



## Harold "Hal" Vincent Barry

April 23, 1940 - May 31, 2022

THE MEMORIAL MASS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022 AT 11:00 AM AT ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Harold Vincent Barry ("Hal"), 82, passed away on May 31st, 2022 at Piedmont Hospital in Newnan, Georgia. Hal, the self-proclaimed "small town Iowa farm boy", was born on April 23rd, 1940, to Ray and Ann Barry in Fairbank, Iowa. Hal was the second eldest of 6 children and attended Iowa State University where he subsequently met his beautiful wife of 59 years, Linda Kunkle Barry. Hal and Linda moved to Atlanta in 1969, after a brief stint in Jackson, Mississippi, to pursue his career in real estate finance and development.

Hal was well known for his passion and love of real estate. He was the President and cofounder of several real estate brokerage/development companies in Atlanta, most notably, Portman Barry Investments and Barry Real Estate Companies. He quickly became known as one of the visionaries of real estate development and had a massive impact on the landscape all over the southeast. Hal's early successes included the financing of Perimeter Center, Cumberland Office Park, the John Portman's Peachtree Plaza Hotel and Merchandise Mart, the Georgia Pacific Building, Interstate North Office Park, and many Ritz Carlton hotels. Hal's development projects included over 4.5 million square feet of projects, including Northpark Town Center, Riverwood, and Allen Plaza in downtown Atlanta, and over 30 office buildings

around the Southeast. The local real estate community is filled with former Barry employees who have become shining stars on their own merit, and every one will attribute at least a part of their success to the mentoring and leadership of Hal Barry.

Hal and Linda followed their love of the country and moved permanently to their horse farm in Newnan, Georgia, in 1994, where they developed their passion for horses and Fox Hunting. Hal founded the Bear Creek Hounds hunt club in 2001 and rode as Master of Foxhounds for many years. It gave him tremendous joy to mentor the new riders as they became more accomplished and earned their colors. Hal and Linda conducted fox hunts twice a week, and his hunt membership and his horse community gravitated to his zest for life and his passion for the sport. Hal lived life to the fullest, always wanting everyone to have fun, and pursue their dreams to the fullest extent. Hal's love of horses and animals extended beyond his farm as he chaired the Atlanta Steeplechase for many years and continually pushed to make it bigger and better for all who attended.

Hal was addicted to the "thrill of the chase," whether it was pursuing a new business venture, or chasing down his prey via horseback. "Tally-Ho!", he would scream when he found a new business lead or his hounds locked on to a scent. He was driven by the Theodore Roosevelt quote: "Its not the critic that counts", and had it framed in his office for everyone to see. Being the ultimate optimist, he was never going to be held back or told that he couldn't do anything. He was a respected and determined business leader, the consummate husband, father, grandfather, and compassionate friend.

Hal and Linda have been a part of the Catholic Church in the local communities in both Atlanta and Newnan. Hal furthered his commitment to the church by serving on the board of the real estate committee for the Archdiocese.

You will be dearly missed but never forgotten Big Hal Barry.

Hal is survived by his beautiful wife, Linda and their 3 children: Jean Barry Underwood(Will), David Lee Barry and James Vincent Barry of Atlanta. "

Papa" is also survived by seven grandchildren:

Katy Underwood Phillips (Wade), Emmett Underwood IV, David James Underwood, Connor James Barry, Adrianna Lee Barry, Brandt Walker Barry and Harold Vincent Barry II. Hal is also survived by two sisters,

Eleanor Buzynski (John), Ramona Brumley (John), his sister- in-law Diane Gerringier Barry(Phillip) and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Raymond and Ann Barry, his sister Patricia Smith and his two brothers Phillip Barry and Roger Barry.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, June 20th, 2022 at 11:00am. at Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. 3 Village Road, Newnan Georgia 30265. Following the service there will be a reception for close friends and family at Bear Creek Farm, 1539 Bear Creek Road, Moreland, Georgia 30259.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest donations to Bear Creek Hounds. 855 Bear Creek Road. Moreland, Georgia 30259 or Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. [www.smmcatholic.org](http://www.smmcatholic.org).

