



## Marcus Ryan Barber

November 9, 1984 - February 6, 2021

NORTH AUGUSTA, SC –Marcus Ryan Barber, 36, transitioned from this earth to his heavenly home on February 6, 2021. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Marcus is a graduate of Strom Thurmond High School where he excelled in competitive sports. He was known for his verbal jousting, and no one was safe from his quick wit. Battling the demon of addiction, he often sought assistance from his brothers at The Bridges of Hope (Homerville, GA). Throughout his trials and suffering, he discovered college was not for him and obtained an CDL and operated heavy equipment. Marcus was never afraid of hard work and did not shy away from a challenge, but his obsession with separating himself from mental pain fueled his chase for street poison. If a mother's love could have saved him, Marcus would be laughing today. Marcus will be greatly missed. Reach out to his siblings as they navigate through this world with their party of five reduced to four.

Survivors include his parents, Bert Barber and Robin Barber, both of North Augusta; a grandfather, Elbert Earl Barber, Jamesville, NC; his oldest sister, Crystal Day and husband Stephen, Augusta, GA; his older brother, Travis Barber and wife Nicole, Thomaston, GA; his younger sister, Erin Desmarais and husband Dee, Banner Elk, NC; his youngest sister, Whitney Barber and fiancé Jermaine Oliver, Grovetown, GA; two nephews, Travis Barber, II, and

Peyton Miller; and two nieces, Carolina Barber and Raegen Oliver.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta is in charge of arrangements (803.278.1181). Please visit the registry at [www.PoseyCares.com](http://www.PoseyCares.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ I miss you my brother! 🙏

Zach Sutton - October 03, 2025 at 12:16 AM



“ Very random.... I was chatting with my family this afternoon, sharing stories of elementary crushes and the name Marcus Barber came to mind for me. He was my first real crush ever in 5th grade. Most memorable, he shot me in the eye with a rubber band. I recall being crushed it hurt so bad (mostly embarrassed to death) but lucky because I was the girl he 'chose' to flirt with. I can only assume that's what he was doing at that age. I am one of 8 siblings so I understand what a loss this must be. I hope you each got a chuckle out of this. I assume this is him-we went to Meriwether together.-  
Tara Pitsos

Tara Pitsos - November 02, 2024 at 09:20 PM



“ Marcus Ryan Barber

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Marcus Ryan Barber

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ Ghirardelli Galore was purchased for the family of Marcus Ryan Barber.



February 27, 2021 at 08:29 PM



“ Vanessa Luke sent a virtual gift in memory of Marcus Ryan Barber



Vanessa Luke - February 27, 2021 at 07:38 PM



“ I remember the time a friend of mine whom was a female, got her truck stuck in a bad hole where I lived...it was awful...the old car lot with all the old cars everywhere! Anyway..it was like 4 am...and Marcus was supposed to have been home..but had kindly given me a ride home . Then this happened...so of course. Marcus sprung into action...got a rope and tied it to truck and the truck he was driving and pulled that truck right out of that ditch!! Get it Marcus! He did that..no games. Just automatic action...fix it. Always so helpful and kind!! Thank you for being you Marcus! Chill out now....God's got a plan.

Vanessa Luke - February 27, 2021 at 07:20 PM

JH

“ Our Lord is in charge, and even better, He is the Alpha and Omega, and has never changed and never will. The future that we don't understand actually sits right in the palm of His hand. He is sincerely the victor, even over death. Remember that whatever we have been through, the very One that created us has been through it too, and actually wants us with open arms. He wants us so badly that the Son was sent for a great and torturous sacrifice. Those who know Him know something of peace, forgiveness, hope, and love, because that's we get from Him and He commands love from us to each other.

*Our Lord be with the Barber family, the Lord who truly knows and understands grief and pain, and wants us all to take our grief and pain to His bleeding side, pierced for us for a reason - and grant blessing and close relationship with Himself on all loved ones, and condolence, and peace, in Whose arms can only be found - which is the name of Jesus our Christ.*

*John Hutto  
Aiken, SC*

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**john hutto** - February 15, 2021 at 12:30 PM

S.

