



Mr. William E. "Billy" Barrows

March 18, 1948 - June 30, 2025

William (Billy) E. Barrows, age 77 of Chelmsford, MA, formerly of Lowell, passed away on June 30, 2025. Born in Lowell on March 18, 1948, he was the son of the late Edward and Helen (Linnehan) Barrows. Billy was the beloved husband of the late Dorothy (Maguire) Barrows.

Billy attended Sacred Heart School and went on to graduate High School from Keith Academy.

Billy proceeded to Lowell Technological Institute and from there worked various jobs including the Boston and Maine Railroad and Lefty's. In 1974, Billy found his passion as a Lowell Firefighter stationed at the Branch Street Firehouse where he worked all but three months of his career. During his career Billy received the Medal of Valor which was presented to him by Governor Romney.

Billy loved Horse Racing and for 30 plus years he went to Saratoga Race Course in New York with friends to enjoy the races. If he wasn't at the Track, he was at Mt. Pleasant Golf Club enjoying a day of golf. Billy was a good man who went out of his way for family and friends. Billy was the oldest in the family and looked up to by all. Billy will be greatly missed but we know that he is in a better place.

Billy is survived by his siblings, Patricia Barrows and her partner Anne Parente, Edward and Judy Barrows, Mary and Angelo Karabatsos, Robert and Donna Barrows.

Billy is also survived by his nieces and nephews, Patrick and Jen Barrows, Sean and Emma Barrows, Meaghan Barrows, Brian Barrows, Kevin Barrows, Alexandra Karabatsos, Hannah Karabatsos, and Dorothy's son James McAuliffe.

Sadly, Billy is predeceased by his wife Dorothy and nephew James Barrows. A special thank you to Billy's Caretakers, Ruth, Andrea, Jean, Stephanie, Elizabeth and Lindsay.

Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2025 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 Moore Street, Lowell. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, July 11, 2025 at 10:00 am at St. Michael's Church, 12 Sixth Street, Lowell. Interment will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, Tewksbury.

As an expression of sympathy, in lieu of flowers, donations in Billy's memory may be made to the Lowell Retired Firefighters Scholarship Fund, 15 Brunswick Street, Lowell, MA 01852.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

90 River Road
North Tewksbury, MA 01876
(978) 851-2248
<http://www.stmarycemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home
105 Moore Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 459-9222
sean@faymccabe.com
<https://www.faymccabe.com>

Funeral Mass

JUL 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Michael's Church
543 Bridge Street at Sixth Street
Lowell, MA 01850

Burial

JUL 11. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



BJ

“ Sad to hear of Billy's passing. I first met Billy while attending Sacred Heart. I can remember Billy working as a Lowell Fireman and I as a Lowell Police Officer. Our paths would cross every now and then and Billy was always the same gentleman. I last saw Billy in the Chelmsford Market Basket and he hadn't changed one bit, " Jace, how ya doing?" We chatted for a few minutes and then went our separate ways, he will truly be missed by all who knew him. Our prayers go out to his family, May he rest in peace. Brian and Barbara Jason.

Brian Jason - July 09, 2025 at 10:39 AM



“ From our days at KA and our daily meetings at the Y always active I use to call him .. monte to. After watching him nightly on the basketball court ., such a great guy never at a loss for words RIP .. Billy

Lynne Scannell - July 09, 2025 at 05:46 AM



“ Such fun we had...a long time ago. Always had fond memories of Billy ...just the nicest guy. Sending hugs to you, Patty, and condolences to the Barrows family.
Sharon (Sparks) Martin ❤️

Sharon Martin - July 08, 2025 at 06:45 PM

TR

“ I worked with Bill for a number of years at the firehouse. He was a good firefighter, good storyteller and avid sports enthusiast. I enjoyed the time that I worked with him.

My condolences to Bill's family on their loss of a great guy.
Rest in Peace.

Tom Rogers Jr

Thomas Rogers - July 08, 2025 at 05:32 PM

SS

“ To the entire Barrows family my deepest condolences on Bills passing. My extended family from 9 London St. I have so many great memories and stories of Bill through the years. I will certainly miss all the conversations we would have when we bumped into one another and most certainly many of our golf outings. Bill you were always a straight forward and honest opinion guy which I truly respected. A gentleman and just a great long time friend. Bill may you Rest in Peace. You certainly have earned it.

Steve Sousa..... 4 London St.

Steve Sousa - July 08, 2025 at 09:05 AM

RH

“ To The Family,
So sorry for your loss of Bill
New Him from years past
Very nice person. Also new Dorothy
From way back as kids.
May he rest in peace.

Russ and Alice Harrington - July 08, 2025 at 07:58 AM

RH

“ Russ And Alice Harrington lit a candle in memory of Mr. William E. "Billy" Barrows



Russ and Alice Harrington - July 08, 2025 at 07:55 AM

MD

Condolences to the Barrows family on Billy's passing. We were friends from London st, playing ball at O'Donnell & Chambers st, through Keith Academy & through his station on Branch St when I was in the Acre cruiser. Billy was a gentleman and a respected Firefighter. RIP my friend God Bless

Mike Durkin - July 08, 2025 at 03:42 PM

RK

“ Hey Ed,
I am very sorry to hear of your brother passing.
He was such a Great Gentleman.
I remember growing up with the both of you.
We played a lot of basketball at O'Donnell's together.
Had plenty of Laughs, and jokes to tell each other.
Also all the torpedo's at George's Deli.
Been a long time, but NEVER forgotten.
Ricky Kierce

now living at Lake George, n.y.

ricky kierce - July 08, 2025 at 12:37 AM

TD

“ Rest in Peace, Bill. Lord knows, you deserve Peace. I will remember you with fondness. Thank you for being good my Boy, Chester Brown. I think I might have missed a poop or two in the yard. May those drives and iron shots go far and straight, may your chips be soft and may your putts be in the hole. RIP Bill. Your friend, Tom. God Bless.

Tom Doyle - July 07, 2025 at 07:14 PM

SG

Dear Patty, Leslie and I wish to extend our condolences on the loss of your beloved brother. May he rest in peace.

Stephen Georgoulis - July 11, 2025 at 12:03 PM

DC

“ Billy will be missed. Anytime you ran into Billy you knew you were in for a good time. RIP

dennis conners - July 07, 2025 at 03:26 PM

RC

“ My deepest condolences to the Barrows family. He was a great friend and lots of fun to be with. We at Mt.Pleasant will miss him dearly.
Rest in peace my friend.

Ray Costello

ray costello - July 07, 2025 at 12:34 PM

SR

“ Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of
Mr. William E. "Billy" Barrows



Sean & Erin Rourke - July 07, 2025 at 10:32 AM