



Barry Storey

August 25, 1952 - October 21, 2019

Barry Wesley Storey was born on August 25, 1952 in the Newtown Community in Gainesville, GA to the late Joseph and the late Elizabeth Storey (Glasper). He was the third of nine children and grew up at 240 Atlanta Street Apartments. He attended E.E. Butler High School, where he played in the marching band, and graduated from Gainesville High School in 1971.

In the same year, Barry met Debra Ivory (Storey); they married in 1975. He always said he loved Debra at first sight. Together, Barry and Debra have three children: Matia Edwards, Barry R. Storey and Taylus Storey. He adored his children dearly.

Barry's grandchildren were the light of his life: Aubree, Auria, Jayden and Roman. He was happiest when he was with them -- giving them all nicknames: "Beacon" (Aubree), "Um-Bop" (Auria), "Jay-D" (Jayden), and "Romey Rome" (Roman). His grandchildren affectionately called him "Papa B," and his nieces and nephews faithfully called him "Uncle B."

For 42 years, Barry was an insurance broker in Gainesville. He was known as Gainesville's black insurance agent. He developed many long-lasting relationships through his work and became like family to so many who had insurance with him.

Before insurance, Barry enjoyed being a member of the Gents Club and playing in the Soul Squad band in the 70s. His trumpet in hand, he travelled all over Georgia and to different parts of the country with the band. He was also an avid tennis player in the 80s and 90s -- winning a few trophies along

the way.

Some of his favorite past times were: watching “The View” and CNN, drinking eggnog, and listening to music. His absolute favorite song, which he would listen to over and over again, was “Zoom” by the Commodores.

Above all, Barry loved the Lord. His faith was big because he believed God is bigger. He grew up in Mt. Calvary Church of God in Gainesville and most often attended St. John Baptist Church in Gainesville as an adult.

Barry leaves behind to cherish his memory, Debra, his wife of 44 years; their children: Matia (Charles), Barry R. (Amanda), and Taylus; as well as their grandchildren Aubree, Auria, Jayden and Roman; his siblings: the late Eddie Dean Storey, Belinda (Jerry) Rucker, Sylvester (Tammy) Storey, Marsha Glasper, Lisa Glasper, Troy (Bernice) Glasper, Vanessa Glasper and Ramona Glasper. He also leaves behind a multitude of nieces and nephews, loved ones and friends.

Like his favorite song, “Zoom”, says: Papa B has flown away.

“I may be just a foolish dreamer, but I don't care. 'Cause I know my happiness is waiting out there somewhere. I'm searching for that silver lining, horizons that I've never seen. Oh, I'd like to take just a moment and dream my dreams, oh dream my dream. Woah, woah, zoom, I'd like to fly far away, yeah where my mind can be fresh and clear and I'd find the love that I long to see where everybody can be what they wanna be.”

Fly on, Barry. Fly high like a blue jay. The trumpets play for your arrival.

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Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Saint John Baptist Church
757 EE Butler Parkway
Gainesville, GA 30501

Service

OCT **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Saint John Baptist Church
757 EE Butler Parkway
Gainesville, GA 30501

Tribute Wall



“ *Barry Storey*

October 22, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ *Old school n Ann, Fly high my, until we meet again.*



Barbara Davenport - February 09, 2020 at 04:39 PM



“ *Love & iPeace to the Family of Barry Storey....Find solace in the many memories you all shared...*



Donna Wayman

Donna Wayman - October 27, 2019 at 08:51 PM



“ *Dorothy Bolden sent a virtual gift in memory of Barry Storey*



Dorothy Bolden - October 27, 2019 at 10:12 AM

MS

“ *May his memory be a blessing.*



Malinda Sund - October 26, 2019 at 11:35 AM

MH

“ *Minister Phyllis Hollis-Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Barry Storey*



Minister Phyllis Hollis-Smith - October 26, 2019 at 07:29 AM

AT

“ *Mr. Storey had been my life insurance adviser for over 20 years and devoted, trustworthy friend to my father, mother and I. He will be deeply missed and blessed in knowing an awesome man of God. Our prayers are with the family that they grow stronger in the word of God.*

