



## Bruce Barr

July 30, 1946 - May 18, 2023

Bruce D. Barr, age 76, of Sparta, TN (formerly of Clawson, MI), passed away May 18, 2023 from natural causes.

Bruce was the husband of Gwen Ann (Compson) Barr (dec. July 8, 1997) and father of William Barr, Sr., Sean Barr, and Julie (Barr) Flaming. Bruce's grandchildren include Roux Ryder (formerly Chelsea Stchur), Alex Barr, William Barr, Jr., Lauren Joswak, Sophia Barr, Ryker Barr, Bella Barr, Zuzu Barr, Nellie Barr, Adelina Barr, Gwenneth Flaming, and Violet Flaming.

Bruce attended Michigan State where he studied forestry, was a veteran of the U.S. Army, and worked as an industrial electrician for most of his career. He was the leader of the Clawson Boy Scout Troop 1093 and ran the public address system for the Royal Oak First United Methodist Church for many years before retiring to Sparta, TN where he joined the church choir and handled repair and electrical projects for the building. Bruce was known to his friends and neighbors as a handy man, always willing to help, with a tool for every job, and a heart willing to serve.

Bruce's favorite place to be was in nature, whether camping with family or the Boy Scouts, hunting, fishing, riding horses, or tending goats. Bruce always put others first and will be sorely missed by his family, friends, and neighbors.

Visitation will take place Wednesday, May 31, from 10 am - 12:30 pm at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd., Royal Oak. Burial and graveside prayer will take place at 1 pm at Oakview Cemetery, 1032 N. Main St., Royal Oak.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street  
(south of 12 Mile Road)  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 31.** 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
[royal@sullivanfh.com](mailto:royal@sullivanfh.com)  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Burial

**MAY 31.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Oakview Cemetery  
1032 N. Main Street  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Tribute Wall



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bruce Barr.

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“ My family and I had the pleasure of meeting Bruce a few times. The first time was out to dinner at a Mexican restaurant near his home. We are still to this day not sure if the staff feeding him his birthday dessert was a set-up or a normal occurrence! Either way it was so entertaining! Bruce was a good sport! He came to Livingston, TN to support my family when our parents passed. He really seemed to have an incredible love and passion for his animals. You have an amazing family Bruce! You will be deeply missed by all!

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