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William J. Barrett, age 58, of Fort Myers, passed away on June 21, 2020 in the compassionate care of Hope Hospice surrounded by his loving family. Bill was born in Fort Myers, the son of the late Thomas and Lynn Barrett. Bill was a financial advisor since 1987 and was a First Vice President with Morgan Stanley. Bill was deeply committed to public service and had the distinction of being a former president of The Edison Pageant of Light, and served as a board member and former Vice Chairman for Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, was an active member of the Rotary Club of Fort Myers where he was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow and chairman of the Lee County School District Dictionary Project for the past eighteen years, served on the board for the Southwest Florida Boy Scouts of America, served on the finance committee for Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church, and served as a board member for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Venice.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Lisa; four children: son's Matthew, Mark, Michael, John, and family pet Ginger, all of Fort Myers; sister Maureen E. Proce and husband William of Fort Myers; sister Colleen Larkey and husband Ken of Carmel, Indiana.

Bill was a lifelong resident of Fort Myers and attended Saint Francis Xavier Catholic School, Bishop Verot Catholic High School, Santa Fe Community College, and Florida State University. Bill was a devoted family man and extremely loyal friend to all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Bill lived life to the fullest and enjoyed boating, fishing, hunting, camping, barbecuing and cheering for the Seminoles. Bill was proud of each of his beloved sons and the young men they have become. He loved spending time with his family, enjoying Scouting and the great outdoors; especially fishing, camping, and riding four wheelers.

There will be a private Mass of Christian Burial at Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church on Thursday, June 25, 2020. A Celebration of Life will be held later in the year when conditions are more conducive for public gathering. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial



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contributions be made to Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 2057 Cleveland Avenue Fort Myers, Florida 33901.

Funeral arrangements by Fort Myers Memorial Gardens.




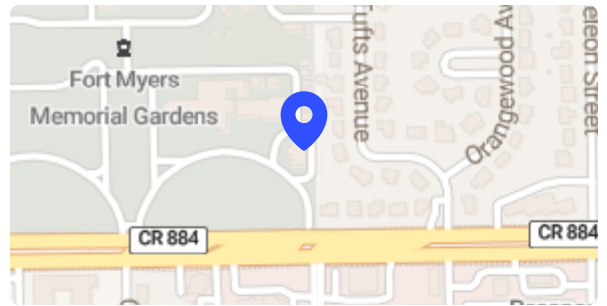
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Cemetery Details

 **Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery**
1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers FL 33907





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PA

Patrick Agnew posted:

It is June 21, 2023, three years since Bill's passing. I still pray for his Eternal Rest. Faith says that we shall meet again. Then we shall know and love each other better and longer than we did in life. "There no more parting, no more pain, The distant ones brought near, The lost so long are found again, Long lost but longer dear." - C. Rossetti

June 21 at 12:53 AM

AB

Ann W. Booth posted:

Bill and I met out first year at Verot. Little did I know then that I had made a lifelong friend. His kindness and sincerity were clear in everything he did. I'm so sorry for your loss. My only consolation is knowing heaven gained a new angel. Ann W. Booth

July 25 at 8:54 PM

SS

Steven And Lisa Steele posted:

We are so sorry to learn about Bill's passing. The Barretts have had a long history with the Wintz Family. Bill's dad advised Joe Wintz, and then Don Wintz, Joe's son, and most recently Lisa Wintz, Don's daughter, advised by Bill. We pray for Bill and his family. Bill went way too soon. Our hearts go out to you. Love, Steve and Lisa Steele

July 4 at 7:21 AM

SB

Samira Beckwith posted:

I am so sorry about Bill and your loss. He was so very special and was truly liked and respected by everyone. Loving a person makes it so sad and difficult when they die. This must be the cost of love and being close to people. I do hope that you find support during this very difficult adjustment. Sending you love condolences. Samira

July 3 at 12:05 PM

LP

Lynne Pritchett posted:

. Ric and I have known Bill since childhood and our parents were friends in this little place called Fort Myers. He was the funniest person I knew. Lisa, Colleen, Maureen and families, we have no words to say how deep is the loss to your families and to our community. We send you love and prayers. Ric and Lynne Pritchett

June 30 at 4:18 AM



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JB

Jeanne M. Bowen posted:

Maureen, Colleen, Lisa and families - sending our deepest condolences for your loss of Bill. May you find peace in knowing he is reunited in Heaven with your wonderful Mom and Dad. We pray for your comfort in this time of great sorrow - Love, Jeanne and Ken Bowen

June 26 at 5:25 AM

WF

William G Finke posted:

I am a member of Bill's Rotary Club, but more importantly, I worked with Bill for my last three years as a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley in Fort Myers. In fact, our offices were next to each other, and so we had many great conversations, almost everyday. I am originally from Chicago, and one day, we even figured out we were related through marriage and his Uncle John O'Neal. He was a good guy and a fine man. He was taken way too soon from all of us. You have my deepest sympathies. Bill Finke

June 25 at 8:51 AM

BD

Bobbi Duggins posted:

I knew Bill from Rotary and Morgan Stanley. He was a good guy and gone way to soon. God Bless all of you. Bobbi Duggins

June 25 at 7:33 AM

HF

Herbert A. Fried posted:

We are all so sorry for your loss. He was taken when he had done so much and had so much left to do. Countless lives were enriched by him. He left many friends. Herb Fried (I knew him through Rotary)

June 24 at 5:47 PM



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Patricia Bell posted:

Bill loved his family and his community. When I met Bill 20 years ago at Rotary one could see the caring in his eyes that emanated from his heart. When Bill and Steve Hawks committed to putting a dictionary in every Lee County 3rd graders hands, they dove in and made it happen. Bringing together 15 different clubs with their passion for literacy for children. Bill is in heaven, In Peace with Jesus. Lisa, my prayers go out to you and the boys. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

June 24 at 1:34 PM



Dr. Sandra Agle posted:

My prayers for the family of a kind and generous man. I first met Bill through my brother when they began the Dictionary project for Lee County School District and I was the District's representative. Bill humor got me through the bumps and made those Saturdays fun. He will be missed in our community.

June 24 at 4:40 AM



Gene Jones posted:

From high school buddy, to college roommate, to life long friend, Bill was always there in time of need and in making us all laugh. He will be missed greatly! RIP Bill. We love you!Gene

June 24 at 4:34 AM



Pat Agnew posted:

Bill and I grew up together. At St. Francis and Verot, it seemed we were inseparable. He made it all an adventure: riding bikes too far from home, sailing too far out into the river, sneaking into St. Francis church after school - where we would both swear we saw a ghost. We got our first job together (hands at Boot's Ranch) did magic shows, got in trouble (but not caught). And in 1979, after working together at Memorial Gardens, we hiked a section of the Appalachian Trail together. I still go back there. Thanks for the memories, Bill. Rest in God. - Pat Agnew

June 23 at 2:57 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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