



## Barry Wawrzyn

July 10, 1941 - March 14, 2019

Barry Wawrzyn, age 77, of Lake Forest passed away March 14, 2019.

He was born and raised in Milwaukee, WI. He competed in swimming during high school and worked summers as a life guard. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW) as a pharmacy student. While completing his pharmacy internship, he met and married his wife of 51 years, Kathleen (Kay). He returned to UW for a masters degree and began a career in pharmaceutical marketing and advertising, which took him and his family to Ohio and later, Glenview, IL. Barry's faith was central to his life. At Our Lady of Perpetual Help church in Glenview he was a lector at mass, school board member and volunteer.

In 1986 Barry and Kay moved their family to Lake Forest. He enjoyed 26 years with Abbott Laboratories as an advertising executive for the Hospital Products Division, retiring in 2004. Barry was an avid sports fan and followed the Green Bay Packers, Wisconsin Badgers, Chicago Cubs and Blackhawks among others. He played handball throughout his adult life and enjoyed biking with friends in retirement. He also became an engineer at the Chicago Botanic Garden's model railroad.

Barry was preceded in death by his parents Edmund and Virginia. He is survived by loving wife Kathleen Wawrzyn; sons B. Daniel (Jennifer) Wawrzyn

and Father Andrew Wawrzyn; brothers Ronald (Mary Anne) Wawrzyn and Stephen Wawrzyn; uncle of Robert, Matthew, James, Grayson and Rachel; nephew of Donald Mandt and cousin to many. Visitation from 10:30 a.m. until the 11:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at the Church of St. Mary, 175 E. Illinois Rd., Lake Forest. Private family interment.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions appreciated to Mundelein Seminary or the Church of St. Mary.

Info- Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest, 847-234-9649 or [www.RTfunerals.com](http://www.RTfunerals.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

Spruce Road & Sheridan Road  
Lake Forest, IL 60045

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Church of St. Mary  
175 East Illinois Road  
Lake Forest, IL 60045  
<http://www.churchofstmary.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barry Wawrzyn*



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**Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest** - March 20, 2019 at 04:17 PM

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*Barry would have been very proud of this very professional video. He always was a perfectionist when it came pictures and video's.*

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**Raymond J Stermer** - July 14, 2019 at 07:37 PM

WP

*Barry was my boss at Abbott when he came on board in 1979. A dynamic leader. RIP.*

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**William Phelps** - September 12, 2020 at 12:07 AM

WP

“ *I remember him as a strong man who took over the media department at Abbot HPD. A decent man with a cocky sense of humor.*

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**William Phelps** - May 23, 2022 at 09:22 AM



“ I offer my deepest sympathy to the entire Wawrzyn famiy. Barry was a mentor and good friend of mine for many years. He taught me so much about Marketing and Advertising while at Abbott HPD.  
RIP Barry!!!

Raymond J Stermer - July 14, 2019 at 07:40 PM



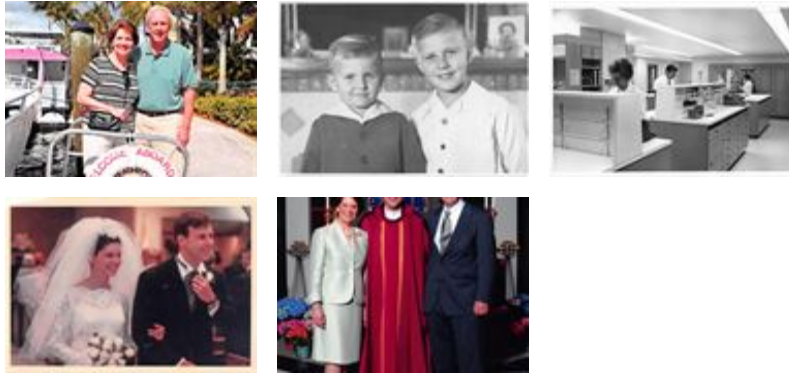
“ A classy individual who was a pleasure to work with at HPD. I am very sorry for your loss.

Steve Johnson  
St. Charles, MO

Stephen Johnson - April 07, 2019 at 01:43 PM



“ 23 files added to the album Life Tributes



Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest - March 20, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barry Wawrzyn.*



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March 18, 2019 at 09:48 PM



“ *I'll miss my Fraternity Brother very much. We had a lot of fun over the last 50 or so years. Barry had a great sense of humor. Always a good time and many laughs! Roger Sisterman*

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**Roger Sisterman** - March 18, 2019 at 07:37 PM



“ *I played with and against Barry over the years. I enjoyed how much he talked about being a train engineer and looked forward every season. Always told me it was the best part time job he ever had. He shared his home addition on a weekly basis with the trials and tribulations of the endeavor. We had alot of humor about our different situations over the years. I recently had called him and told him I miss his dry humor but not those handball shots that none of us could get. I consider myself fortunate that I was able to see all sides of Barry and couldn't help but admire who he was and his value system. I'll truly miss him.*  
*Fred Klage*

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**Fred Klage** - March 18, 2019 at 11:47 AM

JK

“ *Barry loved his handball. He never gave up on a shot and always played with maximum effort. He also played fantasy football in my 12 team league for many years. He had a soft spot for Green Bay players. His death will leave a warm spot void in my heart. Jon Keasling*

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**Jonathan Keasling** - March 16, 2019 at 01:31 PM