



Barry L. Billman

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Decatur-Barry L. Billman, 59, of Decatur, passed away, June 21, 2011 at his home with his loving family at his bedside.

Per his wishes cremation rites have been accorded. A private celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

Barry was born March 13, 1952 in Marshalltown, Iowa, the son of Robert W. and Eunice Bratteig Billman. He graduated from Warrensburg Latham High School in 1970. He retired from Wagner Casting after 16 years to create Pieces of Eight Recording Studio and pursue his passion for music and the arts. He was a member of the American Pool Association, loved astronomy and animals, especially his two cats Singer and Buster. He married Susan Hickman on July 10, 1978 in Decatur, Illinois. Barry leaves behind his cherished wife, Susan, mother, Eunice, sister, Debra and husband Dennis Weitzell, brother David and wife Debra all of Tucson, AZ, step-sons, William Thompson of Greenwood, IN, and Tim Thompson of Springfield, Illinois, and many nieces and nephews.

Barry was preceded in death by his father and one nephew Cody.

The family would like to thank the doctors and staff at the Cancer Care Specialist of Central Illinois and the staff of DMH Hospice.

The family is being served by Moran and Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Online memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.moranandgoebel.com.



Tribute Wall

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CM

Chris & Jane Miller posted:

Barry is a true renaissance man. He can build things, write, draw, paint, compose music. He is a good friend to me. He is someone I admire. I speak of him in the present tense because I will never think of him as part of the past. For me, he is in the eternal moment, behind the sheer veil that separates illusion from reality. Nashville, TN

September 28 at 7:00 PM

JR

Jeff Runyon posted:

Sorry this is late, but I just learned of Barry's passing. Met him a couple years ago when a friend and I recorded a CD at his house. It took several months to complete, so I got to know Barry a little. I found we were of like mind on many things, and enjoyed our too few BS sessions after CD work was done. Barry was a unique soul. God's peace to Susie and the rest of the family. JR Blue Mound, IL US

July 8 at 7:00 PM

JT

Jean-Paul Tertocha posted:

I would never have been the musical Animal I am without Barry's help, and moral support. I'm sure gonna miss him. Warrensburg, IL US

June 26 at 7:00 PM

PF

Pam Ferren posted:

Susan Aunt June and family You have our deepest sympathy. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Love Aunt Alice Denner and Jeff & Pam Ferren Marshalltown, IA US

June 26 at 7:00 PM

BS

Bob & Kate Struble posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Barry and the Family Merrimack, NH US

June 23 at 7:00 PM



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SR

Scott Rundall posted:

Eunice, Debbi, David, and Family – I'm very sorry about the loss of Barry. While I hadn't seen Barry in years, I have found memories of him from our childhood. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love
Scott West Des Moines, IA US

June 23 at 7:00 PM

PV

Pamela Vaughan posted:

I was so sorry to hear about Barry. May the Lord comfort you, may his light shine upon you and may he lift you up in spirit! In my prayers! Toccoa, GA US

June 23 at 7:00 PM

AB

Ann Barnes posted:

Dear Eunice and Family, I have many fond memories of Barry... so sorry to hear of his passing. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you during this difficult time. Sincerely, Ann Barnes Carrithers
Cincinnati, OH US

June 23 at 7:00 PM

KH

Kenny And Janet Hutcheson posted:

Though we have never been fortunate enough to have ever met Barry we know his sister Debbie who has longtime been a friend of ours. We extend to you all our condolences as you celebrate his life and his legacy upon his passing. It's obvious he had a deep reservoir of talents that brought joy to many familiar with his artistic abilities. Those kinds of lasting memories make us long for that inevitable reunion of resurrected body and spirit all the more with our loved ones. May you all be sustained by your faith and knowledge of that which is yet to come to pass. The psalmist said it well, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord and He shall sustain thee." Psalm 55:22 May God bless your family and friends that share your loss of Barry. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen. Kenny & Janet
Hutcheson, Indianola, IA Indianola, IA

June 23 at 7:00 PM



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DK

Diana & Tom Koehler posted:

Susan & Family, So sorry for your loss. Barry was a great & talented guy! You will have so many memories! You are in our thoughts & prayers. God be with you. Tom & Diana Koehler Warrensburg, IL US

June 23 at 7:00 PM

JP

Joe Phegley posted:

Barry Billman was a man that was honest and true. Someone that would help you if you needed a hand. He loved his family and friends and his music. A person many learned from and who always did the right thing. He will be missed by all who knew him. Goodbye to a great and good man gone too soon. Springfield, IL US

June 22 at 7:00 PM

DH

Dina Hutchcraft posted:

I remember walking by your home as a kid and hearing music and thinking wow a band lives in our neighborhood. It was when my dad moved next door that we grew to know you better, You are a great man and the world will truly miss you. Rest in Peace Barry decatur, IL US

June 22 at 7:00 PM

JA

James Apperson posted:

I won't forget all the past times at his studio and all the stuff he taught me. We were just there to record a few weeks ago. He was a great person to work with and I am shocked at the news. Susan, let me know if you need anything. Jim Apperson Decatur, IL

June 22 at 7:00 PM

TW

Terry Williams posted:

Barry and I shared a lot of fun times together in high school. We spent more time drawing pictures instead of paying attention in class. Some great fun memories for sure. Latham, IL US

June 22 at 7:00 PM



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TH

Tom Hicks posted:

Barry was a great guy and friend. He loved music and recording. I had some great times recording with him and arguing in a good way over mixes throughout the years. He will be missed. Carbondale, IL US

June 22 at 7:00 PM

CM

Connie Munson posted:

Barry I know your job in heaven will be making heavenly music. You will have all the voices and instruments to choose from. I will miss knowing you are not behind your mixing board and making sun tea on the porch, but I will cherish knowing you all the days of my life. Blessings to your family and my prayers are with them. Connie Munson ,

June 22 at 7:00 PM

JM

Jane Miller posted:

Barry's studio: Creativity, artistry and serendipity could collide harmoniously. Thank you for your being part of our history. Nashville , TN

June 21 at 7:00 PM

SB

Shawn Balding posted:

Barry was at the beginning of the long road I've traveled so far. Thank you for your help, wisdom & friendship that has helped make this ride alot smoother. God bless you and your family. ,

June 21 at 7:00 PM

SM

Steven Michel posted:

Been a long time since I've seen him but I remember him quite well. May God rest his soul. Steve Ackley, IA US

June 21 at 7:00 PM



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Craig D. Eastman posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Barry's passing. I remember him well even though I last saw Barry when I was a young teen, and I've often wondered about him through the years. Barry's artistic talent always impressed me, and I vividly remember his striking sunflower painting that Uncle Dick and Aunt Esther so proudly displayed in their home throughout the years. My sincere thoughts and prayers are with Eunice, Susan, Debra, David and all of Barry's family. Glen Allen, VA US

June 21 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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