



## Richard K. Barton

July 31, 1937 - January 1, 2020

On Wednesday, January 1, 2020, Richard K. Barton, loving husband and father, passed away at the age of 82, following a long illness. As a Christian, Dick put his faith and confidence in Jesus Christ and is now living eternally in His presence.

Dick and his twin brother, Robert, were born in 1937 in Detroit, Michigan to George and Helen Barton. Richard served two years in the United States Army before graduating from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, and The Pennsylvania State University with a PhD in Electromechanical Engineering. He was a Registered Power Electrical Engineer in Pennsylvania, and a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, with thirty years of experience as an electro-mechanical engineer for the Direct Current Motor and Generator Department at General Electric in Erie, PA. He engineered high-powered and efficient motors and generators, custom-tailored for use in locomotives, dragline excavators, hydroelectric dams, nuclear submarines, and ocean cable-laying boats. In retirement, Dick split his time between homes in Fairview, PA and Bonita Springs, FL.

Dick was a devoted husband to his loving wife and dance partner, Karen, also known as "the best thing to ever happen to him." He was the loudest cheerleader at the sporting events of his two sons, Michael and David. He

guided his family on canoe camping trips in Canada, skiing in the Rocky Mountains, and snorkeling in the Caribbean. Dick enjoyed sailing and golf, and was an American Contract Bridge League Life Master, playing regularly at clubs in Bonita Springs, FL and Erie, PA. His passion for telling failed jokes was appreciated by few, but will be missed by all.

Dick was preceded in death by his father, George, and mother, Helen (Lavoie). He is survived by his wife, Karen, sons, Michael and wife Julie, David and wife Lory, brother Robert and wife Doris, sister-in-law Joyce and her husband Peter Hatch, brother-in-law Lynn Porter and wife Dee, sister-in-law Judy Cassell, three grandchildren, and several cousins.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, January 6th, at 2 pm at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 So. Tamiami Trail in Bonita Springs, FL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cleveland Clinic Diabetes Research and Education fund.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com)

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard K. Barton*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



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**David Barton** - January 08, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ *David, Michael, and Family,*

*My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family at this difficult time.*

*My best,*

*John P. Stockard*

**John Stockard** - January 06, 2020 at 09:55 AM

WK

“*“Dr Dick” became a great mentor to me at GE when I started in 1978. It was a little rough at first but once I asked for real help on an issue he started tutoring me on the finer points of DC motors. Later on, I recall several trips to Detroit to work on dynamometer issues and got to know him much better. He ran the Engineering meeting on Friday mornings in Bldg 9 and he would lock the door at precisely 10:30 and then lecture anyone that was late.. I made sure I never was! His favorite marker color was blue and I probably still have some papers I wrote that were edited.  
A great Engineer and our sincerest condolences to the family.  
...Walt & Jeanne Konstanty*

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**Walt Konstanty** - January 06, 2020 at 09:06 AM

RB

“*We are praying for your family in the coming days and weeks, as Dick has left his earthly life for his eternal life with the Lord. May you experience God's love and comfort in a special way.  
Your friends,  
Ron and Esther Borton*

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**Ron & Esther Borton** - January 05, 2020 at 02:51 PM

EL

“*To all of the Bartons,  
So sorry for your loss. Enjoy all of your memories and celebrate Dick's life. Thinking of all of you.  
Love  
Aunt Lainey*

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**Elaine** - January 03, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ I am Kenny the grandchild of Richard. One of my favorite memories with him was the last time I went out to visit when I got to sit with him and watch March Madness basketball. Basketball is my favorite sport and being able to watch something I love with my grandpa makes the problems of this world non existent to me for a short period. Watching Zion Williamson dunk on all the short people with my grandpa made me a happier better person.

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**Kenneth Barton** - January 03, 2020 at 12:16 PM

WG

For I long as I can remember, I have been Dick's hairdresser. I have had the chance to talk with him about so many things over the years. Many jokes and laughs were shared and he will be missed. His family are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Rest in peace my friend.

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**Wanda Graham** - January 05, 2020 at 12:23 PM