Audrey Alana Toh - October 25, 2019 at 05:30 PM

RT

“ *Richard O Trammell lit a candle in memory of Barry Storey*



richard o Trammell - October 25, 2019 at 02:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barry Storey.* ”



October 25, 2019 at 10:48 AM



“ *Jeraldine Sewell Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Barry Storey* ”



Jeraldine Sewell Jenkins - October 24, 2019 at 07:48 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Barry Storey.* ”



October 24, 2019 at 06:08 PM



“ *Cynetia Banks lit a candle in memory of Barry Storey* ”



Cynetia Banks - October 24, 2019 at 05:31 PM

ZL

“ *Zelda Leverette lit a candle in memory of Barry Storey*



Zelda Leverette - October 24, 2019 at 04:34 PM

CT

“ *Cynthia & Emmett Walker, Nashville, TN purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Barry Storey.*



Cynthia & Emmett Walker, Nashville, TN - October 24, 2019 at 02:35 PM

CH

“ *Crystal Young Hunter lit a candle in memory of Barry Storey*



Crystal Young Hunter - October 24, 2019 at 11:14 AM



“ *My prayers to the Storey Family. Barry will always be remembered. He was such a nice man.*



Andrea Rucker - October 24, 2019 at 10:27 AM

Y.

To the Storey family, Mrs Debra just having experience a loss there are no words, just praying that the lord will stenghten you and the family. Try to focus on the happy times that bring you joy. That will ease some of the pain. Y.B. Stovall 🥺

Y.B.Stovall - October 26, 2019 at 11:21 PM

RH

“ Regina Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Barry Storey



Regina Harris - October 24, 2019 at 08:51 AM

MS

“ To Debra & family ! Sending healing prayers & comforting love & hugs. Sincerely...Elizabeth "Lib" Strickland & family .

mary E Strickland - October 24, 2019 at 07:56 AM

HF

“ Hopkins Family lit a candle in memory of Barry Storey



Hopkins Family - October 23, 2019 at 09:23 PM

RW

“ To Debra and Family, My Condolences to you during this time of loss. May you find comfort in the Lord. Continued prayers for you. Reggie Wilburn and Family.

Reggie Wilburn - October 23, 2019 at 07:02 PM



“ *My Condolences to the family. Sorry for your loss.* ”



Michelle Poole Bell - October 23, 2019 at 04:06 PM



“ *Joyce Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Barry Storey* ”



Joyce Mitchell - October 23, 2019 at 01:43 PM



“ *Clairese Wright lit a candle in memory of Barry Storey* ”



clairese wright - October 23, 2019 at 01:32 PM



“ *Marilyn Chappelle lit a candle in memory of Barry Storey* ”



Marilyn Chappelle - October 23, 2019 at 12:20 PM

MC

My condolences to the family, praying 🙏 with you

Marilyn Chappelle - October 23, 2019 at 12:21 PM

EB

“ *My condolences to the family of Barry Storey. May God continue to strengthen and comfort you all during this sorrowful time. R.I.P Barry!*



Elisa Bonds-Ratliff - October 23, 2019 at 11:17 AM

SD

“ *SUSAN DUKES lit a candle in memory of Barry Storey*



SUSAN DUKES - October 23, 2019 at 10:59 AM

DT

“ *Deon S. Turner lit a candle in memory of Barry Storey*



Deon S. Turner - October 23, 2019 at 10:38 AM

JJ

“ *Jeraldine Sewell Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Barry Storey*



Jeraldine Sewell Jenkins - October 23, 2019 at 08:52 AM

GS

“ *Greylin Cheek Sr. lit a candle in memory of Barry Storey*



Greylin Cheek Sr. - October 23, 2019 at 08:21 AM

TG

“ *Tiffanie Goodridge lit a candle in memory of Barry Storey*



Tiffanie Goodridge - October 23, 2019 at 06:53 AM

BT

“ *Barbara Marshall Turner lit a candle in memory of Barry Storey*



Barbara Marshall Turner - October 22, 2019 at 10:58 PM



“ *Nikiya Few Thompson lit a candle in memory of Barry Storey*



Nikiya Few Thompson - October 22, 2019 at 10:15 PM



“ *Louise Randolph lit a candle in memory of Barry Storey*



Louise Randolph - October 22, 2019 at 05:53 PM