“ I'll never forget the time Marcus, Robin, and I were sitting at Java Monkey in Decatur, GA.

*Of course, as soon as Marcus walked in, every girl in the room dropped her mic., and their eyes were glued to Marcus, the whole time we were there. Robin and I looked at each other, shook our heads, and laughed.*

*Marcus didn't skip a beat for one second. He took all of their staring with a grain of salt, because he knew he was worth more than just that.*

*It was amusing, and awesome, and a testament to Marcus' spirit & presence.*

*But, he did not let that define him.*

*He refused to unwittingly and willingly go gently into that predestined night.*

*And, even as close to walking over hot coals as it may have been...he remained true to himself.*

*And...that's as much as we can ask of anyone.*

*Marcus' light refused to go out, because it never will.*

*Want to know where heaven is?*

*Just look up, where Marcus is now shining.*

*You can't miss it. It's the star shining brighter than all the rest.*

*That's Marcus, smiling back at us...letting us know that he's not hurting, anymore.*

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**S.R.** - February 13, 2021 at 12:35 PM

AR

“ Dear Robin and all the family. There are no words to express the pain I felt when I learned that Marcus died. You know my heart and the love I feel. May God grant you peace and comfort. Love. Ann Rich

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**Ann Rich** - February 12, 2021 at 01:09 PM

VG

“ Dear Robin, Bert and family, We are so sorry for your loss. Find comfort that Marcus is in peace with his love ones. Keeping the family in our prayers. Love, Vicki Palmateer Gregory and family.

Vicki Gregory - February 11, 2021 at 07:54 PM

MB

“ My condolences to the family. I'm very sorry for your terrible loss.  
  
Dr Boney and family.

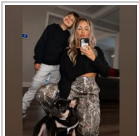
Mark Boney - February 11, 2021 at 03:12 PM



“ With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Marcus Ryan Barber.



February 10, 2021 at 09:58 PM



“ Aunt Robin and Family, I am so sorry for this loss. Marcus had a very kind heart and was there for me during one of the hardest times in my life. We talked a few times about life and how hard it can be sometimes, he reminded me to stay positive and to keep looking for the good in things. A genuine and beautiful soul, who's kindness was as radiant as his smile. I heard 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley on the radio today while the sun was shining bright and it made me remember how he made me feel during that very hard time. He will forever be missed and never forgotten. Many Prayers, Comfort, and Love.  
  
Jillian

Jillian Henson - February 10, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marcus Ryan Barber.*



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February 10, 2021 at 07:33 PM



“ *Bert and Robin, my heart goes out to you both. I wish I had had a chance to get to know Marcus, as I'm sure he was a great guy. Sending love and prayers to the entire family!! Love you all*

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**Vanessa Wagner Bryant** - February 10, 2021 at 03:55 PM



“ *Robin and family I am so sorry to hear of your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. Love in Christ, Sherryl (Chrisco) Scott and family*

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**Sherryl Scott** - February 10, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ *I lost my son August 2020. He also spent his time at Bridges of Hope. I will be forever grateful to the wonderful men at Bridges. Our boys tried so hard, but in the end the temptation took over. A horrible disease that can destroy families. I am so sorry for your loss. Burying a child is the hardest thing a parent can do. Denise Manzi NJ*

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**denise manzi** - February 09, 2021 at 09:14 PM

DH

*I'm so sorry for your loss. I, too, lost my daughter, Amelia in 2011. No one can truly know the depth of despair that comes when one loses a child. My prayers. You raised a fine young man who was loved and will be missed for a lifetime.*

**Dana Hudson** - February 10, 2021 at 04:42 PM

AC

“ *Ann Chambers lit a candle in memory of Marcus Ryan Barber*



**Ann Chambers** - February 09, 2021 at 08:38 PM

AC

“ *To all the family, Seth and I are broken hearted. Marcus was such a sweet soul. So much baseball fun. God's Grace will carry him now. We love you all. Ann and Seth Chambers*

**Ann Chambers** - February 09, 2021 at 08:33 PM

BR

“ *Brandi lit a candle in memory of Marcus Ryan Barber*



**Brandi** - February 09, 2021 at 08:15 PM

BR

“ My favorite memories include Lake Lure & when we went to Disney. I know that was forever ago, but I specifically remember a piggy back ride you gave me while at Disney and I even fell asleep. Not sure how I remember that, but I do! I wish you were still here with your family, but know you're watching over everyone. Love you all!

