



## Barry Shane Martin

November 29, 1971 - July 20, 2024

Barry Shane Martin, age 52, passed peacefully on July 20, 2024, after a valiant battle with Glioblastoma Multiforme. His wife, Lisa, his children, and many family members were by his side.

Born November 29, 1971, in Parkersburg, WV to Gary and Karen (Buckley) Martin, Barry attended Spencer High School and went on to excel at Virginia Tech and Glenville State College. He would meet the love of his life, Lisa (Almond) Martin in 2007, and would marry on June 26, 2010.

Throughout his life, Barry held many roles working for Anthem (previously Blue Cross Blue Shield), most notably as the Director of Cloud Platform Management Services and later as Chief of Staff of Cloud Platform Services. He proudly served on the Board of Directors for Key Chorale and was an active part of the Student Scholarship Program. In 2015, he found his home at Grace Community Church. At Grace, Barry wore many titles: Service Director, Board Member, 'Director of BBQ', and most importantly, Mentor. His family at Grace grew far and wide.

However, the greatest title Barry would hold was Father to Logan and Reese. Despite intense chemotherapy and radiation, he was grateful to feel well enough to witness his son Logan's marriage and celebrate with family and friends in May. A few dances were had that will be cherished for a lifetime.

Barry was also able to enjoy frequent visits to Peach's Restaurant with his daughter, Reese, one of their favorite pastimes.

Remembered fondly as the world's best hug-giver, Barry will also be memorialized for his kind and supportive nature. Never one to judge and always there to be a friend and offer support. He will never fully know his impact on family, friends, colleagues, and even strangers. Barry was blessed with a heart that touched everyone.

All who knew him would agree that he also knew how to bring people together through food. Known to many as a BBQ and Chief Smoker Extraordinaire, no party would be complete without his brisket, pulled pork, and turkey. He knew how to throw a party and always hosted holiday and family gatherings, upheld family traditions like making apple butter, and ensured everyone had their preferred drink and felt spoiled...and they did.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lisa of Bradenton, FL; his children Logan (Jasmine) Martin of Sarasota, FL; Reese (Chris Price) Martin of Bradenton, FL; his parents Gary and Karen of Sarasota, FL; his brother Stephen (Steve Bennet-Martin) Martin-Bennet of Sarasota, FL; in-laws William and Adele Almond of South Pasadena, FL; and many in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends that have become family who will miss him beyond words.

Barry received an outpouring of love and support during the final weeks of his life which his family will never forget. A special appreciation to the Grace Community Church family, and Lisa's sister, Maria (Almond) Cannon, for their unwavering support during these difficult times.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Grace Community Church, 4080 Lakewood Ranch Blvd N, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34240 on Saturday, July 27, 2024. Public viewing will begin at 10 am with service at noon followed by a

light lunch reception. A live stream can be found here, <https://www.youtube.com/live/OC7v0HgA1Zg>

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations in Barry's honor to the following be considered: Grace Community Church c/o Barry Martin Student Center, 4080 Lakewood Ranch Blvd N, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34240; <https://gracesarasota.churchcenter.com/giving>

Tidewell Foundation, 3550 S. Tamiami Tr, Sarasota, FL 34239; [www.tidewellfoundation.org/donate](http://www.tidewellfoundation.org/donate)

Glioblastoma Foundation, <https://glioblastomafoundation.org/get-involved/donate>

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL 27. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Grace Community Church - Lakewood Ranch Campus  
4080 Lakewood Ranch Blvd N  
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34240

## Service

JUL 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

NW

“ Barry was such a great person and a great friend. I will never forget his reaching out and talking to me when he found out somehow my son was having his appendix removed. I will miss the chats about grilling tips, football and life. My condolences to Lisa, his kids and family.

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**Nick Wiener** - August 09, 2024 at 10:25 AM

MG

“ Lisa, and family- I've watched your tribute to Barry from afar. It was the most lovely way to honor this bigger than life man. Thank you for making this possible. You have a fabulous Christian community to lean on.

