



William Joseph Barton

April 12, 1943 - June 3, 2026

William Joseph Barton, 83, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born in Napoleon on April 12, 1943 to the late Clyde and Geraldine Lucille (Beard) Barton.

William proudly served his country as both an Army and Navy veteran. An engineer by trade, he was known for his hardworking nature and endless sense of humor. He held many jobs after serving in the Navy. He retired from Sauder Woodworking Co. as a tow motor driver in 2008.

William found joy in life's simple pleasures, especially movies, music, playing Euchre and most of all spending time with family. William and his wife Patricia won many Euchre tournaments together. He was a member of the Moose, Amvets, VFW and American Legion.

On September 3, 1977, he married Patricia Freet in Delta, Ohio, who proceeded in death, beginning a marriage built on love and shared memories. He will be remembered with love by all who knew him.

Bill is survived by his children, Terry (Karen) Barton, Timothy (Shoshanna) Barton, and Tracy (Tom) Metzger; 10 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Shelia Barton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia; son, David Kinder; and siblings, Karen (James)

Ellis, and Clyde "Gene" Barton.

According to Bill's wishes, a celebration of his life, or "pond party" as he would describe it, will be held at Tracy's house on July 25, 2026 from 12 noon until 5:00 PM or until the beverages run dry. Memorial contributions may be made to Ridgeville Twp Fire Department or Elara Caring Hospice. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com. Arrangements entrusted to Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon.

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **25**. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Tracy Metzger's Home
Napoleon, OH 43545

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