



## Steven Barkhoff

April 30, 1949 - November 3, 2022

Steven Ben Barkhoff (Barky) passed away Thursday, November 3, 2022. He was 73. His lively, funny, sarcastic, storytelling spirit left us to reunite with everyone in the clouds who loved him, greeting him with a glass of scotch. The reunion very likely was marked with raucous laughter, followed by his rehearsed jokes and tall tale stories of all kinds on repeat as needed.

He was born in Cedar Falls, IA on April 30, 1949, to Benny Barkhoff and Dorothy (Straight). He had two siblings, Don Barkhoff and Carole Petra, both deceased. He is survived by his loving wife Keevin, son Vincent (Shelley) Barkhoff of Cedar Falls, IA; daughters, Tammy Harrenstein (Tom Hicks) Waverly, IA, and Barb (David) Huber of Wentzville, MO; his three wonderful grandchildren (Barky's words), Devin Barkhoff Cedar Falls, IA, A1C Reece Harrenstein Elgin Air Force base, FL, LT Amanda Huber PharmD, Phoenix, AZ, cousins, an aunt, a nephew and all others dear to his heart.

He married Keevin Atwood on October 13, 1967, in Waterloo, IA. He was in the Army from 1971-1973 with a tour in Vietnam and was awarded the bronze star. After returning home he went to work at John Deere as a fork truck driver and a hot metal crane operator. He was laid off in the 80's and took the call back offer to chip and grind in the foundry to go back to John Deere. He became union steward in the foundry and worked a few other jobs within John Deere before retiring in 2001 at 52 years old. He was a life member at Amvets

49 and a member of DAV (Disabled American Veterans).

His passions were motorcycle riding, traveling, telling stories more than once, good food, a stiff drink, good company, fast cars, and fishing (and other things we cannot print in the newspaper). He loved telling fun filled stories to his family and friends and repeatedly saying "I am so proud of you". Barky, was a cornerstone of the family and taught us all unconditional love, hard work and always maintaining a sense of humor.

Please join his family to celebrate his unique life, tell old stories (even those that may be a little embarrassing to repeat), marvel of his accomplishments and prepare for the world without him on Sunday, December 4, 2022 at the Marriot Hotel (Blue Iguana), 250 Westfield Ave, Waterloo, IA 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers please direct memorials to the family, they will be donating to the Motorcycle Relief Project per his request (Barky would say donations help veteran riders more than flowers...lol).

Barky, you always got me home, till  $2+2=3$ , K

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC 4. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Blue Iguana - Courtyard Marriott Hotel  
250 Westfield Avenue  
Suite 101  
Waterloo, IA 50701

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Richardson Funeral Service - November 30, 2022 at 12:42 PM

JL

“ Keevan & Family,  
We were sad to hear of Barky's sudden passing. You have our  
sympathy. Barkey will be missed.  
Jack & Judy Loonan

Jack & Judy Loonan - November 27, 2022 at 12:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Steven Barkhoff.



November 14, 2022 at 08:50 AM

Kevin  
Tompkins

“ *Barky was my wife's (favorite) uncle Steve. I was introduced to the family while just a "boyfriend" in the early 90's. While meeting new people can be at best, uncomfortable, Barky was a master at making people feel "at home" (and on many occasions, drunk). Some stories may have been repeated over these many years but I remember the first time hearing each one. I'm grateful for knowing Barky and I enjoyed every minute we spent together, often with a degree of regret the next morning. Godspeed.*

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Kevin Tompkins - November 11, 2022 at 07:23 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Steven Barkhoff.*



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November 11, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ *I did not know him before our trip but he was friendly with everyone and it is good that he got to experience the trip. some people called him Santa Claus I thought he looked like Ernest hemmingway. So sorry for your loss if there is to be a memorial send information to janine at d j country yours and she get that out to the ones who were on the trip. I am sure several would contribute if they knew how and where to send. May God grant you comfort and peace in this difficult time*  
*John crippls*

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john crippls - November 10, 2022 at 03:52 PM

