



William George Barstow

July 8, 1947 - September 27, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of William George Barstow, 78, of Bradenton, Florida, on September 27, 2025, at the Casa Mora Rehabilitation and Extended Care facility. Bill was born and raised in Dunellen, New Jersey, the son of George and Dorothy Barstow.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Col. Charles Barstow, USMC, and his beloved wife of nearly 50 years, Barbara. He is survived by his nieces, Delores Broski and Victoria Favret, nephews Charles Barstow and Wallace Barstow, as well as cousins Susan Hauck and her husband David, and Gene Tromly and his wife Barbara.

Bill cherished the lifelong friendships of Dale and Brenda Jacquish, John Maccloud, the late Jim Heard, and Faust Wertz, whose love and support enriched his life. The family also extends heartfelt thanks to Kathy Grammer, Gary and Linda Hoolsema, and Ray and Pat Halperin for their friendship during his years in Bradenton.

An excellent student and gifted musician, Bill found joy in singing and playing the clarinet. He also treasured his years playing baseball in Little League and on his high school varsity team. His love of music never faded—he attended countless choral and symphonic concerts and especially treasured his time at the Sarasota Opera. His travels throughout Europe allowed him to combine

his love of music with his admiration for the grand architecture of the continent's concert halls.

Bill was a proud graduate of the University of Michigan, where he earned a BS in psychology. A lifelong Wolverine, he followed Michigan sports faithfully while also cheering on his beloved New York Yankees. Among his many hobbies, Bill was an avid collector of vintage fountain pens, building an impressive collection and deep knowledge of these century-old writing instruments. Later in life, he discovered a new passion for pickleball, which brought him both joy and a wonderful circle of friends.

Professionally, Bill dedicated 35 years to the State of New Jersey, first working in drug and alcohol counseling and later in grant writing to secure federal funding. He was known for his talent, resourcefulness, and the respect and affection he earned from both peers and supervisors.

Bill was a true friend and a steady guiding presence in the lives of many, endearing himself to all who had the privilege of knowing him. He will be deeply missed.

A celebration of life will be held later this year.

The family asks those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to their favorite charity in Bill's name.

Tribute Wall

TS

“ Uncle Bill or Billy Boy as Aunt Barbara called him.
As a young child I always had my baseball glove ready when going to their house on Woods Rd. He took me out back and threw me high fly balls, or pitched to me till his arm got sore, or we had to go inside to eat dinner. Michigan Go Blue! He made me a Michigan fan. So sad for his passing, such a great person in my life. I am grateful I had a chance to know him. He was always positive, loving, and will be missed.
Hope he is in heaven with Barbara now. Sending thoughts, and condolences to the family. Tristan

Tristan Schak - January 20 at 11:41 PM

LT

“ Hi, I'm Linda Coryell Townsend, and I have known Bill (Billy B. as we called him) for many many years, at least 25 or more. I was his administrative assistant in the Division of Addiction Services, NJ Dept. of Health, as well as his good friend; Bill always referred to me as "LT". We shared many a conversation about friends, family and life in general. When Bill retired from DAS, I organized his retirement party, to which Barbara was by his side! I am so very sorry to learn of his passing; and I sure do recognize that smile on his face! I really can't believe he's gone! Together, we worked on the NJ "Block Grant" year after year. We always successfully completed it, too! I will miss my friend!!

Linda Townsend - December 24, 2025 at 02:00 PM

JM

“ My wife and I recently learned of Bill’s death. We were greatly saddened by the news. Bill was one of my roommates while attending the University of Michigan in the late 60s. He expanded my musical knowledge, especially about opera. Among other experiences we sang in an Ann Arbor church choir. We stayed in touch over the years. When Bill and Barb still lived in NJ we ventured east to attend UM football games, once to Rutgers and several times at Penn State. We always enjoyed their company, not least Barb’s gourmet cooking and Bill’s dry and gently sarcastic wit. They were truly wonderful people and great friends and will be sorely missed. May they rest in peace together.
Carolyn and Jim Moore

James Moore - November 30, 2025 at 01:02 PM

JR

“ I’m saddened to learn of Bill’s passing. I worked with Bill for 18 years at the Division of Addiction Services. Truly enjoyed our conversations and collaboration on federal funding for substance abuse, my hanging out with Bill at Penn State Michigan football games, and visiting with him on my Florida spring training trips. He enjoyed hosting me at his home. I will miss him.

John Rountree - November 10, 2025 at 09:56 PM

TJ

“ Sorry to hear of Bill’s passing. Our paths crossed numerous times as we both worked for our respective State and Alcohol Drug Abuse Agencies...Bill for NJ and me for NY. He always had great stories and I enjoyed our company. Bill loved music and his eyes would light up when he spoke about Barbara and her students. Simply put, Bill was a good egg. RIP my friend.

Terry Jackson - October 21, 2025 at 05:42 PM



“ Sorry for
Your loss He will be missed

DOMINICK Musolino - October 03, 2025 at 09:26 AM