



James John Barry , Jr.

July 17, 1955 - August 18, 2024

On August 18, 2024, James John Barry Jr., 69, of Staten Island, NY, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones.

James was born in Brooklyn on July 17, 1955, to James and Philomena Barry. James, a resident of Staten Island, lived in New Springville with his wife, Maryann Barry. They enjoyed trips down to the Jersey Shore, a memorable trip to Graceland, and countless nights on Broadway. Before meeting his wife, Maryann, James raised his sons, James John Barry III and Jason Barry with Shanta Barry in Huguenot.

James worked in banking for over 40 years for EAB & Citi Bank in Manhattan, NY. He also devoted 23 years to the St. James Theatre as the lead usher. James was well known for loving Broadway and instituting ♡The Stoop♡ on West 44th Street.

His magnetic personality and infectious enthusiasm for theater and show business drew many to join him on ♡the stoop♡ creating cherished memories with friends and loved ones.

He will be greatly missed by his devoted wife, Maryann Barry, which he lovingly nicknamed Dimples.

He is survived by his sister, Rosemary Dudak of Tamarac, FL, his son James

John Barry III & his wife Tara of Morganville, NJ Jason Barry of Freehold, NJ & his fiancée Erin O'Hagan. James is also survived by his three adoring grandchildren Ava, Natalie & James, and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who will forever carry his spirit in their hearts.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be on Thursday, August 22, at 11:00 at St. Clare's Roman Catholic Church located at 110 Nelson Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10308.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.scaliahome.com. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in memory of James to The Actors Center or The Broadway League

Previous Events

Service

AUG 21. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Visitation

AUG 21. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Clare Church
110 Nelson Ave
Staten Island, NY 10308

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Reda Family - Paulette, Karen, Scott purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James John Barry , Jr..*



The Reda Family - Paulette, Karen, Scott - August 20, 2024 at 08:46 PM

KP

“ James Barry, better known to me and many others in the old neighborhood where he grew up, as Jim, Jimmy or Jimbo was one of the greatest friends anyone could ever ask for. Not only was he a caring and loving person, he was also a very talented athlete and teammate. I have a thousand memories of playing sports in our old schoolyard and on the asphalt courts around the neighborhood; playing baseball, softball, basketball and football during our teen years together. We used to call Jim "Spiderman" because of the way he'd climb the wall in center field to make an unbelievable catch or how he contorted his body to make a shot or amazing pass in a basketball game. He had a fantastic sense of humor and we spent countless nights together drinking beers and laughing our heads off talking about television sitcoms like the *Honeymooner's* or *Abbott and Costello* and dozens of other comedies that aired during the 60's and 70's...it was magical times for us teenagers! Jimbo was also part of our late night singing crew on the corner of 92nd Street and Gelston Ave where a lot of us lived. We'd be outside until 1am singing songs by Elvis, the Beach boys or the Four Seasons as well as many others. I remember his mom or dad yelling at us to keep it down because we hung out on the corner where his apartment house was, so you get the picture?...lol. There's so much more I can talk about because we did so many fun things together; every one puts a smile on my face. Jim will always be with me in my heart and thoughts. He was one of a kind; a great friend, a wonderful human being, a good family man! I started calling him "Supa-star" when we were teens and he has definitely lived up to that title. God bless you in heaven my friend and rest in peace eternally... until we meet again ☐ 🙏 ❤️

Karl Pecora - August 20, 2024 at 04:24 PM

EE

“What an absolutely awesome human being. His passing leaves me gutted and in disbelief not so much because it’s impossible that he could leave us but because the portal of love and light he shared on a daily basis at the St. James was that resonant. He has had a profound impact on the Broadway community with his ability to connect and care for his family and chosen family which was pretty much anyone who ever walked into that amazing theater. The St. James Theater has a completely new meaning in title for me now. I will never walk by that theater and not feel his effervescence in my heart. You will be sorely missed, Jim. Deepest condolences to his loved ones and family. Love, Elizabeth Earley (swing on Something Rotten 2015-2017).

Elizabeth Earley - August 20, 2024 at 12:29 PM

BE

“From the day I met Jim in the early 80’s at EAB’s “U N” Plaza, I found him to be considerate, caring, and lively. Jim never disappointed. His personality, coupled with his knowledge and enthusiasm, attracted clients and co-workers that truly appreciated him. How could you not?
Jim brought that passion to Broadway, where his excitement for the theater opened a new world for him. Although he worked long hours, he was motivated by his love for Broadway.
Jim was the friend where no matter how much time passed between our conversations, we easily picked up where we left off. Jim made countless people happy in his lifetime. I pray for Jim’s family and friends as I, too, am saddened by his passing.
God bless you my friend. Until we meet again. - BettyAnn

BettyAnn - August 19, 2024 at 03:53 PM

TW

“ I only recently got to know him when I was ushering at the St James for Into the Woods, Spamalot and then Illinoise. I am still in shock, but what is such a comfort is that he leaves behind such a legacy of friends and people whose lives he touched. The St James now has a new guardian angel! Forever remembered at the Stoop!

Tony Westbrook - August 19, 2024 at 01:20 PM

KP

Nice comment 👍👍❤️

Karl Pecora - August 20, 2024 at 03:47 PM

GJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Jim was such a special guy. We will miss him and Broadway/west 44th st will never be the same. Gwen and Lauren Garrett Joly.

Gwendolyn Garrett Joly - August 19, 2024 at 12:36 PM

LF

“ Level 6+7 Action Gymnastics Families. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James John Barry , Jr..

Level 6+7 Action Gymnastics Families. - August 19, 2024 at 12:10 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of James John Barry , Jr..



August 19, 2024 at 12:10 PM

LT

“ *Lois Trerotola-Ratel lit a candle in memory of James John Barry , Jr.*



Lois Trerotola-Ratel - August 19, 2024 at 12:09 PM

LT

“ *Oh my gosh. I am so very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I worked with him at EAB for many years. I have nothing but beautiful memories. Sleep with the angels my dear friend Jim*

Lois Trerotola-Ratel - August 19, 2024 at 12:08 PM

JF

“ *John And Marian Fenimore purchased the Love's Journey for the family of James John Barry , Jr..*



John And Marian Fenimore - August 19, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of James John Barry , Jr..*



August 19, 2024 at 11:04 AM

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“ *Thoughts are with you, we love you purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of James John Barry , Jr..*



Thoughts are with you, we love you - August 19, 2024 at 11:01 AM