



Barry Phillip Underwood

November 21, 1961 - August 11, 2024

Barry Phillip Underwood (1962 – 2024) was a dearly loved son, brother, uncle, father, grandfather, husband, and friend. His unexpected passing is heartbreaking for so many, but he would not want us to be sad, because despite the challenges he faced in life, Barry exuded happiness and joy.

Barry was the oldest of two children born to Barbara and Phil Underwood. Phil served as Officer in the Navy during the Viet Nam war, returned home to earn a master's degree from Virginia Tech, then became a successful builder and business owner. Barbara was a devoted Mother, who gave herself unselfishly to raise her children with a solid Christian foundation. Barry learned so much from his parents, and he displayed many of their characteristics in his own life.

Barry and his younger sister Daria were Navy babies, so they moved around a lot when they were young. They were very close, and their bond grew stronger over time. In recent years they would talk for hours on end, including a long and happy conversation that ended just hours before Barry was called to his Creator.

Of the many roles Barry played, being a father to his daughter Rebecca and his bonus son Christopher was one of the great joys of his life. Barry beamed when he was with Rebecca, her husband Tim, and his three grandchildren. Even after Chris was permanently disabled in an accident, Barry remained

steadfast in his love and commitment to him.

Barry was exceptionally talented in everything he pursued, and he pursued a lot! He earned a living as a carpenter, craftsman, and woodworker, and he approached his work like an artist approaches art. He loved the outdoors, and he was an avid mountain cyclist. He was so passionate about it he named his company Cycle Discycle Craftsmen.

He was a master gardener, car enthusiast, mechanic, beekeeper, chicken farmer, grill master, Habitat for Humanity volunteer, and comedian - or so he thought! He will be remembered for his character, integrity, passion, and sense of humor.

Barry loved the Falcons and the Georgia Bulldogs, but he loved his real dogs even more, starting with his German Shepherds Otis and Stevie, his Dobermans Zeus and Thor, and finally his Rhodesian Ridgeback Venus.

But it was as a husband where Barry truly flourished. Barry and Aimee were young when they met, but they knew they were made for each other. Their relationship flourished when they joined 12Stone Church, a community that embraced them and gave them purpose. Barry and Aimee were devoted followers of Jesus, and at 12Stone they became small group leaders and spent countless hours volunteering to help others. As Barry's relationship with Aimee and the Church grew, so did his compassion for others.

Despite all the goodness in this life, Barry's faith prepared him for the next life, so he was looking forward to heaven. He would not want his family and friends to be sad, he would want them to throw a party – and he'll be there in spirit!

Barry is survived by his dear Aimee, his daughter Rebecca Underwood (Tim

Adebayo), bonus son Chris Williams, mother Barbara Underwood, sister Daria deGolian (George), brother-in-law Adam Allen, grandchildren Yancey, Hudson, Avery, and Grayson, his uncle/brother Greg Toth (Gladys), nephews Jeremy Toth, Phillip deGolian (Maggie), Ben deGolian (Hannah and Rory), and Matthew deGolian. Barry was predeceased by his father, Phil Underwood.

A Celebration of Barry's Life will be held at 11am on Friday, August 16th, at 12Stone Church, located at 4256 Martin Road, Flowery Branch, GA 30542, followed by a reception. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at www.BreakthroughT1D.org.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

12 Stone Church
4256 Martin Road
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Tribute Wall

DO

“ Barry was a kind gentle man. My favorite look was crazy hair and Jesus freak t-shirt. That is how I first saw Barry at small group signup. Cathy and I were Barry and Aimee's small group leaders. We had fun, shared tears, learned what God had in-store for us, and Barry was the first to step forward when someone needed help. Barry and Aimee, couldn't mention one and not the other, what a wonderful couple and a great team. My heart hurts for the family, I'm sorry. Doug Moran

Doug - September 15, 2024 at 08:33 AM

JP

“ So many people touched by his life! We're gonna miss you, Barry! I heard you say many times, "Man, I'm ready to go! I know where I'm going!" We just weren't ready to let you go! Thanks for being such a friend to us!

Joe Polk - August 17, 2024 at 10:02 AM

SB

“ I met Barry when he built my long lang beehives. He was such a nice person and I appreciated his craftsmanship.

Sara Bates - August 16, 2024 at 03:33 PM

CL

“ I got to experience such welcoming love in Barry and Aimee's home during small group. They worship the Lord with such freedom, joy and love! They love others like that also! Barry would always bring a smile to everyone wearing that red parking cone on his head with the biggest smile ever plastered on his face. Heaven gained a true man of God!

Connie Ward Lichty - August 16, 2024 at 08:59 AM

MT

“ Barry epitomized Joy in Christ! I will forever remember him running around 12Stone parking lot with a traffic cone on his head as he helped park cars. He and Aimee helped my husband and I through some very tough times. There is no doubt that he is rejoicing in heaven, possibly with a traffic cone.

Michelle Taylor - August 14, 2024 at 05:22 PM

EF

“ One of the most dedicated parking people (and everything) at 12 Stone church, always kind and caring. His testimony helped me have hope for my son Elisha. You will all be in our prayers. Reunions in heaven are what our souls long for, so thankful there will be more to our stories, and saying goodbye is more like “see you later”! Love you Amie!



Eric and Debbie Fontaine - August 14, 2024 at 06:03 AM

BW

“ Barry would come and pickup Rebecca, from daycare andI'm not sure which was the happiest to see each other, they both were so happy to see eachother 🙏🥰🙏 ! I'm so sorry for your loss.

Beverly Williamson - August 13, 2024 at 09:19 PM