Condolences may be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Mass

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church  
3 Village Road  
Newnan, GA 30265

# Tribute Wall

YP

“ Your family at Boxer Property purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Harold "Hal" Vincent Barry.



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**Your family at Boxer Property** - June 17, 2022 at 11:34 AM

GO

“ Linda, our deepest condolences. Hal was such a positive person, very accomplished and certainly left his mark on the world, he will be greatly missed.

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**Greg Owens** - June 13, 2022 at 09:56 AM

KE

“ Linda,

*I'm so sorry for your loss. I consider myself extremely fortunate to have set up the Norfolk Hunt tent next to you at the Virginia hound show, meet both you and Hal, and for you to share some of your stories with me. I could see in your eyes what special people you are. I hope you find comfort in knowing how gracious and kind you both were to a complete stranger that day and my thoughts and prayers will be with you..*

*Sincerely,*

*Kevin Foley*

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**kevin** - June 07, 2022 at 06:29 PM

RZ

“ Linda,

*I never met a more generous man than Hal. I appreciated all he did for me personally and the world of foxhunting. I am grateful to have known him and to have been allowed to participate in all things Bear Creek Hounds. I know he is not resting in peace as he is already on to his next big adventure :-).*

*With kindest regards,  
Randall Zaic*

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**Randall Zaic** - June 07, 2022 at 12:35 PM

EW

“ Hal Barry was a unique one of a kind guy. A true force of nature and the kindest fellow ever. He never said quit and his positive energy was contagious.

*Well done thy good and faithful servant.*

*Ed Wall*

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**Ed Wall** - June 06, 2022 at 11:16 AM

MA

“ My heart goes out to Hal's family in their time of loss. I met Mr. Barry and he was a down to earth man. Moreland, Georgia and Coweta county has loss a good man. Prayers to the family that God wraps his arms around you.



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**Michael Aldredge** - June 06, 2022 at 09:43 AM

NP

“ Linda, My deepest sympathy to you and your family.  
Sincerely,  
Nancy Cousins Purcell

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**Nancy Cousins Purcell** - June 06, 2022 at 08:38 AM

DC

“ Linda and family, we express our deepest sympathies to you and your family. Take care Dawn, Debra, Detra, and Darla

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**Dawn Cunningham** - June 05, 2022 at 05:27 PM

LK

“ Linda and family--Hal and I were fraternity brothers at Phi Kappa Theta at Iowa State University. I have many fond memories of those times. Hal was a groomsman in our wedding. He was a great "brother" and friend. A great memory was our visit at Bear Creek in 2016. I will always miss his smile and laughter! Hugs to Linda and their family. Ron and Linda Klocke

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**Linda Klocke** - June 05, 2022 at 02:14 PM

PS

“ Linda & Family,

Our deepest sympathy to you all on Hal's passing. He was greatly respected and will be greatly missed.

Sincerely,

Peter and Jean Skrmetti

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**Peter Skrmetti** - June 05, 2022 at 12:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold "Hal" Vincent Barry.*



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June 03, 2022 at 03:03 PM



“ *I met Mr Barry in 2002. A wonderful man and ambassador to the sport of foxhunting- he taught me a great deal and did more for me than I could ever hope to repay. Rest well, sir and may you always be with the hounds. "Tally Ho!"*

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**Guy Cooper** - June 03, 2022 at 12:28 PM



“ *In 1989, Hal tapped me to be his legal counselor, which began more than two decades of a close and very rewarding relationship with Hal. A man of vision and unbridled enthusiasm, Hal embraced every challenge as an opportunity to succeed and make a difference. His charismatic personality attracted the best and brightest talent in the Atlanta real estate industry, who produced one successful project after another. From 1999 to 2008, Barry Real Estate projects garnered seven "Office Deal of the Year" awards! Hal could inspire with his lust for the deal and was a joy to work with. The team members Hal assembled and inspired are truly a "who's who" in Atlanta real estate. I was privileged to know Hal as a client, a mentor and a friend, and to witness his love as a husband, father and grandfather. He had a profound influence on my life and career, for which I will be forever grateful. We have all been fortunate to have been held in your embrace, Hal. We will miss you greatly.*