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**Brandi** - February 09, 2021 at 08:12 PM

LM

“ I wish miss u my friend. I cant believe u are gone. Rip my friend.

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**Letitia Mealing** - February 09, 2021 at 06:38 PM

BR

“ Man when I first got to the bridges I met a lot of guys but Marcus grabbed my attention. If you knew him then you already know he was a special guy. I looked up to Marcus and even though life is not a fairy tale and we all dont live happily ever after, I can say that I'm glad that I met Marcus Barber. I hate this disease for the fact that it makes us unmanagable and powerless. I run to what is killing me and that is insane. I will always remember you bro and you will live on through me. I'm upset with you but I love the hell out of you bro. Until we meet again..God bless your soul!

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**Brother** - February 09, 2021 at 04:25 PM

MD

“ I'm miss you friend you were a good person from school until we see each other in the stores im miss you my buddy im miss you but you never be forgot your classmate Martina Dobbs

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**Martina Dobbs** - February 09, 2021 at 04:03 PM

KW

“ I am completely heartbroken for the entire Barber family! I have such wonderful memories of time spent with all of you! Know that you are on my heart and in my thoughts and prayers. Marcus was such a wonderful young

*Kandy Anderson White*

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**Kandy Anderson White** - February 09, 2021 at 03:49 PM

DT

“ Bert, Robin, and kids, I am so heartbroken over the death of Marcus. Remembering the days when Drew and the kids playing and laughing outside and all the good times. Praying for all of you to somehow get through this tragedy. Memories and prayers. Love, Debby

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**Debby Turner** - February 09, 2021 at 01:55 PM

CB

“ Bert and Barber Family,

*Our deepest thoughts and prayers in the loss of Marcus. Prayers for God to cover you all in peace and comfort in the days ahead. We are all here for you.*

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**Clyde and Vickie Barnes** - February 09, 2021 at 10:29 AM

DB

“ So very sorry for your loss Bert and the Barber family. Prayers for comfort and peace in this time of sorrow.

*David and Carol Benson*

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**David and Carol Benson** - February 09, 2021 at 09:34 AM

GS

“ So sorry for your loss. Love and prayers for all the family. God grant you peace and comfort.

**Gladys Spires** - February 09, 2021 at 09:01 AM

BH

“ I still have vivid memories of the Barber family. I only remember one thing very vividly about Marcus...it was his smile and the way he would light a room, a big room, an entire football field, a hallway. To the Barber family, I'm so sorry for the pain you're experiencing knowing he has moved on from his worldly presence as you know it. I'm absolutely sure that all of you will carry on his legacy and he will continue to be light. He still is and will always be light in the world.

**Bonnie Hartley** - February 08, 2021 at 10:58 PM

GS

Marcus worked with us while he was at BOH he was a delight to have around. He sat at my table at lunch and became like my son. He was a precious person we are so sorry for your loss our heart breaks with you praying for your family

**Gail and Darryl Smth** - February 09, 2021 at 01:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marcus Ryan Barber.



February 08, 2021 at 10:48 PM

CH

“ Want y'all to know how sorry we are of the loss of Marcus, love and prayers for all of you



Charles & Carol Hogan - February 08, 2021 at 08:17 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Marcus Ryan Barber.



February 08, 2021 at 07:50 PM

CK

“ Sorry very sorry for yalls loss Bert and family prayers up



chris kitchens - February 08, 2021 at 07:45 PM

CK

So very sorry Bert and family prayers up


chris kitchens - February 08, 2021 at 07:46 PM

YJ

Bert and family, so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and family.

Yvette Jennings - February 09, 2021 at 07:16 AM

WW

“ My heart truly goes out to the Barber family....he had such an amazing soul....always knew how to make everyone around him smile. Will forever hold the great memories we shared at Thurmond . Will keep all of you in my prayers.

