



Dr. Clay L. Barfield

June 26, 1924 - October 23, 2020

Dr. Clay L. Barfield, age 96, passed away Friday, October 23, 2020. He was born on June 26, 1924 in Louisville, Kentucky to the late Tarlton G. Barfield and Anna Mae Wilson.

Clay was a veteran of World War 2 in the United States Army. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his daring lifesaving efforts in one of the largest operations of the war, the Battle of Okinawa. He married his sweetheart in 1945 and later graduated from the Ohio State University with a Doctorate of Optometry.

Clay was a joyful, outgoing, and patriotic member of his community with a strong belief in civic duty and people helping each other. He and his wife Mary quickly found their home in Sidney, Ohio where they "went for broke" and created a successful Practice of Optometry. Clay loved cars, guns, bourbon, horses, big band music, good friends, and children. A proud football fan, he and his wife didn't miss an OSU home football game for over 50 years!

In addition to his parents, Clay was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Barfield after 74 years of marriage. He is survived by his brother and sister, Jim Barfield and Elizabeth Whitford. Also, his by daughter Denise Putsch and his grandchildren, Casey and Ethan Putsch.

As per Clay's wishes, a private service will be held at Dayton National Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio. Memorial contributions may be made in honor of Clay and his family to the foundation supporting The National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio. .

Cemetery

Dayton National Cemetery

4400 W. 3rd St.

Dayton, OH, 45428

Comments



“ Dearest Denise,
You and your beloved parents and grandparents were the center of my exchange student year! Your love and friendship meant more to me than you will ever know. I will cherish those memories for as long as I live.
Your best Swiss friend Chriggy

Christine Streich - November 06, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ And you dear friend were always, as they would say, the daughter and granddaughter that lived in Switzerland! That was an absolutely wonderful year we all treasured! And all the later memories we made, even the Swiss parents with their American twins! Glad I still have you, my Swiss sister. Will always treasure our friendship

Denise Barfield Putsch - November 18, 2020 at 08:47 PM



“ Denise, Clay and Mary Margaret were such loving, fun people to be with. You and your family were the joy of their lives. We are blessed to have had them in our lives.

Dave and Arlene Gates - November 05, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ Arlene and Dave, so good to hear from you! Even before I read your text, all I could think of was how much fun my mom and dad had with you! We were all blessed to have them and I'm grateful they had wonderful friends like you! Thank you for thinking of us! Hope all is well

Denise Barfield Putsch - November 18, 2020 at 08:55 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of your father, Denise. Always loved your dear family. We had some great times together and the laughter. Chriggy probably knows, and realizes the loss. Our parents are in a much better place. Peace and serenity. God bless you and your family.

Louanne Hines - November 04, 2020 at 02:16 PM



“ Dear Louanne! Thank you so much for your sweet words and for your lasting friendship. We did make some great memories, and yes Chriggy was right there. So sorry about your mom, but I know how much she had endured. Somehow I lost your contact info, so thank you for getting in touch. Hope you and your family are safe and well right now! Take care and thank you again, Louanne Poovey-you know my dad would've said that!

Denise Barfield Putsch - November 18, 2020 at 09:07 PM



“ Dr. Barfield was our family's doctor for many years. He was always kind. May he and his beloved wife RIP together again. Condolences to the family



Marti Cates Berger - November 04, 2020 at 01:27 PM



“ Marti Cates Berger

Marti Cates Berger - November 04, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ Thank you so much for those lovely words. I can't tell you how much my parents would have been touched to hear that. As the only child who grew up in that office, i know you captured who they really were-he was always kind, she was beloved and they only ever wanted to be together. I will treasure your memory, it means more than you know

Denise Barfield Putsch - November 18, 2020 at 09:22 PM



“ Denice

My thoughts are with you at this time of loss. I knew both of your parents and always enjoyed their senses of humor leaving me with such warm memories of my Ohio home. Please know because your dad touched many lives, he lived a meaningful and joyful life. He inspired many by his dedication, focus and enthusiasm. Please accept my thoughts of support to comfort you at this time.

Linda Fifer

Hamilton, Montana

Linda Fifer - November 03, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ Linda, I cannot begin to tell you how much your texts have touched my heart! I'm so sorry I didn't get in touch last year. It was such a surprise to hear from you! My mom and dad loved you and would mention you from time to time. They would've been thrilled and touched to know how fondly you remembered them. So grateful you took the time to write. Montana sounds absolutely beautiful! Lots of healthy fresh air in 2020, and meteor showers I keep missing! Take care and thankyou for being so thoughtful!

Denise Barfield Putsch - November 18, 2020 at 09:39 PM