



Steven Douglas Baribeau

September 11, 1966 - March 28, 2016

Steven D. Baribeau of Grand Ledge, aged 49, went to be with his Lord on March 28, 2016 after a brief illness. Steve was a wonderful husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend who always had a great sense of humor. He was born September 11, 1966 in Muskegon, MI and was a graduate of Rockford High School Class of 1984. He went on to receive a Bachelor's from Purdue University and was a member of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity.

Steve owned and operated Baribeau & Sons, The Jewelry Hospital in Grand Rapids, where he continued the legacy of the family jewelry business which was started in 1963. He proudly served on the Planning Commission in Grand Ledge for 11 years. He enjoyed fishing and was a talented musician who played several instruments including the guitar, trumpet and piano. Steve's focus, pride, joy and priority were his children and wife.

He is survived by his wife of over twenty-six years, Ellen I. (Jarvis); children, Nicholas, Sarah (Andy Carelli), Alex, Anna and Maggie; parents, Jack and Donna Danielson; siblings, Michael (Alison Evanzo), Melisa (Brent) Mulder, Jacqueline (Jason) Riegling, Matt, and Jack (Debbie) Danielson. Steve is also survived by numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Steve was preceded in death by his father, Larry, and his brother, Scott.

The visitation will be Friday, April 1, from 3-5pm and 7-9pm with a prayer service at 9pm at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. The funeral service will be held Saturday, April 2, 2016, 11:00am with a one-hour visitation preceding at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 517 S. Clinton St., Grand

Ledge, MI 48837 with The Reverend Chuck Foerster, officiating. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors, 1835 RW, Berends Dr. SW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49519.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

299 Halbert Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
406 N. Bridge Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837
(517) 627-2531
jasonbarclay@holihanatkin.com
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Visitation

APR 1. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR 1. 9:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

APR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
517 S. Clinton St.
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Service

APR 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ *The Baribeau Family,*

I never met Steve, but he always sent a Christmas card. The house you live in was my wife Aunt's. The jewelry store in Grand Rapids I stopped at once because my grandfather said we were related. I am truly sorry for your loss and wish you all the best.

We have moved to Kewadin outside of Elk Rapids. So you have become the only Baribeau's in town. A little family history. Great grandfather ran a bar that fed the logging camp when it came to GL. My grandfather and father were both dentists in town. My Grandfather was born in Thompsonville where the Baribeau's ran a bar that was there to feed logging camp. That was the family business my Grand father always said. Prohibition was the end of that so my grandfather went into the dental business as did two of his brothers(one in GR). Sorry we never met.

Jeff and Diana Baribeau

Jeff Baribeau - April 05, 2016 at 06:56 AM

RO

“ *Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Steve. He was a kind and caring family man. We will miss him coming to Rinaldis's! Prayers and peace to all his family and friends. May your hearts be filled with Joy of the loving memories of the great times you shared together.*



Ronald L O'Berry - April 01, 2016 at 10:24 PM

AH

“ Andrew & Samantha Huitema purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Steven Douglas Baribeau.



Andrew & Samantha Huitema - April 01, 2016 at 11:39 AM

SL

“ Dear Donna, Jack and family we wanted to express our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences in the loss of Steve. Though so many years have passed since we had contact we always remember and often think of the great times we had with all of the Baribeau's on Sawkaw/Wyandotte. May your family be blessed with God's peace and strength during this difficult time. Cherish the beautiful memories of Steve until you meet again.

Fondly, The Calvенеau's
Sandy Lee; Sharry Bendel; John and Marty
~
Grand Rapids MI and Sarasota FL

Sandra Lee - April 01, 2016 at 09:26 AM

ML

“ Sincerest condolences to Steve's family and friends. I knew Steve because I owned the music store down the street from Baribeau & Sons. He was an icon of the Fulton St. business district and supportive of all of us around him. I enjoyed our many conversations about music, business and life in general when he came into my store at least twice a week. This is, of course, the deepest losses to his family and loved ones, but I also want to acknowledge void this will leave in the Fulton St. community. He was a swell guy.

