



## Melvin Barrow

January 26, 1928 - November 14, 2020

Melvin Barrow, 92, of Bloomington, passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2020 at IU Health Bloomington Hospital. He was born on January 26, 1928 in Bloomington; the son of Hershel and Deborah Mae (Deckard) Barrow.

Mel worked as a lifetime mechanic that included RH Marlin Foreman and was the owner of Mel's Sales and Service in Ellettsville. He became a franchise owner in 1966 of John Deere until his retirement. Mel was a member of New Unionville Baptist Church and enjoyed golfing, fishing, squirrel hunting, and quartet music.

Mel is survived by his children, Steven (Treva) Barrow, Stuart (Judy) Barrow, and Beth Anne (Steve) Barrow-Marlin; grandchildren, Stephanie, Ameer, Amanda, Matthew, Amber, and Mark; great-grandchildren, Clayton, Mason, Breanna, Mackenzie, Braylon, Colby, Melody, Madison, Nathan, Ashley, Abigail, Addison, Emily, Aiden, and Samson; great-great-grandchild; Adlyn Grace; step-children, Nancy Sinn and Jack Miller; four step-grandchildren. Mel is also survived by half-sisters, Irma Denny, Fern Cox, and Dolly Bartlett; and dear friend, Betty Neal.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Helen Barrow; first wife, Rhea Dawn Miller; sisters, Juanita Simms, and Margaret Edwards; and half-brothers, Bud and Duke.

A graveside service will be held at 12:00p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at Little Union Baptist Cemetery. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV **19**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Little Union Baptist Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ I miss & loved Granny too! ❤️ Like I said I believe I was given 2 more of greatest parents!! Always there with love & open door. I miss her so much too. It was awesome to see you happy! She was greatly loved & missed! You all are!!❤️🥺

Beth Barrow-Marlin - May 17, 2022 at 10:38 AM

BB

“ Daddy I miss you! I'm glad you're free from this crazy world! I want to call you all the time or go see you. Just can't believe it's been so long-❤️❤️❤️ You were the best 🥺 Love you everyday!

Beth Barrow-Marlin - May 17, 2022 at 10:29 AM

BI

“ *"Death leaves a heartache that no one can heal and love leaves memories that no one can steal."*

*Melvin was one of a kind and we always enjoyed his stories. Prayer for peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

*All of your friends at Bounds Flooring Inc.*

Bounds Flooring Inc. - November 19, 2020 at 12:43 PM

BI

“ *Bounds Flooring Inc. lit a candle in memory of Melvin Barrow*



Bounds Flooring Inc. - November 19, 2020 at 12:37 PM

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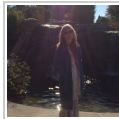
“ We are so sorry for your loss of your Dad, Wes thought a lot of him and all you kids too. He enjoyed talking with Mel at the John Deere business there in Ellettsville, and hunting groundhogs with Steve and Sam Baynes. You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Nancy Roberts - November 19, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ My oldest daughter was born on Jan. 26th 2001 and I named her Melody after Music. I didnt even realize it was the same day as my Grandfather's Birthday. Now everyone calls her "Mel". Always thought that was kinda cool how that worked out like it did. Grieving for everyone's loss. Wished I could make it. Love everyone, Matt

Matt Weaver - November 18, 2020 at 11:32 PM



Thank you! Love you Son

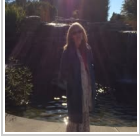
Beth Barrow-Marlin - November 20, 2020 at 01:11 PM

MK

“ Mark Kelley lit a candle in memory of Melvin Barrow



mark kelley - November 17, 2020 at 08:03 PM



“ Thank you,  
Dad always had a story to tell along with a joke.  
He loved all of us, kids.  
Worked hard all his life!  
I saw him change for all things good when he & Helen married. I'd never known him to be so happy.  
When she passed I know he was one of the saddest men on earth....later on thru years God sent him a sweet lady to share a date, a church & friendship true to the end. He was comforted by her care & concern.  
It only saddened me that he wouldn't sing anymore without Helen, yet I understood.  
He was tough but fair & always ready to share if you had a minute or two.  
Stuff never meant much. Serving God & friends to best of his ability was what meant most.  
Wasn't hard to please. I'm thankful for great brothers he raised & their spouses that were always there for him..... I was the youngest that filled in gaps  
. Of all things I recall it's when he used to toss me up in the air & catch me!! Always scared me yet Daddy never missed. He always caught me.  
Much like our Heavenly Father he's always there & catches us. He doesn't ever truly let go or mean us harm....just to trust him.  
I'm thankful he's with all those he's missed for so long-  
Love & miss you daddy, see you soon!❤️

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**Beth Barrow-Marlin** - November 17, 2020 at 03:34 AM

MI

“ Steven, Stuart and BethAnn  
Your dad was A funny and talented man. Loved hearing him sing gospel music during services at New Unionville Baptist church back in the day. He had a great sense of humor. And I still can hear him say a few things in my memory (all funny).

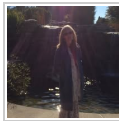
*He had a great life and was blessed with a large family.*

*He will be missed but definitely remembered*

*Our sincere condolences  
Mila McCullough Norman*

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**Mila** - November 16, 2020 at 05:53 PM



*Thanks Mila much appreciate*

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**Beth Barrow-Marlin** - November 17, 2020 at 07:11 PM

TA

“ Tammy lit a candle in memory of Melvin Barrow



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**Tammy** - November 16, 2020 at 08:43 AM



*Thanks so much*

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**Beth Barrow-Marlin** - November 17, 2020 at 07:15 PM

SW

“ *Mel was one of a kind. Loved him and Helen dearly.*

Sue Walker - November 15, 2020 at 08:25 PM



*Thanks so much*

Beth Barrow-Marlin - November 17, 2020 at 07:15 PM

BS

“ *So sorry for your loss! Your dad was one of my most favorites at Hearthstone!! Such a funny guy especially when it came yo his TV!!!! Thoughts, hugs and many prayers during this time!*

*Brandi Smith*

Brandi Smith - November 15, 2020 at 07:06 PM



*Thanks so much!*

Beth Barrow-Marlin - November 17, 2020 at 07:16 PM

KA

“ *Thinking of you Stuart, Steven, and Beth. I sure loved your dad and will miss him terribly!*

Karissa - November 15, 2020 at 03:31 PM



*Thank You!*

Beth Barrow-Marlin - November 17, 2020 at 07:17 PM

TN

“ *Sorry to here about your dad Steve prayers Terry norris*

Terry NORRIS - November 14, 2020 at 08:38 PM



*Thank you so much*

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**Beth Barrow-Marlin** - November 19, 2020 at 07:16 AM