



Lewis Christopher Barbour

May 12, 1940 - July 24, 2023

Lewis Barbour, lovingly known as "Sugar Bear" by his coworkers, bid farewell to this world on July 24th at the age of 83 surrounded by his family. Lewis was a devoted husband and father, mediocre golfer who was very proud of those two holes-in-one, and amazing grandfather.

Born in Pittsylvania County in 1940, Lewis led a life filled with family and love. He shared an inseparable bond with his beloved wife Dianne, and together they raised 3 daughters and helped to raise 5 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. Together, Lewis and Dianne traveled all over the United States in their RV. Their journeys were cherished moments that created beautiful memories with wonderful couples who became life-long friends.

He could be found many summer days, always accompanied by a grandchild either riding the lawnmower, fishing, golfing or splashing in the water.

Lewis gave 38 years of his life to his work at BWXT, where he was known as a jokester with a kind heart. The camaraderie he fostered with his coworkers earned him the endearing nickname "Sugar Bear".

Lewis is preceded in death by his parents Hassie Sublett Barbour and Daniel Thomas Barbour and his two sisters, Shirley Barbour Rose of Irvington, Virginia and Doris Barbour Ferguson of Evington, Virginia.

He is survived by his loving wife Dianne Dalton Barbour; three daughters, Julie Barbour Janney, Claudia Barbour Newton and her husband Thomas of Roanoke and Johanna Barbour Derrenbacker and her husband Todd of Lynchburg; five grandchildren, Angela Janney Peters, Ryan Newton, Carson Newton, Kara Derrenbacker, and Sophie Derrenbacker; and one great grandchild, Samantha Peters.

Rest in peace Lewis, as you embark on your final journey; driving your RV into the sunset with peanut butter crackers and fudge stripes at your side. You will remain in our hearts forever.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, July 27, 2023 at Finch & Finch Chapel, Altavista by the Rev. Donna Sams with interment to follow in Tree of Life Cemetery, Altavista.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m., Wednesday at Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista and other times at the residence.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider the Kazim Shriners, 628 W. Campbell Avenue, SW, Roanoke, VA 24016-3596.

Cemetery Details

Tree of Life Cemetery

1478 Wards Road
Altavista, VA 24517

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Funeral Service

JUL 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Finch and Finch Chapel
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Lewis Christopher Barbour*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - July 26, 2023 at 11:19 AM

CD

“ *To the Barbour family, sorry to hear about the passing of your husband/father...I know it's been a minute or two but what a great neighbor growing up as a child, may God bless you all and bring peace! With Love Cris*

Christopher duff - July 26, 2023 at 08:51 PM

SD

“ *Diane and girls,
So sorry to hear about the passing of Lewis. You mentioned the RV, my memories are of the pop up and your annual trip to FL. Miss all this good old days when the children were growing up. Whispers of sweet peace and love to all.
Shirley Duff*

Shirley Duff - July 26, 2023 at 08:07 PM

JJ

“ *To the family. Wonderful memories will be treasured forever. He lived and enjoyed a wonderful life. Gale & Larry Johnson*

janice f johnson - July 26, 2023 at 05:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lewis Christopher Barbour.*



July 26, 2023 at 03:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lewis Christopher Barbour.*



July 26, 2023 at 12:06 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lewis Christopher Barbour.*

July 26, 2023 at 12:06 PM



“ *From TRAX International purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Lewis Christopher Barbour.*



From TRAX International - July 26, 2023 at 11:57 AM

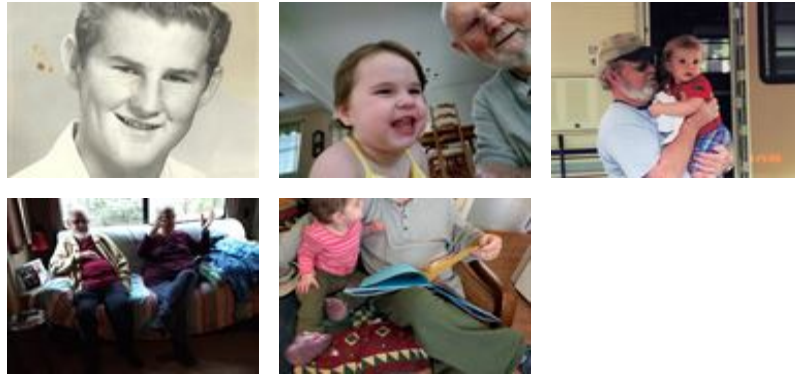
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From TRAX International - July 26, 2023 at 11:57 AM



“ 127 files added to the album LifeTributes



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - July 26, 2023 at 11:16 AM

SK

“ Susan Krantz lit a candle in memory of Lewis Barbour



Susan Krantz - July 25, 2023 at 09:03 PM

LP

“ *Linda Pierce lit a candle in memory of Lewis Barbour*



Linda M. Pierce - July 25, 2023 at 06:06 PM

JM

“ *jimmy marr lit a candle in memory of Lewis Barbour*



jimmy marr - July 25, 2023 at 05:19 PM

MK

“ *Melinda Krantz-Kirby lit a candle in memory of Lewis Barbour*



Melinda Krantz-Kirby - July 25, 2023 at 03:25 PM

GC

“ *Glenna Carr lit a candle in memory of Lewis Barbour*



Glenna W Carr - July 25, 2023 at 03:22 PM