Mario Leon - March 31, 2016 at 08:47 PM

TW

“ *Our kids grow up together here in Grand Ledge, but I did not know Steve well. I did know that his family loved him dearly. The love they had for him was clear each time their faces would light up when they talked about him and the way they would wait for him to come home each night from work and eat as a family.... no matter how late.* ❤️

Tamara Wilson

tamara wilson - March 31, 2016 at 06:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven Douglas Baribeau.*



March 31, 2016 at 06:22 PM

MC

“ I first met Steve through my son Andy, whose girlfriend is Sarah. I believe our first meeting was at Sarah’s graduation party. My first impression of Steve was good; he was heartwarming and humorous, and I found out that we liked some of the same things – old clocks and antiques. I told him that some of my clocks were not working and he immediately offered to fixed them. I live in Detroit, but sometimes business takes me to Grand Rapids. So we both agreed that the next time I am in Grand Rapids that I would drop off clocks and we would do lunch or have coffee and wonderful pastries at Van’s next door to the store. I believe we did this 3 or 4 times. We talked of politics, our sons, his daughters, life, our jobs, and cigars. I really enjoyed his stories and humor during these times, and every time I went to Grand Rapids I would usually visit Steve. I later found out what a very talented clockmaker Steve was. I always envied his patience to details. The various clocks he repaired for me are still working today, and they all keep good time despite their age of 60 years or more! Steve really cared about people and his work – for that I will always remember his impact on me and my son Andy.

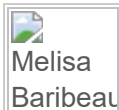
Michael J. Carelli, Esq.

Michael J. Carelli - March 31, 2016 at 06:13 PM

JB

“ Steve was one of the most positive, sincere and caring men I have ever been fortunate enough to call my friend. He will be sadly missed.

Judi Bass - March 31, 2016 at 03:32 PM



Melisa
Baribeau

Thank you for always being there for us. We love you!

Melisa Baribeau Mulder - March 31, 2016 at 10:46 PM

DB

“ Steve inspired me to be a better person and band director. He was an outstanding young man and musician in the Rockford Music Dept. He will be sadly missed.

Dave Bass

Dave Bass - March 31, 2016 at 03:23 PM



You meant the world to him, Dave. You've had a lasting impact on all of our lives. Thank you for always being our support system and like a second dad. We love you!

Melisa Baribeau Mulder - March 31, 2016 at 10:44 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Steven Douglas Baribeau.



March 31, 2016 at 02:34 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Steven Douglas Baribeau.



March 31, 2016 at 01:17 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Douglas Baribeau.



March 31, 2016 at 12:12 PM



“ The VandenBout family sends their love and prayers. We have many great memories of Steve from Trinity Lutheran Church - choir, musicals, and much more. He will be missed by all. Thinking of you!



Stephanie Woods - March 31, 2016 at 07:41 AM



Melisa Baribeau

Thank you so much, Stephanie. Miss you. Sending all our love and hugs xoxo

Melisa Baribeau Mulder - March 31, 2016 at 12:05 PM



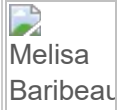
“ Prayers to Steve's family and friends... Band camp memories, marching at the football games, and competitions..... Will be thinking of ya'll... Dorothy Radke-Garrett

Dorothy Radke-Garrett - March 30, 2016 at 09:47 PM



“ Melissa, Brent and family, I am so sorry for your loss! I will always remember how nice Steve was to everyone he met. Always so funny, so charismatic, always making us laugh!

Carrie Mackey - March 30, 2016 at 06:04 PM



Melisa Baribeau

Thanks so very much, Carrie! Love you!! xoxo Mel

Melisa Baribeau Mulder - March 30, 2016 at 10:11 PM

PH

“ Ellen: Terry and I are so sorry for your loss, over the years we have not seen each other but living on Spring street we had a great family in you and Steve. I will never forget Steve and Terry hitting golf balls back and forth to each other's homes. So happy that you have your children to help you.



Terry & Pat Hodges

Patricia Hodges - March 30, 2016 at 03:33 PM

LP

“ Lisa Pressey purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Steven Douglas Baribeau.



Lisa Pressey - March 30, 2016 at 03:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steven Douglas Baribeau.



March 30, 2016 at 11:15 AM

UB

“ *Uncle Bob and Aunt Barbara purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Steven Douglas Baribeau.*



Uncle Bob and Aunt Barbara - March 30, 2016 at 11:08 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steven Douglas Baribeau.*



March 30, 2016 at 10:41 AM

BM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! Love, Brenda Maynard*

Brenda Maynard - March 30, 2016 at 09:44 AM

DF

“ *David Donnell and family purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of Steven Douglas Baribeau.*



David Donnell and family - March 30, 2016 at 09:06 AM

Anna
Matzke

“ sending my love the Baribeau family, my heart is completely broken. Every summer the whole family comes down to Lickity Split and are regulars. Sending prayers



Anna Matzke - March 30, 2016 at 08:22 AM

LW

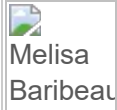
“ So many memories but one of my favorites: Steve was getting ready to leave for Purdue and I wanted to throw him a surprise goodbye party with all of his friends. Not knowing how to go about Mama D suggested I tell everyone to just show up. After there were about 10-15 people who "just stopped by", Steve finally looked at everybody and said "hey, what's going on?". The look on his face was priceless.