*It is a test of our faith when someone who did so much good in what we consider a short life, leaves us too soon. At a funeral for another co-worker of mine from Anthem years ago, the priest explained the tragedy in this way. He said that those rare individuals who exhibit kindness everyday, who are compassionate to all, are selfless in every act, laugh often and whose humor is infectious have lived many more years than their birth age. Thinking about that today, it probably makes Barry well over 100. He lived a good life!*

*It was pleasure and honor to work with your husband, father, family member, friend for 14 years. We laughed a lot when together on calls and I treasured his sense of humor. He was an incredible person in every way, but you already know that.*

*I pray you find peace in your day. He would want you to go on and live life abundantly.*

*In friendship and shared sorrow, Mary Gilbert*

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**Mary Shea Gilbert** - July 27, 2024 at 01:27 PM

LM

*Mary, thank you for your kind words! My husband was loved by so many AND loved so many. Thank you!*

**Lisa Martin** - July 28, 2024 at 08:36 AM

LO

“ *Barry really heard people, really listened to their need, and really cared. He was always a gentleman and so very professional, and he loved harmony. We will miss you and your wonderful heart, Barry!*

**Lori** - July 24, 2024 at 09:16 PM

ML

“ *I had the great pleasure of working with Barry at bcbs later anthemand was always a wonderful knowing person who would always find time to answer your questions. Always a true professional and gentleman Barry the world lose a good man. Rip my friend.*

**Michele LaBocchetta** - July 24, 2024 at 05:35 PM

PP

“ *Something a little more light hearted. Barry was such an encourager. Not long after Barry and I joined Anthem, we were invited to join the Wednesday golf league. Barry and I almost always played together. Now he played golf while I duffed it around the course, 10-12 strokes behind for 9 holes. He never complained about zig zagging all over that course with me, but every round I would hit one or two of those shots in golf that just keep you coming back. He raved about them even more than I did. In his ultra calm, deadpan kind of way, he was nearly overflowing with praise. This is how he did everything.*

**Phil Pennington** - July 24, 2024 at 10:11 AM

KG

“ Condolences to the Martin Family.

*"Those who touch our lives, stay in our hearts forever."*

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**Karen Godfrey** - July 23, 2024 at 10:56 PM

TH

“ *Barry introduced us to his children many, many years ago. He entrusted them to our educational care for several years and he became a board member of SonHaven Preparatory Academy. He helped our school grow in grace. We still remember him always remembering his children's birthdays by bringing in a stack of pizza from Little Caesars. His smile was infectious and his spirit always loving. Field trips and more, Barry was there. We know with certainty where he is, finally at peace with the Lord. The Lord sent a special man of God to minister not only to children but to us those many years ago. Rev. Dr. Thomas and Dr. Carolyn L. Hilt, Sarasota*

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**Thomas and Carolyn Hilt** - July 23, 2024 at 07:38 PM

JG

“ *Rusty and I started at Grace about same that Barry and Lisa did in the older location when the congregation was a bit smaller. We supported a few life groups together and assisted in teaching when he travelled for work. We love supporting the doors at Grace and seeing your faces as you walked in for the hugs we live by for the week. We love you Lisa, Just know even though Barry is not with us anymore, he is your protective angel and we will see him when Jesus comes for all of us!  
Love your friends family, June and Rusty Gregory*

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**june gregory** - July 23, 2024 at 07:28 PM

JS

“ Since we walked into Grace community Church when it was just there in the office building, being greeted by Barry at the door this big tall burly guy that hugged you and you felt that you were welcomed and loved as you walked in the door and I felt that way with him every time that we walked in to service seeing him and it was fantastic to know him and be loved on by Barry truly he will be missed by everyone a heart of gold and a great father we will all miss him dearly, Love to all the Family James n Deneen Schmidutz

James Schmidutz - July 23, 2024 at 05:07 PM

BP

I am one of the servers at peachs 🍑 restaurant and we were grateful for there whole family. Beth Peace

Beth Peace - July 23, 2024 at 07:26 PM

LM



Lisa Martin - July 28, 2024 at 08:40 AM

SS

“ Me and Taylor got to know Barry and Lisa through our online presence at Grace. They both immediately shared their love and understanding. Barry was always will to do and br where and what was ever needed along with Lisa at his side. Its difficult to speak of one without the other! They truly serves side-by-side. Taylor serves as greater and Barry always made sure that Taylor saw Pastor Chip A hug from chip with his reward. Barry would always catch me as I was coming out of the worship area and let me know that and yes, Barry gave the best hugs! He met Barry. You will always remember him love and prayers to the family covering Lisa in prayer as she walks the path much love Sandy and Taylor.

Sandy Scranton - July 23, 2024 at 04:41 PM

TE

“ One of the best friends a guy could ask for and a true brother in Jesus Christ. He was like family to me for 40 years and a sincerely good, nice guy that loved his children and all his family and friends dearly. He is going to be greatly missed a LOT. I am glad to have had the opportunity to be his friend, neighbor, brother (as we called each other) and got the chance to go on vacations and school trips and other things together. I love you Barry Martin and we WILL see each other again one day and I know you are in God's arms in Heaven bro.

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**Todd Elliott** - July 23, 2024 at 04:05 PM