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**W**illiam Austin Barbee, 26, of Huntersville died May 3, 2023.

Austin (also known to friends as "Barbee") was born in Charlotte, NC on February 7, 1997, to Andy and Kim Barbee. Austin went to Cox Mill Elementary, Harris Road Middle School, and Jay M. Robinson High School in Concord, NC. He was a great student, and especially enjoyed creative writing, foreign languages (Spanish and German), and chemistry.

Austin participated in Cub Scouts in elementary school, School of Rock and the West Cabarrus YMCA Blue Dolphin Swim Team in middle school, and marching band and the Concord Youth Council in high school. He graduated from Jay M. Robinson in May 2015.

Austin decided to take time off before going to college. During that time, he enrolled in classes at Central Piedmont Community College, and earned a scholarship to study abroad for a summer in Heidelberg, Germany. He also took classes at Johnson & Wales University in their Baking & Pastry program.

Anyone who spent time with Austin knew he loved to cook and had a special fondness for baking. At one point, he worked part-time at Great Harvest Bread Company. Austin learned to bake bread and enjoyed the opportunity to sample all the sweets. At home, he was always trying new recipes and, among other things, made fantastic deep-dish pizza and focaccia bread.

Austin loved to eat at new restaurants and experience different cuisines. He was the ultimate foodie! During the past few years, Austin worked at Starbucks and was a cook in several Charlotte-area restaurants. If you have eaten at Mellow Mushroom, Futo Buta, or Hathaway's Fried Chicken, he may have made your meal.



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Austin's other interests included sports, music, and hiking. His favorite teams were Borussia Dortmund Soccer (Germany), University of Missouri, "Mizzou," football, and Saint Louis Cardinals baseball. Austin also had a wicked sense of humor. His accents and impersonations were spot on and made everyone laugh.

In addition to his parents, Andy and Kim, survivors include his sister, Caroline Barbee and her husband Gary "Carter" Rogers. The family plans to hold a private service in the near future to honor their beloved son and brother. In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made to NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family.



## Tribute Wall

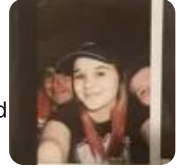
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RA

**Rachel** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I've been thinking about you today, friend. It seems like just yesterday we were swinging drinks at 5am and making jokes over the headsets. I realized a couple weeks after you passed that I had a Polaroid picture I took with you hanging in my dining room. Its been there since I moved last summer. It was hanging in my last place too. Thinking about you being gone breaks my heart. You always tried you hardest to make others laugh, no matter what. I'm glad you're at peace- but I wish I could have been there for you more. You were so loved.



June 19 at 5:08 PM

MB

**Mary Boyle** posted:

Dear Kim, Andy and Caroline, We are so sorry for your loss. We were very saddened to hear of your son's passing . Austin was such a great kid and we have many fond memories from homeschool days, swim team and marching band. Kristen enjoyed the accents and his sense of humor.We will always remember him and will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Love from Mary & Jack Boyle and family

May 19 at 12:41 PM

MI

**Mark Icard** posted:

Kim and Andy,I'm so sorry for your unimaginable loss. I grieve with you. Austin was such a gentle person. You are in my prayers.Mark Icard

May 11 at 7:20 AM

JL

**Jill Livick** posted:

Austin's School of Rock family is absolutely heartbroken to hear this news. Austin was a big part of our family in our early days of starting our school in Charlotte. He was the kindest, most positive and joyful kid who we just adored. Austin was a part of Rock chorus, Rock 101, the Punk show... CCR and more. One life can be felt through an entire community, and his will always be a part of ours. I will look for more footage and photos over the coming days, but here is Austin singing Dear Prudence in Rock Chorus at the Tosco music party as a middle schooler. This was in front of a packed house.[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HYzMmQZHhZU&fbclid=IwAR0Ye1OFYKZRq83mROvV5IDoDRs0m8e\\_jE0yVKYmtujpyXrq4ii51hN7ZqY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HYzMmQZHhZU&fbclid=IwAR0Ye1OFYKZRq83mROvV5IDoDRs0m8e_jE0yVKYmtujpyXrq4ii51hN7ZqY) Sending so much love and peace to you Kim, Andy, Caroline and Barbee family.

May 9 at 12:49 PM



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GB

**Ginny Bobbitt** posted:

Andy, Kim, Caroline - I was so shocked and saddened to read the post from Joyce Holman. Austin will always be one of my favorite students. His smile would turn any frustrating day right around. I remember him making a connection (kindergarten or 1st grade) with my last name Bobbitt and "The Hobbit" and how he said he would never have trouble remembering my name. Please know you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

May 8 at 4:49 PM

KB

**Kim Barbee** May 10 at 3:12 PM

Thank you so much, Laurie and Tony.

LS

**Laurie Smith** May 10 at 12:51 PM

Andy and Kim, Tony and I are grieving with you during this time. I hope you feel the love and prayers of others to help sustain you during this difficult time. He was such a handsome young man and although we never knew him, the personal things others have shared and his beautifully written tribute help us to understand what a wonderful person he was to so many people. If there is anything you need we are here and would love to help. We will continue to remember you in the days ahead and would love to have y'all over again for a visit. Much Love ❤️



**Jonathan Lewis** shared a video to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Barbee was my best friend in AP Chemistry class at Jay M Robinson. That class was so difficult but Barbee helped me look forward to lab projects and general assignments. And he totally saved my butt on a partner test, he knew the material much better than me. This is the loss of a life too soon. Rest in paradise Barbee.

