he led a life well lived and made the lives of those in need so much better. The world is a better place because of Barry Messere. May he Rest in Peace in God's arms. Take care, Michelle



Michelle Gappa Lampkin - March 03, 2019 at 08:51 AM

MK

“ Mabel Kelly lit a candle in memory of Barry A. Messere



Mabel Kelly - March 03, 2019 at 08:00 AM

JV

“ Cheryl, my sincere condolences to you and your family! I have always cherished knowing you and Barry from our school days forward. You have both been great friends and knowing he is at peace with the Lord is something to ease the loss! Jim Valletta

Jim Valletta - March 03, 2019 at 07:05 AM

EG

“ *My sincere condolences to Cheryl and the entire Messere family. My thoughts are with you at this sad time. I considered Barry a lifelong friend (since Hall St.) and his passing is a tremendous loss to to the community.*
Elliott



Elliott Goldberg - March 03, 2019 at 03:05 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Barry A. Messere .*



March 03, 2019 at 01:24 AM

KI

“ *Karen Ianieri lit a candle in memory of Barry A. Messere*



Karen Ianieri - March 03, 2019 at 01:15 AM

KI

“ Cheryl, my deepest sympathies to you, and your family! I will never forget the teasing Barry would give me anytime I saw him, but also the advice, caring, compassion and support also the food! Heaven got a gem of a good man! Please know I will be with you in spirit celebrating the good works he did for me and all the women fortunate and blessed enough to have the experience of "The house"! God bless Karen Ianieri

Karen Ianieri - March 03, 2019 at 01:09 AM

AM

“ Steph, Toby and Mrs. Messere. I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Messere's passing. I have many fond memories of him during our time at Kyal or my many overnights at the house. I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad will be missed for sure. Amy Karkoska Murphy

Amy Karkoska Murphy - March 02, 2019 at 11:08 PM

RD

“ Barry you were and always will be remembered for your dedication to your community, as well as your friendship. Loved and remembered by many. May you rest in peace and watch over us. Rich Dobson.

Richard Dobson - March 02, 2019 at 08:36 PM

JL

“ Cheryl,

Surrounded by family, relatives and friends, may you find comfort and peace in this sorrowful time with Barry's passing.

My sincere sympathy to you and your family. I am thankful for knowing Barry; he always had time for others---wonderful, caring person !

John F. Lutz

John F. Lutz - March 02, 2019 at 07:43 PM

JH

“ Cheryl, so sorry to hear of Barry's passing. I have many fond memories of our youth together.

Jack Hutter - March 02, 2019 at 06:05 PM

PG

“ Too many childhood memories of interacting with Barry's family to even begin to list. I truly am sad at hearing that Barry passed but know that his suffering is ended. Sincere condolences to Cheryl, Toby, Stephanie, Judy and their families. Barry was a fine man. I pray that he is now resting in our Heavenly Father's arms. He earned a very special place in heaven! Much love to all!

Penny and George Gatcha - March 02, 2019 at 06:04 PM

JG

Cheryl, I am so sorry to hear of Barry's untimely passing. I remember when the two of you got engaged. Barry was a wonderful, caring person with a great sense of humor! Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with all who loved Barry. He will be greatly missed.

Jan(Kroupa) Geisler - March 02, 2019 at 10:51 PM

TG

Cheryl, We are so sorry to hear of Barry's passing. Such good neighbors are a blessing and he will be missed!
Tom and Pat Galligher

Tom Galligher - March 03, 2019 at 07:24 AM

RS

Dear Cousin Cheryl,
Pam and I are so sorry to learn of Barry's passing and offer our sincere condolences to you and your family. Barry was such an empathetic and caring person and both of you are truly loved by us, my Mom and my Dad. As you may have learned via social media, Dad passed away last night in Seasons Hospice at Phoenixville Hospital in the room next to where Barry had lain. Dad knew of Barry's passing. Dad and Barry shared many laughs and good times together. All those who were fortunate to have known each of them are sharing our loss. Wonderful memories, lives well lived and spirits and souls at rest with God.
Our love to you and yours,
Pam and Rick Silfies

Rick Silfies - March 09, 2019 at 09:33 PM