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**Kenneth H. Kraft** - June 03, 2022 at 10:49 AM

MM

“ *Very blessed to have Hal as our Uncle. Many warm memories of family gatherings on the farm in Fairbank. You will be forever missed and loved.*

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**Mary Musel** - June 02, 2022 at 09:06 PM

AD

“ *Tally Ho friend*

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**Andrea Devito** - June 02, 2022 at 07:49 PM

DB

“ *Wonderful memories and a good brother and friend to Phil. A lot of high escapades. You will be missed Diane*

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**Diane Barry** - June 02, 2022 at 06:43 PM

BH

“ *Charles and I came to know Hal when his son David married our daughter Angie. He was always such a wonderful, caring "Papa" to our grandchildren and treated our daughter like his own daughter. He and Linda were always so gracious to Charles and me. He left a lasting impression. Our love and prayers are with Linda, Jean, David, and Jimmy as well as Katy, Emmett, David, Connor, Adrianna, Brandt, and little Hal.*



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**Billie Hobbs** - June 02, 2022 at 05:10 PM

JH

“ I’ve only known Hal and Linda for a short time and was instantly welcomed into the close knit community. Linda and family, my heart hurts for you as I know there was such a beautiful love you shared. A fond memory I will always hold dear is a recent book club held in their home. As we sat around the table, they reminisced about how they met 59 short years ago and married soon after. Their lives spent driven by their passion of living life to its fullest, love of family and community and their beloved BCH community. Linda, we love you, will be there for you and just know that Hal touched the lives of so many and leaves a legacy of inspiration and hope. You will forever be his beautiful bride and forever love! Janet and Tom Halpin

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**Janet Halpin** - June 02, 2022 at 05:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harold "Hal" Vincent Barry.



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June 02, 2022 at 03:34 PM

WS

“ I got to know Hal Barry in the past year, and I am glad I did. He was a larger than life individual, yet still approachable and friendly. Always a gentleman, the love he had for his wife, Linda, was something I immediately sensed when I visited in their home. Lynn and I are praying for Linda and all the family. He will be missed, and his legacy is an enduring one.

Winston Skinner  
Newnan, Georgia

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**Winston Skinner** - June 02, 2022 at 11:24 AM

AP

*We shared a love of hounds and horses, often when he was riding his senior mount "Polaris" he would send me a clip of a chase in full cry and always captioned it the same  
"I will never get tired of hearing this."  
My favorite saying was- you will see me struggle but you will never see me quit.  
REST IN PEACE MASTER  
Give my regards to Master  
Hardaway*

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**Alton Payton** - June 02, 2022 at 09:31 PM

MH

*Hal was a wonderful friend to our family from the moment we joined St. Mary Magdalene. He gently encouraged Tim and me to take leadership roles in the parish. He generously hosted our cub scout pack to camp at the farm, our altar servers to picnic and fish, and for my sons to shoot and hunt. He even went to far and to adopt our unruly rooster and rehome it on the farm! Such a joyful man that never ceased to make me smile.  
Maggie & Tim Heatherman*

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**Maggie Heatherman** - June 03, 2022 at 03:37 PM

CB

*Mr. Hal was such a kind, loving, humble and generous man. Tom and I got to know him and Miss Linda through the Supper Club at our church. As Tom's health began to deteriorate, Mr. Hal always asked about him and sent well wishes. He was such a generous man - sharing his home so often with the kids from our church for their retreats and various get togethers. Miss Linda, he will be so missed. We love you and are thinking of you during this difficult time.*

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**Cathie Belk** - June 03, 2022 at 10:18 PM

CF

*Linda and family- Sending sympathy and prayers to you. So sad to hear of Hal's passing. We're so far away, but always family. Love from :  
Pam Gribstad  
Debbie Holmstrom  
Cindy Frederick  
(Lyle & Gloria's girls)*

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**Cindy Frederick** - June 04, 2022 at 04:48 PM