May 8 at 4:03 PM



GP

**Gabby P** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

barbee was one of my first friends at the blanchard institute in charlotte. we had a little group that would spend every lunch together for weeks and weeks. he was SO unbelievably caring and compassionate and funny and sweet and goofy. he could always find a way to make me smile. the world is truly a darker place now

May 8 at 3:25 PM



DJ

**David Jones** posted:

Andy & Kim I'm so sorry for your loss. This was a beautiful write up sharing Austin's passions, thank you for sharing it. I will be keeping you in my thoughts and am here if there is anything at all I can do to help. David Jones

May 8 at 8:08 AM



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BR

**Breanna** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

It hurts my heart to see such a good bean go so soon. I wish I had a selfie of us but I will cherish this memory I have forever. This is the first day we met and you were so shy but once you opened up and started talking you'd didn't stop. I remember telling you how gentle your aura was and we just laughed and had the deepest conversations. You were amazed by me painting this on your back because it was my first expression of you; being free spirited and high in the sky with all tough edge. We didn't have the chance to make more memories but I atleast have this one and the delicacy of working with you, everyone and myself loved you. Such a hard working and striving human. I'm glad I got to atleast meet you Barbes. I love you and you won't be forgotten.



May 7 at 3:58 PM

SB

**Sherry Bernstein** posted:

Kim and Andy, We are so sorry to hear about Austin. He was such a sweet young man, and his absence will be felt by all who knew him. We know that there are no words that can ease the heartbreak you are feeling right now, but please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Our hearts go out to you both! Much love, Steve and Sherry Bernstein

May 7 at 2:16 PM

RN

**Rich & Nancy B.** lit a candle in honor of William.

Andy, Kim, and Caroline, We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of your beloved Austin. Our hearts ache for you. Sending you our deepest condolences and sincere sympathies during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Rich & Nancy Baccicheti

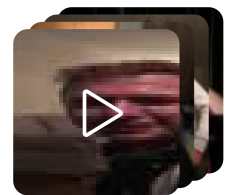


May 7 at 4:33 AM

JS

**Josh Stewart** shared 3 photos and a video to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Barbee was one of my best friends and someone I loved like family. We had so many good memories together, and it's hard to pick one. We use to love going bowling, trying new restaurants together, talking in accents (I'm terrible at impersonations but Barbs was always spot on), and playing cards. We even reinvented a few card games together, one of our favorites to play was this game called pity-pat. Barbs was not only a fun person to be around, but also one of the most caring people I have ever met. Anytime I needed a friend Barbee was always there. One of my favorite recent memories was last Halloween, me Barbs and Jess were a best friend trio that did pretty much everything together and last Halloween we decided to carve pumpkins. None of us had done pumpkin carving in a while so we were all really excited. I decided to make a winky face emoji and Barbee made an imposter from among us (perfectly I might add). There are so many stories I could tell, and we had so many fun memories together. I will always miss Barbee with all my heart, truly life will never be the same without Barbee.



May 5 at 11:17 PM



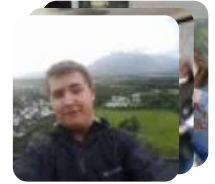
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May 6 at 7:15 AM

RK

**Ritu Sandhu-Khanna** May 6 at 9:56 AM

Dear Kim and Andy, I'm your neighbor, Raj's sister from California, and hearing about your son breaks my heart and I can't imagine what you and extended family and friends of Austin are going through. Sending you our deepest condolences. You are in our prayers.

JL

**Julie Littrell** posted:

Andy and Kim. Sending you my deepest condolences. Austin was such a sweet kid and I can't imagine your heartbreak. Sending you love and prayers. Love you so much. Julie Littrell

May 6 at 3:57 AM

MI

**Michele** May 6 at 4:46 PM

Kim. Sending you my deepest condolences. Austin was such a sweet kid and I can't imagine your heartbreak. Sending you love and prayers. Michele Jordan

KH

**Karen Hobson** posted:

Kim and Andy, I'm so sorry for your loss. Lemon tarts will always remind me of Austin. As my first attempt making one was meh until Austin jumped in to decorate it with berries. He did so with such joy and finesse. The finished product was beautiful. Rest in peace Austin. Until we meet again, every lemon tart will remind me of you.

May 5 at 11:17 PM

MM

**Marilyn Marks** May 6 at 7:16 AM

Bob and I want to send words of comfort, but we know that no words of ours can provide the comfort you need. Please know that we care, deeply, and recognize that we have no way to ease your pain. May you feel our condolences and love.

DH

**Deb Hanna** May 6 at 4:10 AM

There simply are no words that express the grief of losing a child. So my heartfelt thoughts and prayers are all I can give. And hope that the memories and joyful moments will offer comfort over the next days, weeks, and years. Deb Hanna



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# Memories only last if you share them

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