



## Michael E. Barrett

October 28, 1939 - December 7, 2017

Michael Emmett Barrett, 78, of Ocean Township, NJ passed away from complications of cancer treatment on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at Sloan Kettering Hospital in New York City.

He leaves behind his true love and wife of 55 years, Anne Marie (Tierney) Barrett and their three children: Genevieve Gallagher and her husband Michael, Denise Pantason and her husband Andrew, and Charles Barrett and his wife Lieu. He is also survived by his seven grandchildren and his brother, Kevin Barrett.

Michael was born on October 28, 1939 to Irish immigrants Michael and Margaret McMahan Barrett in the Bronx, NY. He attended St. Nicholas of Tolentine High School where he met his wife, Anne Marie Tierney. Following high school, Michael served in the army for two years as a military police officer in Garmisch, Germany.

Michael believed in the merits of a good education and took classes at Manhattan College while working and starting a family. He was unable to complete his degree at that time but returned to his studies at Farleigh Dickenson University and graduated in 1985, three months before his oldest daughter.

Michael's career as an Executive Vice President in mortgage financing spanned many decades at Household Finance in NY, Crestmont Federal Savings in Westfield, NJ, and Ocean Federal in Toms River, NJ. He was the "go-to" guy for mortgages, always spending time with his children's friends to coach them through the process. Michael was given a plaque in his honor at his retirement with his name and the quotes "no problem" and "piece of cake" because those were his responses to any situation that was presented to him.

Michael loved his family and spending time with friends. He played basketball in his younger years and coached all of his children when they were younger. During his retirement, he spent many hours on the golf course and he loved the beach, especially the sunsets in Bonita Springs, Florida. Many would describe Michael as a great guy, funny, gregarious, and loud. He was all of those things but he was also kind, gentle, and generous with his time, knowledge, and spirit. He was a loving husband and a wonderful father and grandfather! He will always be our Superman!

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 PM on Sunday, December 10 at Bongarzone Funeral Home, Tinton Falls, NJ. Funeral mass will be offered at 11 AM on Monday, December 11 at St. Anselm's RC Church, Tinton Falls, NJ. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society at [donate.cancer.org](http://donate.cancer.org)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home  
2400 Shafto Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712  
(732) 918-6200

# Tribute Wall

EM

“ Prayers, condolences & love from the McCarthy-McGarvey family

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Ellen mccarthy mcgarvey - December 13, 2017 at 11:06 AM

DE

“ Ann: our love and prayers are with you and your family on the passing of Mike. We pray that all the love and good times you shared with Mike will be a comfort to you and your family. We certainly will never forget all the wonderful fun times we had with the Barretts and the Magees; many laughs. We were also so happy to have shared the 2017 Tolentine, Class of 1957, reunion with Mike and you last June.

May God grant you the comfort of knowing that Mike is safe in the arms of Jesus.

Love, Desi and Eleanor

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Desi and Eleanor - December 11, 2017 at 12:02 AM

JF

“ Thank you Michael for your mentoring for 25 years as a mortgage professional. You taught me many things and provided guidance in many ways. Thank you for being you. As I told my sons as a life philosophy, "Be There" on judgment day. I know you are there.  
Your friend, Jim

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Jim Flynn - December 10, 2017 at 03:16 PM

AB

“ *To the Family of Michael Barrett,*

*We are very sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved Michael.*

*We hope that it will comfort you to know that Michael now rests eternally in the warm grace of the Good Shepherd as explained in Chapter 10 of the Gospel of Saint John.*

*With Love in Christ,*

*Elaine and Andrew Coukos,*

*and*

*Andrea and Tom Blasi*



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**Andrea and Tom Blasi** - December 10, 2017 at 02:48 PM

BH

“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Michael E. Barrett*



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**Bongarzone Funeral Home** - December 09, 2017 at 10:20 PM

LD

“ Love, Lynn,Chris,Tricia, Rich,Jim and Dorothy purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Michael E. Barrett.



Love, Lynn,Chris,Tricia, Rich,Jim and Dorothy - December 09, 2017 at 03:22 PM

JF

“ Joe and Enid Awad and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Michael E. Barrett.



Joe and Enid Awad and Family - December 09, 2017 at 03:08 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael E. Barrett.



December 09, 2017 at 02:34 PM

MP

“ *Jim and I are shocked and heartbroken to hear of Mike's passing. He and Anne were neighbors and dear friends at Spring Run, Bonita Springs, Florida. Hugs and kisses all around each time we were together....and we always seemed to be on a quest to find the perfect burger for Mike each time we went out to eat. We send our love and sympathy to Anne and the family, and hope cherished memories help to give comfort.*

*Marta Pullen*

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**Marta Pullen** - December 09, 2017 at 12:15 PM

JH

*John and I are so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He and Anne have been close friends for many years in Bonita Springs, FL and we treasure the memories of so many shared meals sprinkled with some fun golf games, but mostly many fun friendly discussions. There are some people in life you just feel a strong bond with and for us, Mike and Anne are these people. We will sorely miss him and pray for Anne and their family to get thru this sad time. With love,*

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**John & Carol Haulotte** - December 10, 2017 at 02:11 PM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Michael E. Barrett.*



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December 08, 2017 at 09:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael E. Barrett.*



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December 08, 2017 at 06:03 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Michael E. Barrett.*



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December 08, 2017 at 05:10 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies - Mr. B is in our thoughts and prayers.  
Love, The Marinello Family*



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**Ralph Marinello** - December 08, 2017 at 04:44 PM