



## Larry Barkell

December 5, 1957 - October 30, 2024

Larry Barkell, beloved husband, father, and dedicated hospice nurse, passed away on Wednesday, October 30th - Devil's Night which is appropriate if you knew who he was. He is leaving behind a legacy of love and compassion and is survived by his cherished wife, Sue, whom he adored and revered, while at the same time teased her about her about being bossy and loud. Together, they created a warm home filled with laughter, where their two daughters, Katelynn and Olivia (as well as his Border Collie, Elouise; his favorite daughter with 4 legs) were the light of his life. Larry always dreamed of being a father and grandfather and took immense joy in spoiling all his girls and creating lasting memories. His skills as a father and husband are something to be admired and have provided an outline for his daughters to look for in a partner.

A passionate animal lover, Larry welcomed every creature in need into his heart and home (despite his wife's best efforts), from dogs and cats to birds and creatures you've never even heard of. He dedicated over 15 years of his life to caring for others as a hospice nurse, providing comfort and support to those who needed it most. His gentle spirit and unwavering dedication will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A celebration of Larry's life will be held on Friday, November 1st from 4 PM – 8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, located at 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (Between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, in state at 9:30

AM until the 10 AM Mass located at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 South Lafayette Street, South Lyon, MI 48178.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Huron Valley Humane Society, or another local animal shelter in his honor. Huron Valley Humane Society, PO Box #7026, Liberty Station, Ann Arbor, MI 48107, or online at <http://www.hshv.org/?form=memorialecard>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

## Lie in State

NOV 2. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
830 S Lafayette St.  
South Lyon, MI 48178  
(248) 446-8100

## Funeral Mass

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# Tribute Wall



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Larry Barkell.*



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November 02, 2024 at 12:20 PM



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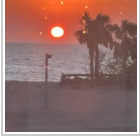
**Michael B.** - November 01, 2024 at 05:02 PM



“ *Susan, I'm so sorry for your loss. And I do remember the leadership meeting at your home and saw the lovely farm, barn and animals your husband housed. You will be in my prayers in the coming days.*  
*Jerome B Brown*

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**Jerome Peter** - November 01, 2024 at 04:55 PM



“ Sue and girls, my heart breaks for you. I met Larry when he started dating Sue, they just meshed from the start. I'll never forget his love of animals or how he glowed when he was with his girls. Him becoming a hospice nurse was no surprise to those that knew him, he was always such a caring and selfless individual. He is gone too soon and will be sorely missed. Hugs and prayers being sent from the Earles family.

Cyndi Earles - November 01, 2024 at 03:34 PM



“ Larry is one of the most grounded people I have ever met. I know his loss is painful to all who have loved him. As a "member" of the family I am sad that I cannot be with all of you in this difficult time. I know it hurts. John Scherbarth

John C Scherbarth - November 01, 2024 at 10:46 AM



“ Condolences to Sue the girls and the family. I am so sorry for your loss. Larry and I worked At Genesys on 2South Acute. We all cried when he left Genesys for another Job. Larry was such a excellent nurse and cared for his patients and coworkers. Rest in heaven. 💙💙🙏🙏



Marsha Hill - November 01, 2024 at 10:10 AM



“ The Swetech's extend our sincerest condolences to the Barkell family. So sorry to lean of your loss.

Stephen Swetech - October 31, 2024 at 02:33 PM

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“ To Sue and the girls, I can't even begin to express my deep sorrow on the loss of this incredible human being.

*From the first time I met Larry I formed a friendship that I'll treasure all of my days. As you know, he was such a kind, thoughtful, and caring person. I just can't believe he's not here anymore. When I left Genesys, and moved leaving my 2S crew, and friendships with Larry, Cindy, and Annmarie it was so heartbreaking. Those shifts and working together are some of my fondness memories in nursing. Over the years we have still maintained our friendships with which I truly treasure. I'll miss our catch up conversations we had every few months.*

*With that, I'm so sad though that I'll never see Larry as a grandparent. I know he would've crushed it. He loved his wife and girls so much. It was so evident in everything that he did. I also smile thinking of all the pets who will be greeting Larry the moment he hits heaven. Duane and I made a donation to the Humane Society in his honor. We'll be praying for your family to have comfort, and know you are loved, and thought of during this time, and going forth. All our love to you guys.*

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**Andrea Domino** - October 31, 2024 at 02:13 PM

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“ To Larry's Girls, I'm so sorry to hear the news of Larry's passing. He was such an incredible man! Working with him at Genesys was the best time of my working career. His support, hugs, humor, and compassion is something I always carry with me. Sending you love and peace. Cindy LaBeau Dulzo

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**Cindy Dulzo** - October 31, 2024 at 07:45 AM

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“ Dear Sue, Katelynn and Olivia, The world has lost one very special man, and I couldn't be more saddened for you all. Larry was definitely one of a kind, and I'm so grateful to have known him. So kind, gracious, loving, and yet I could never list all his wonderful qualities as there were many. I wish you much love and peace today and always. Larry will always be in my heart with beautiful memories of him. Love, Tracy

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**Tracy Zdeb** - October 31, 2024 at 05:29 AM