Winter Walker - February 08, 2021 at 07:43 PM



“ Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Marcus Ryan Barber.



February 08, 2021 at 07:40 PM

JC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our prayers.

Jessica Wall Carter - February 08, 2021 at 06:21 PM

SB

“ Dear Barber Family, Our hearts were broken when we heard the news of Marcus. I so remember the early days of all the children at church, sweet fun memories. Please know each of you are in our prayers and thoughts. May God bring comfort to you. We love you all, HYTE and Sharon Bartley

Sharon L Bartley - February 08, 2021 at 05:47 PM

CK

“ I have so many memories from my youth with Marcus in them. From baseball at Belvedere to football at Merriweather. One of my most vivid memories was the day we all were riding in the back of Coach Bert's pickup truck from opening ceremonies at Belvedere out to the field beside their house. Coach Bert was flying over the hills and throwing all of us around in the bed. We all just laughed. There are so many more memories like that one that not only included Marcus, but his dad Bert and brother Travis. Marcus, you are gone too soon and will be missed. To the rest of the family, we love you and will be praying for you. Love, Critter, Jerry, Linda, and the rest of the Kisers.

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**Chris "Critter" Kiser** - February 08, 2021 at 05:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Marcus Ryan Barber.



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February 08, 2021 at 05:24 PM

JK

“ *Jerry And Linda Kiser lit a candle in memory of Marcus Ryan Barber*



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**Jerry and Linda Kiser** - February 08, 2021 at 05:19 PM

SR

“ I simply cannot find words strong enough to describe my sympathies, at this moment. As soon as I received word, my tears began to flow. And, I cannot think about this, without crying. I'm so very sorry.

Steve Rich - February 08, 2021 at 05:12 PM



Thank you Steve. You know I love your famiy

Robin Barber - February 17, 2021 at 06:34 AM

Scott Swint

“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers Bert.. so sorry to hear this !!

Scott Swint - February 08, 2021 at 05:02 PM



Thank you

Robin Barber - February 17, 2021 at 06:34 AM

CP

“ I went to STHS with Marcus. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time



Candace Pixley - February 08, 2021 at 03:58 PM



Good group from Strom.

Robin Barber - February 17, 2021 at 06:35 AM

BC

“ *Butch And Alicia Crossan lit a candle in memory of Marcus Ryan Barber*



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**Butch and Alicia Crossan** - February 08, 2021 at 03:55 PM

BW

“ *Brian & Benita Wade lit a candle in memory of Marcus Ryan Barber*



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**Brian & Benita Wade** - February 08, 2021 at 03:22 PM

DD

“ *such a sad hole left on Earth with his passing....but a beautiful spirit added to Heaven.....*

*Durham family  
Barrow family*

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**Debbie Durham** - February 08, 2021 at 03:06 PM



*thank you*

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**Robin Barber** - February 17, 2021 at 06:35 AM

TB

“ Bert, Robin, Crystal, Travis, Erin and Whitney:  
We were so sad and heartbroken to hear about Marcus. Such a talented athlete and super sweet young man. Please know that you are all in our prayers. Hugs and love to all.

*Tim & Tammy Benenhaley*

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**Tammy Benenhaley** - February 08, 2021 at 02:13 PM



*We sure do miss him*

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**Robin Barber** - February 17, 2021 at 06:36 AM

CN

“ We have raged a war against addiction together for many years. Now we will wage a war against grief remembering that special sweet young man named Marcus. Love you to the moon and back Leather. Love Lace

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**Cherie Nelson** - February 08, 2021 at 01:48 PM



*You have been amazing. Fir a brief time our names were switched and you were tougher than me...*

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**Robin Barber** - February 17, 2021 at 06:37 AM

VK

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Marcus was such a sweet kind person. This breaks my heart . I will keep you in my prayers  
Vickie Kaney (Patrick Kaney's mom)

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**vickie kaney** - February 08, 2021 at 01:19 PM



*thank you for your kind words*

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**Robin Barber** - February 17, 2021 at 06:37 AM