Lisa Weidenfeller - March 30, 2016 at 06:46 AM

BM

A classic highschool memory; so Bruce, Doug, and I were TP'ing the house on Meyers Lake one lovely summer night when we knew he was not at home (Bruce's mom got TP by the case) and we were doing an enthusiastic job of it but apparently were laughing loud enough for his parents to hear... His dad came out and offered some artistic suggestions and even a few spots we missed, mom made us hot chocolate. Such great sports, just love them. We went home and in the morning I woke up and went to let my dog out and there was a trash bag in my back door full of toilet paper! I don't recall the exact wording but it was something about sweet revenge... I don't know how many hours it took him to clean up all that TP but he did it then came to MY house and wrapped my father's rose bushes (my dad had lots of those bushes) tightly with the reclaimed TP... each branch and stem were carefully and completely and tightly wrapped. Just like his dad allowed Steve do the cleaning, so did mine, myself fingers bled most of that day. I'm still impressed! He was always a great sport and a craftsman...
Love to All,
Brad Moll.

Brad Moll - March 30, 2016 at 09:51 AM



Melisa Baribeau

That's awesome. I'm sure Steve still chuckles over his sweet (well-deserved) revenge! :)

Melisa Baribeau Mulder - March 30, 2016 at 10:14 PM

LW

“ *Lisa Weidenfeller lit a candle in memory of Steven Douglas Baribeau*



Lisa Weidenfeller - March 30, 2016 at 06:30 AM

KR

“ *Kelly Ross lit a candle in memory of Steven Douglas Baribeau*



Kelly Ross - March 30, 2016 at 03:27 AM

WS

“ *Steve welcomed my family into his home with open arms and friendliness and made us feel very welcome in Michigan. Ellen will forever be one of my kindred spirit friends who made my years in Michigan some of the most special of my life.*

Wendy Shields - March 29, 2016 at 11:41 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Steven Douglas Baribeau.*



March 29, 2016 at 10:23 PM



“ *Victorian Teacup Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Douglas Baribeau.*



March 29, 2016 at 10:05 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Douglas Baribeau.*



March 29, 2016 at 09:43 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Steven Douglas Baribeau.*



March 29, 2016 at 09:40 PM

KC

“ *Kris Campbell lit a candle in memory of Steven Douglas Baribeau*



Kris Campbell - March 29, 2016 at 09:31 PM

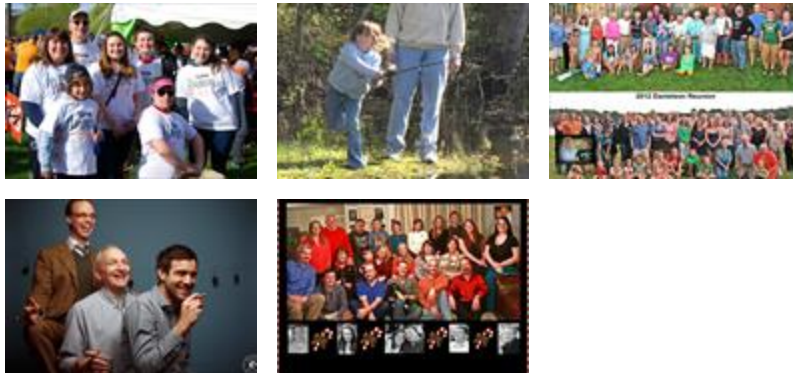
JJ

“ *I was missing you before, my brother. Now I must miss you forever. Thank you for being my friend and brother. I Love You. God Bless your family.*

Jack Danielson Jr. - March 29, 2016 at 07:14 PM



“ *11 files added to the album New Album Name*



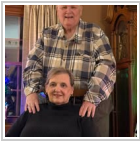
Michael Baribeau - March 29, 2016 at 02:12 PM

LD

“ When my husband passed I had Steve take my husband's wedding band and size it for me and then he put on our birth stone. It has meant so much to me. When I wear it I think of my husband, but I also think of Steve. He was a great cousin.

Lynne Baribeau DeFouw

Lynne Baribeau DeFouw - March 29, 2016 at 12:44 PM



“ In memory of Steve Baribeau you will be missed my friend.
Robert & Rozanne Doty

Robert Doty - March 28, 2016 at 08:08 PM

PF

“ Pat Anderson & Family lit a candle in memory of Steven Douglas Baribeau



Pat Anderson & Family - March 28, 2016 at 07:58 PM