



John Barrie Bryant

October 25, 1935 - September 13, 2013

Bryant, John Barrie, age 77, of Royal Oak, died September 13, 2013. Beloved husband of Barbara J. Loving father of Lisa Duane Kimmel, Bruce D. Noreen Bryant and Barry N. Sandra Bryant. Proud grandfather of Benjamin Bryant Kimmel, David Bryant, Madeline Bryant, Barry Robert Bryant and Alexandra Bryant. Dear brother of Bonnie Ralph Sitter. John Bryant was a man who threw his heart and soul into everything he did. He loved singing, sailing and spending time with his beautiful family. His grandchildren meant the world to him. He never tired of teaching something to them – how to sail a boat, split a log, parallel park, or start a bonfire. He called the boys "Bud" and called Madeline "Buddy Girl". John was an active man. He loved roller blading, playing racquetball, and riding his bike everywhere. He spent his summers on Lake Superior sailing even when the winds were so strong no sensible person would have gone out. John was an accomplished pianist and sang with the Deep River Choir Detroit, Michigan and the Voices of Naples Naples, Florida. He loved his church and was firmly grounded in his faith. He served Heritage Church of Christ as an elder. He was involved in other community activities and believed that there was nothing he couldn't do. John and Barbara spent their retirement years traveling north and south on I-75. Their summer home is in the Upper Peninsula near Sault Ste. Marie. Their winter home is in Naples, Florida. He used to say that they traveled from the Locks to the Keys every year. John retired from a 30 year teaching career from Warren Fitzgerald Schools. He taught architectural drafting and mathematics. He served as

president of the Fitzgerald Education Association for a number of years. He continued to "teach" for the remainder of his years either by example or step by step instructions. He truly was a "people person". There wasn't anyone who he couldn't become friends with him. John will be remembered for his quick wit and amazing sense of humor. Even as he battled his cancer he managed to write humor-filled health updates to his friends. He was the kind of dad who was very involved in his children's activities even when his children became adults. He was there for every hockey game, swim meet and concert. He always made sure that his children were at rehearsals and practices regardless of how early they were. Memorial gathering Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with memorial service Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Memorials to the American Cancer Society or the Heritage Church of Christ in Clawson, MI are appreciated.

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Had Mr. Bryant as a drafting teacher in the early 1980's, which lead to a good career as a draftsman, He was an awesome caring teacher. I remember he even invited are drafting class to his house for a barbeque! RIP Mr Bryant,

Ricky Merriman

Ricky Merriman - January 26, 2017 at 10:36 PM

AM

“ Dear Barb and family, I am so sorry and sad for your loss. Barrie will be missed by me and many at TLGC. I will think of him often in the interest he took in our community, watching from my condo as he and Dennis played pool in the Club House, and our many conversations about the betterment of Turtle Lake. and his never ending humor. Fondly, Anita Miller

Anita Miller - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of this truly wonderful, funny, kind hearted gentleman. I had the pleasure of being his hairdresser for nearly 23 years whenever he was in Brimley, Michigan.... I will certainly miss you...what a great guy....I too would like to say thank you for every thing you ever taught me these many years... You had the greatest laugh and were so good at making me laugh... Peace be with you Sir.....

Sherrie Steele - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ My deepest sympathy to the family and friends of "Mr. Bryant". After graduating he told me to call him John...but he was, and always will be, Mr. Bryant to me. As my architectural teacher at Fitz from 1973 to 1975, and professional mentor since then, I can easily say that he was the major reason I am an architect today. He was responsible for getting me my first job in an architectural office, and I have had a long successful career ever since. My business has allowed many other people, who he never directly knew, flourish in the architectural profession, and I took great pride in introducing him to each and every one on those few visits he made to see me. None of this would have been possible without his dedicated, personal, and sincere assistance throughout my education and the following years as I was establishing myself in one of the best professions in this world. I will miss knowing that he is around if ever I needed his advice. Again...thank you for everything Mr. Bryant.

Glenn P. DeSimone, a.i.a. - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ I will miss Barrie immensely and think of the very many happy times Penny and I spent with JB and Barbara. This friendship took us to such widely diverse regions as Florida where we met, Upper Peninsula MI, England, Wales, Ireland and France. Barrie was such an interesting, clever, quick-witted man with a lovely sense of humour. I have lost my pool partner and, irreplaceably, and, my hum-a-long duettist with the old tunes. We will never forget you Barrie. Strength to Barbara and the family.

dennis kidd - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ I have lost a true friend. Thank you JB for the wonderful memories of the times Dennis & I spent with you and Miss B. I have also lost my great sailing skipper.

Penny Kidd Bedford, England - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

2F

“ Your 2nd grade friends at Ojibwa extend our sympathies for the loss of your loved one. We know what a close family you are and what a difficult time this must be. Take comfort in knowing he is in God's hands now. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Jeannine, Pam, Lauren and Katie

2nd grade Friends - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I had Mr. Bryant for Drafting at Fitzgerald High School and he was a great instructor and it led me to a great career in Machine Design for the past 25 years. Truly a great educator!

Michael Klonowski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I remember him well. A true inspiration toward my career as a mechanical engineer ! Loved him as a teacher, straight shooter told ya how it was! So Sorry For Your Loss! Truly and awesome man!
R.I.P Mr Bryant!

Michael Meyerhoff - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ It was a pleasure to sing with as good and lively an artist as John Bryant here in the Y-Arts Deep River Choir. He is with that angelic choir now. The heavens have a more solid bass line!

danielduane - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Bryant family, I am remorseful about your loss and like to extend my deepest sympathy for your loved one John Bryant. From personal experience I know that the death of a love one causes pain and grief and sometimes it seems unbearable. The Scriptures contain comfort that can assist us during times of distress. The ransom of Jesus and the hope of seeing my loved one again in the resurrection brought me comfort. I would like to share these three scriptures with you to give you comfort John 5:28, 29, Acts 24:15 and Romans 15:4. May the God of comfort give you peace and rest. Mrs. Higgins

Mrs Higgins - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM