



John "Jack" Barker

October 2, 1933 - May 16, 2012

"Metal Artist"

John "Jack" Barker

Age 78, of Essex, IL passed away, Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital in Hines, IL. Born October 2, 1933 in Essex, IL to the late George and Josephine (nee Cima) Barker. For several years he owned and operated Essex Motors in Essex. He was also formerly employed as a guard for Burn's Security and as a machinist at Lang Manufacturing in Crest Hill, IL. He was known for his many creations of metal artwork and most recently owned Metal Art by Jack in Essex. Veteran of the United States Army. Member of the St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church and Lions, both in Essex, the Moose and Antique Car Club, both in Bradley. Jack had a love for art, music, and most of all, for people. Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Eleanor (nee Emling) Barker of Essex, whom he married June 12, 1955 in Goodrich, IL; two daughters, Judy (Don) Sharper and Debbie (Phil) Bradley, both of Essex; two sons, John "Jack" (Mayda) Barker, Jr., of Miami, FL and Darren (Karen) Barker of Kankakee, IL; twelve grandchildren, Nathan (Sally) Sharper, Alissa (John) Claassen, LeAnn (Adam) James, Rachel (Jason) Grace, Christine (Pat) Harmet, Tara (Andy) Davies, Meghan (Steve) Hogan, Jacob Schmidt, Sean, Alexandra, Kristian, and Anna Barker; seventeen great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death is one brother, George Barker. Funeral services will be from the R.W. Patterson

Funeral Homes, Ltd., Braidwood Chapel, Monday, May 21, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. to the St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church in Essex for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Interment with military honors will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Visitation Sunday, May 20 from 3-7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name to the Essex Lions or the St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church would be appreciated.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **20**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
401 East Main St.
Braidwood, IL 60408
(815) 458-2336
info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

Service

MAY **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church
Essex Road
Essex, IL

Tribute Wall



“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

Sara Foote - July 20, 2012 at 03:05 PM

JW

“ There will never be another man like Jack. He will be missed.
I am proud to have been able to call him a friend.

John Weiss - May 30, 2012 at 06:29 AM

JJ

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Jack Barker jr - May 29, 2012 at 02:03 PM

RR

“ Sorry for your loss.
Ron Ramsey

Ron Ramsey - May 23, 2012 at 11:57 PM

KM

“ To the Barker Family, So very sorry for your loss. Have always considered Jack a dear friend who will be missed very much. We do have the "Chief" who sits in our yard along the road to Champaign that will forever remind us of Jack. What a Great man who was so much fun and Interesting to be around.
Our most sincere sympathies to all,
Kevin & Phyllis Maguire

Kevin Maguire - May 22, 2012 at 07:06 AM

BC

“ My first cousin Jack was a man of family, friends and fun. Sorry to miss this celebration of his life, the memories and stories will be legend. My deepest sympathies to the entire family.

Bart Cima - Seattle, WA

Bart Cima - May 21, 2012 at 12:56 PM

MC

“ Sorry to hear about Jack ,he will be missed by all. God Bless Him!

Mike Christensen



mike christensen - May 20, 2012 at 08:28 PM

AD

“ *Eleanor and famly - so sorry to hear about Jack. Wish I could be there but not up to driving up alone. I bet he and Merle are having a good time catching up.*

*My love to you and your family.
Arlene Dittus*

Arlene Dittus - May 20, 2012 at 05:55 PM

GR

“ *George & Catherine Rivard lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Barker*



George & Catherine Rivard - May 20, 2012 at 01:31 PM

LM

“ *To the Barker Family, My heart goes out to everyone in the family. Jack was and is a great person. My thoughts and prays are with you and your family. I remember Jack and his smile just was great. I miss being in Essex and see everyone, but my thoughts and heart is there in spirit. Love you all Lori S. Mullett-Thompson, Southaven, MS*

Lori S. Mullett-Thompson - May 19, 2012 at 06:04 PM

TD

“ *Grandpa was ONE of a KIND :D He never let his spirit and love of life fade and I will always remember singing and joking around with him forever. Love you Gramps. -Tara Davies*

Tara Davies - May 19, 2012 at 04:45 PM

NF

“ *Eleanor & Family:*

So sorry about, my cousin, Jack. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sorry, we can't express our sympathy in person.

Ralph & Natalene (Cima) Ferrari - Odessa, FL

Natalene Ferrari - May 18, 2012 at 02:15 PM

MB

“ *My cousin, Jack Barker, was an amazing man! He had so many talents; Metal Art, music, dancing and more. However, he always remained humble which was his greatest gift. Thanks for all the special times I spent with him and his family. My thoughts go out to Elenore and his children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren! He will always be loved! Mary Jo and Chuck Baran and family*

Mary Jo Baran - May 18, 2012 at 01:30 PM

AN

“ *On behalf of Fr. Mario Quejadas and the parishioners of St. Martin of Tours Kankakee, I would like to express our sincerest condolences to your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

May God's blessings of love and peace be upon you.

Aimee Flor Nellas - May 18, 2012 at 10:59 AM



DS

“ Eleanor and family, so very sad to hear about Jack. I always will remember his snoring whenever I satyed over night wit Darren!



Doug Steichen - May 18, 2012 at 09:49 AM

DB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



debbie bradley - May 18, 2012 at 08:47 AM

MB

I love this video! It really showcases the type of man your father was.

Mary Jo Baran - May 18, 2012 at 01:24 PM

DB

“ He was so proud of this article and always enjoyed watching the pleasure and joy his creations brought to all who dared to "Walk on the Wild Side" Thank you Dad for all the memories...I will hold forever close to my heart. :)

Debbie Bradley - May 18, 2012 at 08:31 AM



“ Jack was such a great man always having a smile for everyone! I remember dancing to Elvis with him. He was such a great dancer. He will be missed so much!

May 18, 2012 at 08:06 AM



“ Eleanor & Family, Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. He will be missed by so many of us. The Andy & Mary Souligne Family. Union Hill,IL.

Mary Souligne - May 17, 2012 at 11:44 PM

MH

“ Meghan Hogan sent a virtual gift in memory of John "Jack" Barker



Meghan Hogan - May 17, 2012 at 10:47 PM

MH

Love you Grandpa, so glad you were such a great part of my life!

Meghan Hogan - May 17, 2012 at 10:48 PM

JD

“ Jim Dragon lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Barker



Jim Dragon - May 17, 2012 at 04:27 PM

SC

“ Sharon (nee Miller) Crevier sent a virtual gift in memory of John "Jack" Barker



sharon (nee Miller) crevier - May 17, 2012 at 03:21 PM

SC

was sorry to hear of jack's passing. Doing genealogy i had just found him as a 2nd cousin to my father. I did not live that far away but never got to essex to meet him. i am so sorry to have missed the chance to meet him.

sharon (nee Miller) crevier - May 17, 2012 at 03:24 PM

SC

In doing my family genealogy i had just found Jack as my dad's 2nd cousin. I makes me sad that although i did not live that far from him i never got the chance to meet him and see his wonderful art. my thoughts are with you his family.

sharon (nee Miller) crevier - May 17, 2012 at 03:27 PM

TP

“ Tim & Cami Parks lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Barker



Tim & Cami Parks - May 17, 2012 at 02:30 PM

TP

Send you all sympathy. Jack will be missed!!

Cami & Tim Parks

Tim & Cami Parks - May 17, 2012 at 02:31 PM

BM

“ *Bill & Faye Malek lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Barker*



Bill & Faye Malek - May 17, 2012 at 01:58 PM

BM

Eleanor & Family, Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family at this time. We will hold our memories of Jack in our heart until our time on this earth is also complete. He will be missed by so many.

Bill & Faye Malek, Arkansas

Bill & Faye Malek - May 17, 2012 at 02:01 PM