TM

“ Keeven, Tammy and Vincent,  
I am so sorry about Steve’s passing, it was a huge shock and so sad. I’ve had many flashback memories of Steve and you and the kids from years ago since I heard the news. My heart goes out to you and all of the family.  
Love,  
Toni Mueller

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**Toni Mueller** - November 09, 2022 at 07:52 PM

DB

“ Keevin, so very sorry for your loss. Though it has been a long time, I have vivid memories of Steve at the IIP parties. Shedding wisdom on a variety of topics. You and your family are in our prayers. We will be thinking of you in the weeks and months to come.  
Darin and Jodi Bronson

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**Darin Bronson** - November 09, 2022 at 07:45 PM

MK

“ Keeven,  
So sorry to hear of Steven’s passing. Harlen heard it at coffee this morning. We shared a dinner table at Cracker Barrel on our return bus trip home from S Carolina. Our deepest sympathy to all.  
Harlen & Marilyn Koelling

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**Marilyn Koelling** - November 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM

IH

“ Keeven,  
*I am truly blessed to have met both Steven & you on the London/Paris trip. I wish I had met you on on other trips. I soooo enjoyed our many conversations about Lake Delhi, John Deere, cars, motorcycles, & your many exciting, adventurous road trips on your motorcycles. I loved watching Steven stop, in the middle of telling me a story, turn to you, Keeven, for accuracy & clarification of details. Your soft, quiet, supportive & often nonverbal response, was so endearing. I appreciated Steven giving me his honest opinion on a subject or activity when I asked... & sometimes when I didn't ask : )*

*My heart breaks for you, Keeven. Your love for each other was so lovingly apparent with your holding hands, constant physical closeness, nonverbal communication.*

*May ALL the MANY memories you & Steven made together, the love & care of family & friends, help in healing your heartache & pain now & in the future.*

*Prayers for you.*

*Ina Heidemann*

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**Ina Heidemann** - November 07, 2022 at 10:00 AM

DG

“ *Steve was a proud member of the Disabled American Veterans, and an active volunteer. A great sense of humor, and fun to serve with. He will be missed. Dave Grimm, Adjutant, chapter 11. DAV*

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**Dave Grimm** - November 07, 2022 at 07:57 AM

Janine Rankin McCarthy

“ *My heart is so heavy for the loss of Steven. He was such a good man and loved you, Keevin, so much. Seeing you both on our international tour and being able to spend time with you was the best I could imagine.*

*Steven was so insistent on us sharing a glass of wine as we toasted in Paris. And even got the nickname of Mr. Santa with his white beard and jolly way.*

*He was so happy being there with you, holding hands or walking arm-in-arm. Your love for each other is unconditional. I am honored to have wonderful memories of times with you both like when we were in New York or New England.*

*Steven has a heart of gold! He will remain in our hearts and will never be forgotten. Love you both and I am so heartbroken for your loss.*



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**Janine Rankin McCarthy** - November 05, 2022 at 04:08 PM

VP

*I am so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed you both. Laugh when you think of French Onion Soup, and know he is looking after you. Jinny Pettyjohn*

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**virginia Pettyjohn** - November 06, 2022 at 11:46 AM

PM

*I am so sorry for your loss. Your loving 55 years together, ow what memories you share and this will bring comfort to you! Hugs.*

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**pearl mccollom** - November 07, 2022 at 05:28 PM

TC

“ So sorry to hear the news of Stevens passing. I met you both on our recent London/Paris trip. You were such a sweet couple always holding hands and seemed to share so much love. Steven was chatty and friendly and fun to be around. Incredibly sorry for your loss Keevan.  
Tracy Clark

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**Tracy Clark** - November 05, 2022 at 12:52 PM



“ We enjoyed meeting Steven and his wife just recently on a trip overseas. He had a great sense of humor and was fun and friendly to talk to. Our deepest sympathy to Keevan and family. Karl and Gloria Ketter

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**Gloria Linhart-Ketter** - November 05, 2022 at 11:25 AM