



# Barry Shearer

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**B**arry Lee Shearer entered into his heavenly home early Saturday morning, April 5, 2025, after faithfully serving in pastoral ministry for over 40 years. A devoted servant, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Barry dedicated his life to the Lord, his family, and the church.

Barry was born in Jacobus, Pennsylvania on October 1, 1942, to Fred and Kathleen Shearer, who preceded him in death. He graduated from Dallastown High School in 1960, where he met the love of his life, Joyce. The high school sweethearts were married later that year, beginning a 64-year marriage marked by love, service to each other, and unwavering faith.

Together, they raised three daughters: Cathy (Van) Wade, Sandy (Greg) Mecimore, and Joy (Gary) Ferrell. Barry also leaves behind a legacy in his grandchildren: Nicholas (Emily) Mecimore, Greyson (Caroline) Wade, Jake (Ashley) Mecimore, and Ford Ferrell; and great-grandchildren: Sawyer, Micah, Theo, Cal, and Eli.

In the early years of their marriage, Barry graduated from Penn State University (a loyal Nittany Lion's fan to the end) with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. His first job was with American Chain and Cable in York, PA. After gaining a bit of experience Barry searched for other employment. He was sought out by Duff Norton, a Charlotte company, who flew Barry and Joyce to Charlotte in the Spring of '65. They left a snowy Pennsylvania and arrived on a Carolina spring day; it was an easy decision to make the sunny south their home. After a few years at Duff Norton, Barry accepted a job at the Celanese Corporation in Charlotte, where he had many career successes, including designing a pulley system that was patented by the corporation. His engineering mind was constantly at work, always impressing his girls.

Barry's life would take a powerful turn in 1969, when he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior during a revival service at Northside Baptist Church. Just one year later, Barry and Joyce answered God's call to full-time ministry. Barry left his engineering career and enrolled at Tennessee Temple Bible College in Chattanooga, TN.



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After graduating in 1973, Barry was invited by Dr. Jack Hudson to join the staff of Northside Baptist Church in Charlotte. Over the next four decades, Barry faithfully served in numerous roles at the church and school, including chef, geometry teacher, interim principal of Northside Christian Academy, designer for campus buildings, and eventually the church's business administrator. One of his greatest joys in ministry was leading the Homemakers Sunday School class where he formed lifelong friendships.

Barry's heart for missions grew deeply over the years. Alongside his longtime assistant, Nancy Randolph, he helped organize and lead the church's annual Missions Conference and numerous mission trips. His testimony will continue to inspire generations and his impact on the Kingdom will never be forgotten. Only Heaven will reveal the fruits of his labors.

Even in retirement, Barry continued to work at the church, always pouring himself into others through mission work. He traveled internationally to encourage, support and train missionaries, and he served on the boards of multiple organizations such as P & B Ministries, NOW Ministries, and Reaching the Unreached. Later in his life, he had a heart specifically for the people of India, where he and Joyce support local pastors to unreached areas.

Barry loved his family and enjoyed any time they spent together. He cherished family vacations piling into one large house, game nights (with some surprisingly competitive spirit from the family patriarch), family dinners, and adventures across the United States and abroad.

The family will receive friends on Friday, April 25th, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Northside Baptist Church, in Charlotte, NC. A Celebration of Life service will follow on Saturday, April 26th, at 10:00 at Northside Baptist Church, with burial to take place at Gethsemane Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to:

BIMI  
PO Box 9  
Harrison, TN  
37341

For Mark Logan India project account 620



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James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family.



# Events


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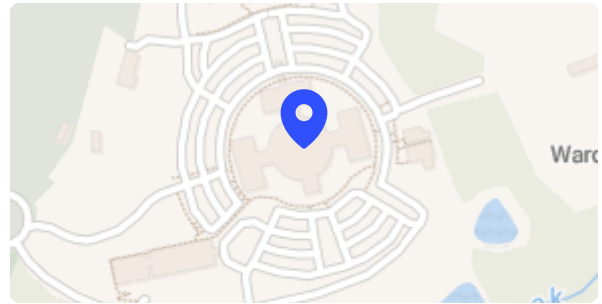
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## Visitation

 **Friday**, April 25, 2025


 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


 **Northside Baptist Church**  
333 Jeremiah Blvd., Charlotte NC 28262

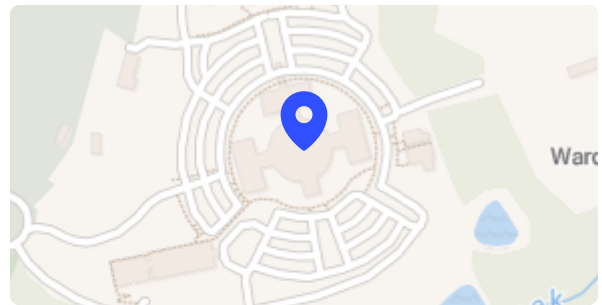


## Funeral Service


 **Saturday**, April 26, 2025

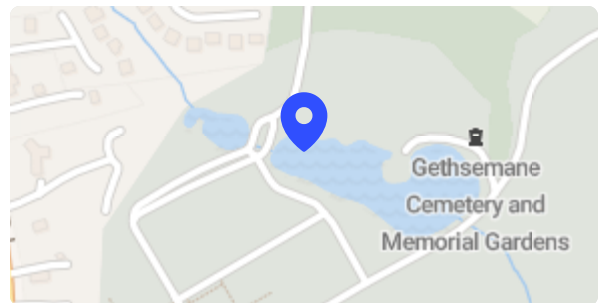
 10:00 AM ET

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## Cemetery Details

 **Gethsemane Memorial Gardens**  
1504 W Sugar Creek Rd. , Charlotte NC 28262





# Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Shearer family.

April 24 at 5:21 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Barry.

April 24 at 5:21 PM



**Clarks, Hootens And Landreths** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Shearer family.

April 14 at 5:55 PM



**Clarks, Hootens And Landreths** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Barry.

April 14 at 5:55 PM



**Nccsa State Office** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Shearer family.

April 9 at 10:05 AM



**Wanda Adair** posted:

So many fond memories of Barry...being in the office and seeing his car jumping hills at the pond, as he chased the geese was the first thing that comes to mind!

April 7 at 10:34 PM



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**Mary Grindstaff** lit a candle in honor of Barry.



April 7 at 9:12 PM



**Mary Grindstaff** posted:

I have many fond memories of Barry. I knew him many years and he was always busy, always faithful, and always serving God. Dearest Family, I know you miss him but think of the path he tread that took him to where he is now. Love and Prayers to all of you. Mary Gragg Grindstaff

April 7 at 9:12 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Barry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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