



Jared Nelson Barber

May 13, 1980 - June 8, 2022

On Saturday, June 8, 2022, Staff Sargeant Jared Nelson Barber, joined his beloved grandparents "Mee- Mee" and "Paw-Paw", Kay and Jerry Romine and "Grandma Barber" Melba Barber in heaven at only 42. Jared was a veteran of the United States Air Force and was very proud that he was able to serve God and Country, he then received an Honorable discharge before starting his next chapter of life.

Jared was a student of life. He loved to study and learn about things that deeply interested him, and enjoyed deep conversations about his findings. He liked knives, but didn't want to just go buy them, he studied about forging them instead. He enjoyed the Earth, and the process of planting, So before planting a garden, he learned all about it prior to planting a single seed. He was the same about his number one passion, which was Spirituality and religion. Jared enjoyed consulting with a variety of trusted individuals and tirelessly studied Scripture, particularly fascinated by the Old Testament. He was a member of Holy Cross Orthodox Church.

Jared loved people and to say that he was a generous person is an understatement because he truly would give someone the shirt off his back. He was a kind, loving, gentle soul and sensitive man. If he saw his mom crying he would tear up within seconds. Jared's capacity for empathy was

profound. He was not a person that required much and often gave whatever he had to others. His need for material things was minimal compared to his need for all things Spiritual.

His smile went all the way to his eyes and was at times bordering on ornery, but was mostly joyous. Jared's laughter was contagious and he often had his family in stitches. He could laugh at himself which is a rare quality to have in these times. Making people around him happy was often Jared's priority in a group of people, especially his family. In a crowd of people, Jared could be found doing random things to be funny, including sitting down in the grass at a family bonfire, to clap his feet together. That memory alone puts a smile on his family's face because it was typical of Jared.

Jared leaves behind a family who loved him dearly. His mother Rhonda Romine McCalman and Step-Dad Kevin McCalman, Dad Don Barber, and his wife Kimi, and grandfather, Frank Barber. Biological brother Master Sergeant Jason Barber, brothers Kyle Henderson, Mitchell Barber, and sisters Kaylie and Whitney McCalman, along with nephews Cayden, Kobe, and niece Ryann. He also leaves behind biological family members Sandra Munro (mother), and sisters Teela Martin-Mellus and Starsha Nunez. Jared also had great love for his Aunt and Uncle Rick and Janie Romine and cousins Adam Romine and Sarah Lay. Jared had too many close friends to include but he loved them and it was mutual.

Jared, your wings were ready, but our hearts were not.

Celebration of Life will be at American Heritage Chapel at 2:00 PM on Friday, June 24, 2022.

Tribute Wall



“ Jared so many memories man, you were like a brother. I've known you since we started at Kroger almost 24 yrs man, and it doesn't seem long enough. Love you bro, til we meet again

Chris Collier - June 25, 2022 at 06:08 PM



“ Lloyd COM Group purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jared Nelson Barber.



Lloyd COM Group - June 22, 2022 at 02:52 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jared Nelson Barber.



June 17, 2022 at 04:49 PM

ED

“ My wife and I send our condolences to all family and friends. I am so sorry for our loss.

The last words Jared said to me were, "I love you, Ed," after offering to help us with anything we needed here at home. Those words will resonate with me for a long time. I am homebound from a brain injury, and his offer was so kind. That is just the kind of man Jared was.

Jared, I love you too, brother.

Ed Dixon - June 16, 2022 at 09:07 AM

SN

Thank you so much for sharing Ed! I'll keep your brain injury in my prayers! Peace and Heavenly Blessings to you and your family! 🙏

Starsha Nunez - June 18, 2022 at 03:42 AM

JW

“ *I met Barber working in the Street department from day one he was a very nice friendly guy. And has a heart he was a very dear friend we shared a few laughs and jokes. I will miss you Barber. Fly high buddy*

Johnny Wynne - June 15, 2022 at 11:33 AM

AB

“ Jared was my only full blood brother. Life failed him in many ways; however, he took it in stride. He would drink life half empty, but he would say it's half full. The favorite story of my hero is when he deployed multiple times with the B1 supersonic bombers. While in the Middle East loading 500lbs JDAMs, he felt a little weak. After loading the bonnet he went to the deployed Doc. They said he had a collapsed lung. With one lung he killed terrorist and got many of us home earlier.

Adlai Barber - June 15, 2022 at 01:48 AM

SN

“ Jared is my full older brother, I am our mother Sandy's 4th Child. Our sibling order goes as the following; Eric, Pamela, Jared, Me, Teela, Adlai & a sister in Heaven whom I call Megan. My first memory of Jared, I was still in diapers he is 3 1/2 years older than me. We lived near the beach at the time and him and a neighborhood girl were putting sand on my diaper. I also remember my mom getting mad at him for doing it! 🤔! I also witnessed his first tragedy I was around six and he was between 10 and 11 years old. We were attending a private Christian school so all grades mingled together. He made a senior friend named Nathan. I remember our father Gordon coming into his room crying one late night and told him Nathan had died along with his Mom in a Car crash. I remember send Jared crying, not knowing what to say as I was only around six. But I felt sad that he was sad. Not long after that I looked in our schools yearbook. Under Nathan's picture, Jared wrote “ Nathan is dead.” When I heard of Jared's death one of my thoughts were, I know he's happy to see Nathan again! Jared loved Jesus there is no doubt in my mind that he indeed is in Heaven! In 2013 her father Gordon passed away, I had a dream that he was at peace. One night as I was fine asleep I saw our sister Megan swinging in Meadows and dancing and laughing with Jesus. That also crossed my mind when I heard of Jared's death. He's with our dad and our sister and happy. I am very proud of Jared we had a rough upbringing but he accomplished great things in the Air Force. That was his childhood goal and he made it come true when he turned 18! Jared this isn't goodbye, but a see you later! Love you Jared!



Starsha Nunez - June 14, 2022 at 06:34 PM

SN

Please excuse the auto correct spelling errors. I've contacted this site to see how I can edit the post.

Starsha Nunez - June 18, 2022 at 03:55 AM

WI

“ *To say Jared was a good friend of mine would be a gross understatement. A great friend, a great man to put it simply. He would buy two of some awesome knives he had found and bring me one and I'd trade him a nickel so the blade wouldn't cut our friendship. He was generous, caring, and thoughtful. Passionate, genuine, and virtuous. He was a rock for me...I miss him deeply. He was also a goofy fun loving rascal with an awesome sense of humor. He took me to the airshow last September and talked his way to the prep area for the A-10s. We got an up close tour of the machine as he pointed out different aspects to me and we chatted it up with the pilots till it was time for them to suit up. You've never really been to an AirShow until you've been there with this guy. We found a Space Force flag and lamented we were too old to join, lol, but took a picture of him next to it. Jared cared for me more than friends I've had for three times as long, more than I deserved, and 10 plus years was too short my brother, but I will cherish it for the rest of my life. Love you, man!*

Winter



Winter - June 13, 2022 at 10:50 PM

RM

“ Jared, I love you to the moon and back. You were my oldest son and I never thought we'd be planning your service. The joy you brought into my life is immeasurable. My favorite memory is when you offered to pull weeds out of the flower bed and when I got back from the grocery store I said, "I thought you were going to pull the weeds." You said, "I did." We went out to look and I forgot to tell you to put them in the trash can! You were so helpful and willing to pitch in any time. I will miss you with every breath I take. Love, mom

Rhonda McCalman - June 13, 2022 at 09:39 PM

KM

Jared, i love you so much bubba I'm so happy you got to meet Cayden though it was two years ago I smile biggest when I think about sitting in moms living room Whitney on your shoulders and Cayden on hers, trying to get the perfect picture of y'all was so hard but it made me laugh because you couldn't sit up straight and Cayden wouldn't look at me I think I took 20 or more pictures but only 3 came out clear. There's so many memories I wish I had space for but that one brings happiness to my heart because it was such a special day. I love you. Fly high angel I know you're always gonna watch over us. God may have you in his arms but you're forever In my heart

Kaylie McCalman - June 13, 2022 at 10:01 PM

KH

Jared, I am not sure what to say. I still can not believe your not here with us physically. I have so many great memories with you. You were always smiling, cracking a joke or smiting someone. You had the biggest heart and you always loved everyone even if they had done you wrong. You always had a great story to tell, I know your up in heaven with all of our loved ones and I know you are having the best time of your life. I am just rambling on because I am still in shock, I love you brother and until we meet again please give everyone a hug for me and keep a watch over us.

kyle Henderson - June 13, 2022 at 10:19 PM

SM

This is Sandra, Jared's biological mother. The last time I talked to him was on his birthday, a month ago. I wished I could have seen him one more time.

, to meet his stepfather and stegrandmother, last Christmas or for his birthday.

He couldn't make it.

He will always be loved by his families.

From my family, he joins my mom and dad, his youngest sibling, who died in vitro, and all the those that have gone before.

I will miss you until we meet again.

Love you, Jared.

Sandra Munro - June 13, 2022 at 11:25 PM

US

My sincerest condolences to the family of Jared Nelson Barber. I pray that God will give you peace and understanding during your time of bereavement. My thoughts and prayers are with the Barber family. I love you, Ulanda Suggs

Ulanda Suggs - June 17, 2022 at 04:12 PM