



Death is nothing at all. It does not count. I have only slipped away into the next room. Nothing has happened. Everything remains exactly as it was. I am I, and you are you, and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by the old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. There is absolute and unbroken continuity. What is this death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just round the corner. All is well. Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before. How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!

- Henry Scott Holland

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Steven Charles Barr

WHO WAS BORN
January 12, 1951
Ortonville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME
December 9, 2022
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

MEMORIAL MASS
Friday, December 16, 2022 - 2:00 p.m.
St. John's Catholic Church
Ortonville, Minnesota

CELEBRANT
Fr. Brian Oestreich

EULOGY
Kristin Taffe | Caiti Conroy

READER
Nathan Meyer

MUSICIANS
Diane Vangness, Organist
Traci Conroy, Accompanist
Robin Spychalla, Soloist

HONORARY BEARERS
Ortonville Volunteer Fire Department Members
All of Steve's Grandchildren

INURNMENT
At A Later Date
Mound Cemetery
Ortonville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION
Steve's family thanks you for your presence today
and for your many acts and words of kindness.
Following the Memorial Mass, please join the family for lunch and a time of
fellowship at the Ortonville Volunteer Fireman's Hall:
437 Minnesota Street N, Ortonville, MN 56278.

ARRANGEMENTS BY
Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home - Ortonville, Minnesota

Steven Charles Barr was born on January 12, 1951, in Ortonville, MN, to Bob and Betty (Hoogestraat) Barr. He grew up in Ortonville and graduated from Ortonville High School with the Class of 1969. After college, Steve returned to Ortonville to work with his father at his business, Barr's Electric, eventually becoming the third-generation owner of the business. He retired and sold the business on the 100-year anniversary of family ownership.

Steve met his wife, Phyllis Kirchberg, through the Ortonville Ambulance Service, where Steve volunteered 25 years of service. They made their home in Ortonville and were blessed with three beautiful daughters: Lexi, Kristin, and Caiti. Steve was proud to be the father of three daughters. He supported the girls in their interests and loved to watch them in a game, a play, and see them succeed in school. Steve loved to tease and play jokes. His smirk was well-known; one could say he was a genuine goofball.

Steve took great pride in his 44 years of service to the Ortonville Volunteer Fire Department. He served as Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, and Head of the Firemen's Relief Association. Steve also volunteered his time with the Big Stone Area Healthcare Foundation for many years.

In his younger years, Steve's hobbies included snowmobiling with his family and friends and pulling his kids (and everyone else's) tubing behind the boat. In more recent years, his hobbies included Sunday Meetings, ice fishing, woodworking, grilling, and spending time at his lake place on Lake Mary.

Even more than his hobbies, Steve was always ready to help with any projects or tasks his family asked him to do. A source of great joy (and noise) were his eight grandchildren. He loved being Papa and always had an open knee for his grandkids to sit on. Steve was a great husband, the ultimate father, a dotting papa, a hard-working business owner, and dedicated community member. He taught his children and grandchildren to work hard, have fun, and respect everyone. Steve demonstrated his love for his family and friends by being generous with his time and selfless with his actions. He will be missed beyond measure.

Steve is survived by his wife of 40 years, Phyllis; daughters: Lexi (Nathan) Meyer of Melrose, MN; Kristin (Shawn) Taffe of Graceville, MN; and Caiti (Ashton) Conroy of Ortonville, MN; eight grandchildren: Evan, Cora, and Luke Meyer, Tessa and Sully Taffe, and Sailor, Poppy, and Tuesday Conroy; brothers: Mike (Lynette) Barr and Tim (Cathy) Barr; along with many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Betty Barr.

"Life is eternal, and love is immortal,
And death is only a horizon;
And a horizon is nothing
but the limit of our sight."

-Rossiter W. Raymond

