



Donald A. Barry

February 28, 1922 - April 17, 2016

Donald A. Barry, 94, of Perryville died April 17, 2016 at Independence Care Center of Perry County, MO. He was born February 28, 1922 in Alexandria, LA, son of Wilfred B. and Lyda R. (Richard) Barry. He and Dorothy F. Schumer were married on December 28, 1974. She survives in Perryville. Donald was an educator who was also Co-Founder and Administrator with his wife Dorothy of Montessori Educational Center in Alexandria, LA. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, St. Vincent de Paul Society in Perryville of which he was instrumental in establishing, former volunteer of Perry County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and Southeast Hospice. Former member of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart during which he was a missionary in Africa for 15 years. Other survivors include one sister, Amelia Brown of Zachary, LA. Also survived by nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Harold, Wilfred, Lloyd and Simmons Barry, two sisters, Olga Webb and Kitty Strain. Visitation will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on Wednesday, April 20 from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. Funeral Mass will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on Wednesday at 2:30 pm with Rev. Milton Ryan officiating. Burial in Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Vincent Schools, or Southeast Hospice. Young & Sons Funeral Home, Inc. in Perryville, MO provided the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald A. Barry*

October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



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“ *Donald and Dorothy's presence in our lives was a gift for our family-
-Marc, Emily, Elizabeth and myself! They were very special people
creating a very special place for our children to learn in an engaging
way! Being a part of the Alexandria Montessori family was also very
special for us! Meeting so many wonderful parents, teachers, and
children during our time in Louisiana who were involved at
Montessori was the highlight of our 4 years in Louisiana! Dorothy,
you will be in my thoughts and prayers, for I know that you can't help
but miss Donald! I also know that he is there by your side in spirit,
and that your strong faith will support you as you continue your
earthly journey until you meet him in our heavenly home!*

October 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Dearest Mrs. Barry, Remembering Mr. Barry as a wise and patient man who instilled the love of learning in the children that he instructed. Blessings to you during this difficult time. We, Allison Pentecost Little, Russ Pentecost, and I have very fond memories of our years as Donald and Dorothy Barry's students! Your Montessori program gave all who entered the school the opportunity to grow and flourish into productive and caring individuals. What a legacy! Fondly, Ginger Pentecost Cespiva

Ginger Cespiva - April 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Mr. Barry was a true teacher beloved by his students and their parents. He made science come alive for them and their Montessori school was incredible. I am so thankful for the love of learning he inspired in my children Katie, Cara and Robbie and am so sad to hear of his passing.

Julie Hiller LaRose - April 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Mrs. Barry, I have had so many thoughts about you and Mr. Barry in the past few years that have been triggered each time I pass either of the Alexandria schools. Living in the Garden District, I often pass the Beech Street house and Natalie now lives just past the Hwy 1 location. There are soooo many memories that warm my heart. Both of you were my strength and comfort during our years together. I often tell others about the morning we were in the cemetery in the wee hours of the morning drinking hot chocolate and eating donuts while waiting to see "one of the planets". I also remember your patience with me when I would forget to pick up Natalie. I will be praying for you as the days pass and you face loneliness until you are able to be together again. I loved him so and know that he was a positive influence during Traci and Natalie's most informative years. Love from Janice, Traci and Natalie Reynolds

Janice Reynolds-Hayes - April 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ I have lots of great memories from Montessori school, he will be missed. Sending thoughts and prayers to the family.

Emily Smith - April 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Dear Dorothy: Words fail me, We are sad to loose such a wonderful person, whose memories are so vivid in mine, Sudha's, Ajay and Anoop's mind. Those boys are what they learnt from you both. May God give you strength to face the days ahead. We all will miss him always We are here for you. Any thing we can do any time. Love you dearly. He will always live in our hearts and prayers. With a heavy & sad heart, Amy, Sudha, Ajay & Anoop

Amy & Sudha Pillarisetti - April 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ Dear Mrs. Berry!! am very sorry to hear about Mr. Berry's death. We loved him so much. I still remember those days of downtown library in Alexandria. Where you all started talking about having a Montessori school in Alexandria. I can still here you , Mr. Berry and my husband D.K Sharma talking, while I was busy with Jaya showing some books in library. We are so proud on you both that our children were the first ones to join your dream school. We miss you all so much. I don't know what to say at this time.....! I can only pray to GOD to give you strength to pass this hardest time of your life. We all with you! Anything we can do, we are ready to do it for you!!Love you and miss Mr. Berry so much!!Vibha and DK Sharma (Parents of Jaya and Versha Sharma)

Vibha Sharma - April 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy with Dorothy - both of you were such special friends to my father in his last years at Independence Court. He loved the discussions you had about your faith. My God bless and be with you. I am sure my father and Donald are sharing right now. So sorry for your loss.Eileen Miesner

April 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ So sorry to hear this. Love to Dorothy - and many thanks to both for the love of learning you shared with our children. From Isaac Khalid's mom

Alice Ann Fesmire - April 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ I am happy to know Donald Barry, and I so look forward to spending long visits with him in HEAVEN.

Randall O'Neal - April 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember Donald Barry and Dorothy Barry With deep gratitude. So many young lives were touched by their work. For my son especially, the Montessori School they established in Alexandria was a gift. Katie Larue, mom of Chip and Anna-Claire Morris, 32 and 30

April 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. He made a difference in my life, highest praise for an educator. Your family is in my prayers. Kimberley Craig Bryant

Kimbeley Craig Bryant - April 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy in the loss of your husband. God's blessings to you and your family. Love, Louise Finger

April 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dorothy..you remain in our prayers. Gary and Marian

Gary Winsper - April 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM