



## Roger D. Barnard

December 30, 1945 - August 22, 2014

Roger Dean Barnard, age 68 of Traverse City, former resident of Ludington passed away peacefully on Friday, August 22, 2014 at the Munson Hospice House. Roger was born on December 30, 1945 in Saginaw, the son of Harry and Ella Barnard. After the birth of his sister Lois, the family moved to Scottville in 1949 where he was raised and graduated from Mason County Central High School with the class of 1964. Roger furthered his education earning his teaching degree from Michigan State University in 1969, and began his 30 year career in teaching with the Detroit Public Schools. The following year, he began teaching for the Ludington Area Schools, retiring in 1999 after 29 years of service to the district. Roger also earned his Master's Degree from Central Michigan University in 1979.

In addition to his passion for teaching, Roger also had a deep love for music. This love was manifested in his loyalty and enjoyment in practicing and performing in the big band sound of The General Assembly. At the time of his passing, Roger was the longest, living, continuous member of The General Assembly having started with the big band in 1970. Roger was also a member of the Scottville Clown Band and enjoyed attending musical performances of others as well as impromptu "jam" sessions.

A father of three, Roger will be greatly missed by his wife Kathleen Keating of Traverse City, his daughter Sara Barnard and her mother Mary Ann Neil of Mt.

Pleasant, and granddaughter Marcilyn Jarrett Rose Barnard who lives with Sara, his daughter Hilary Barnard and her mother Gale Wright of Casper, Wyoming, his sister Lois (Bill) Lemcke of Mt. Pleasant and their sons Eric of Seattle, WA and Marc of Nashville, TN, his stepdaughter Jennifer (Rob) Gates and step grandson Alex Gates all of Littleton, Colorado, and his dear friend and caregiver Mary Elizabeth Barnette of Traverse City. Roger was preceded in death by his parents Harry and Ella, and his son Jarrett.

Roger was a kind, caring, giving, and loving man. His love of God and family were reflected each day of his life and will become a lasting tribute to his spirit. When asked how he wanted to be remembered, he replied, "I was their friend passing through." Roger will be lovingly remembered by his family and many great friends.

A service commemorating Roger's life will be held on Thursday, August 28 at 11:00 AM at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Scottville, with Rev. James Schroeder officiating. Graveside services will follow at Brookside Cemetery with a luncheon to follow at the church.

Friends may meet with his family for a time of visitation on Wednesday, August 27 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM and from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at the STEPHENS FUNERAL HOME in Scottville, and on Thursday morning from 10:00 AM until the time of the service at the church.

Those who wish to make contributions in memory of Roger are asked to consider Munson Hospice House or the Roger Barnard Music Scholarship Fund at Ludington Area Schools.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 27. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - Stephens Funeral Home  
305 E. State St.  
Scottville, MI 49454  
(231) 757-3333  
wyman-stephens@sbcglobal.net  
<https://www.wymanfuneralservice.com>

## Visitation

AUG 27. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - Stephens Funeral Home  
305 E. State St.  
Scottville, MI 49454  
(231) 757-3333  
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## Service

AUG 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
765 West US Highway 10  
Scottville, MI 49454

# Tribute Wall



“ Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Roger D. Barnard



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**Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services** - August 26, 2014 at 07:27 PM

JW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Roger's passing. I will always remember him as Loie's older brother and as a fine musician. I remember when he came and played in a big band at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, and going to jazz nights at Gull's Landing in Pentwater. Roger was a special, talented man who loved his family. My heart goes out to the family.

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**Joni Wegner** - August 28, 2014 at 07:27 AM

AL

“ When I think of Mr. Barnard, I'm instantly grateful for the amazing childhood memories! Long rides, trips to the park, but most of all being at his home on the lake, sitting on the deck with Sara. He is already missed...

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**aleisha** - August 27, 2014 at 11:04 PM

JG

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Jennifer Gates - August 27, 2014 at 02:42 PM

JB

“ Jayme And Big lit a candle in memory of Roger D. Barnard



jayme and big - August 27, 2014 at 11:55 AM

TK

“ Every encounter with Roger is a memory. Great memories chatting with Roger and friends on my deck. I'm fortunate our paths crosses, I'm pleased our friendships took root. God bless the man we called friend. I'll miss him.

Tom Kudwa

tom kudwa - August 27, 2014 at 10:07 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roger D. Barnard.



August 27, 2014 at 08:53 AM

CM

“ Roger was a kind & kindred soul who was a good friend during our years together as members of the MCC Class of '64. His pain is over and it wouldn't surprise me that he will start a band with the angels in heaven. My prayers and sincere thoughts are with Kathleen, Lois, and the rest of his family.

*Constance Malburg*

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**Constance Malburg** - August 26, 2014 at 08:44 PM



“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services** - August 26, 2014 at 07:22 PM

AF

“ Roger was a good and constant friend and fellow member of the MCC class of '64, humorous in a classy way. I'm going to miss him. Thoughts and Prayers to Lois and the rest of his family.

*Art Fredericks*

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**Art Fredericks** - August 26, 2014 at 02:41 PM

DS

“ I will remember Roger as a nice person, excellent sax player. He was always faithful in his playing with the General Assembly. He will be missed.

Dave Stroebe  
Trumpet General Assembly Big Band.

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Dave Stroebe - August 26, 2014 at 09:47 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Roger D. Barnard.



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August 26, 2014 at 09:36 AM

KP

“ Kelly Peters(Folland) lit a candle in memory of Roger D. Barnard



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Kelly Peters(Folland) - August 26, 2014 at 06:04 AM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Roger D. Barnard.



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August 25, 2014 at 11:40 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Roger D. Barnard.*



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August 25, 2014 at 08:01 PM



“ *Roger was a kind, generous father, grandfather, and brother. He cared deeply for Sara, Marcilyn, Lois, Kathleen, and the rest of the family. He will be missed but remember that Roger is in our memories and hearts. We remember well Roger playing in The General Assembly. The first time we heard the band we were blown away by how great they were! Rest in peace, Roger.*

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**Harry & Billie Plouff** - August 25, 2014 at 08:01 PM