



Barry Norman Shiffrin

October 26, 2020

Barry Norman Shiffrin, 73, of Lancaster, PA, passed away with dignity and comfort on Monday, October 26, 2020 in the loving hands of Specialty Care Hospital in Harrisburg, PA with his wife of 50 years, Ronda, by his side. Barry was born in Glens Falls, NY, the son of the late Morris and Ann Shiffrin.

He graduated from Glens Falls High School in 1965 and earned a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnical Institute (WPI) in Worcester, MA in 1969, where he met Ronda on a blind date.

As a college student at Tech, Barry sang in the Glee Club and played the clarinet in the orchestra. Barry was also a HAM radio operator with the call letters WB2FPG—France Portugal Germany. After college, Barry worked as a programmer/systems administrator for IBM at Glendale Lab in Endicott, NY for 25 years, as well as spending some time with Lockheed Martin and IBM Sommers, NY after he retired from Glendale. During those IBM days, Barry earned many patents and awards.

Barry loved photography and even worked with his father to create a darkroom which doubled as a wine-making area in the basement of the house on Acorn Drive in Vestal, NY.

During retirement, he made a science out of baking and grilling with his Big

Green Egg. And beginning with the small package of sourdough starter Ronda gave him when they were in Whitehorse, Alaska while on one of their many cross-country adventures, Barry began to research and experiment with many sourdough recipes creating some delicious results. He made a science out of everything. He even made some sourdough bagels.

To list Barry's many passions and talents would take a book. He was an avid reader, loved to travel, especially to our National Parks. He would carefully plan out elaborate cross-country trips that could cover 50 days or more. Everything was planned ahead, sometimes even where the eating stops would be. He had his favorite restaurants noted on the computer for every trip.

His passion for photography and Ronda's love for the natural world, melted into a shared interest. Together they traveled to little-known birding areas as they made their cross-country trips, taking endless pictures with the sophisticated cameras Barry's research had selected.

Barry leaves behind his wife, Ronda (Freeman) and their children, Andrea (Shiffrin) and Erica Shiffrin Drake, son-in-law, Stephen Drake and granddaughter, Tara Esther Drake all of Binghamton, NY area. And Barry's older brother, Irving Shiffrin of East Haven, CT. And nephew, Glenn Shiffrin, wife Kim and their sons, Jacob and Justin of Guilford, CT.

A Graveside Service will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at Shaarai Shomayim Cemetery, 223 East Liberty Street, Lancaster, PA 17602. Beginning at 2 p.m. on October 29, 2020 a recording of the Graveside Service will be available for loved ones to view.

<https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/34326667>

On Sunday, November 8, 2020 at 11:15 a.m. a Zoom Celebration of Life Tribute will be aired. Please click on the link to view the Celebration of Life

slideshow. <https://vimeo.com/475374818>

Contributions in Barry's Memory can be made to
"Technology Upgrades" to Shaarai Shomayim, 75 East James Street,
Lancaster, PA 17602.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Shaarai Shomayim Cemetery
East Liberty Street
Lancaster, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *Barry Norman Shiffrin*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I just found out today about the passing of my first cousin, Barry. We lost touch throughout the years, but I was very saddened by the news. My condolences to the family.*

Linda Shiffrin Mainville

Linda Shiffrin Mainville - January 02, 2022 at 03:10 PM



“ *I just discovered that Barry had passed away. We are first cousins (his Dad and my Dad were brothers). After Barry and his family moved to Connecticut from Glens Falls NY we had many family interactions. Barry and I were about the same age and his brother Irving and my brother Richard were also about the same age.*

After we each went off to College and then our separate ways, I lost touch with Barry and Irving. What I remember is that Barry was a great kid.

Even though I haven't seen him in many years, I will miss him.

Steve Shiffrin

Steve Shiffrin - December 30, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Graveside Service*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - November 19, 2020 at 01:24 PM

GY

“ *The man who we knew, appreciated and respected, and whose memory lives on was a talented engineer and photographer; a lover of nature in all its simplicity, beauty, grandeur and wonder; an admirer of creativity and art; and a mensch whose kind heart, love of family, laugh, friendship and fighting spirit inspired us all. He could not have asked for a better partner than Ronda, especially over these last two years. She was his guardian, his champion, his loving angel. They are blessed to have had each other, and we are blessed to have had a small share in their cherished experience.*

Glenn Yaffee and Barbara Bauer

Glenn Yaffee - October 30, 2020 at 05:17 PM

RS

Thank you so much for the touching words. You are in my heart -- Ronda

Ronda Shiffrin - November 11, 2020 at 10:32 AM

EZ

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your Father Erica. Our heart goes out to you and your family.. "What Heaven has gained a multitude of Mortals will Miss.."

Love Elaine and Jim Zablocki



Elaine zablocki - October 29, 2020 at 08:46 PM

ER

Thank you very much Mr and Mrs Zablocki. It was nice to hear from you on here.

Erica - November 04, 2020 at 11:18 AM

MC

“ Dear Ronda, Andrea, Erica
How saddened we were to learn of Barry's passing. We have so many fond memories of the times on Acorn Drive . It was so long ago, but a very dear time for all of us.
Barry always impressed us with his intellect and his humor. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Lovingly,
Mark and Pixie.

Mark and Pixie Cohn - October 29, 2020 at 02:04 PM

ER

Hello Acorn Drive Family!!! So nice to hear from you guys even though for a sad time. Its been years since I have seen you. Yes so many fond memories there for sure. So many Acorn Drive memoires. Thanks for having us in your thoughts. xoxoxox, Erica

Erica - November 04, 2020 at 11:21 AM

RS

Thanks for holding on to the friendship
--Ronda

Ronda Shiffrin - November 11, 2020 at 10:33 AM

HN

“ We have truly lost a dear and highly valued friend and classmate. Barry was always the inquisitive one in any group. From an early age, it was clear that he would go on to a career in science. His curiosity and sense of adventure were infectious. We miss him terribly and our heartfelt sympathy extends to his wonderful wife, Ronda, and family.

Herbert and Barbara Novitsky - October 29, 2020 at 10:26 AM

RS

Thanks, Dear Friends

Ronda Shiffrin - November 11, 2020 at 10:35 AM

BY

“ Love, prayers and condolences to Barry's loving, devoted wife Ronda, daughters and family, Barry's brother Irving and family. On behalf of the Glens Falls High School Class of 1965, we send comfort and special memories since elementary school to all. Barry will be deeply missed.
In loving memory, Bonnie Yanklowitz

Bonnie Yanklowitz - October 29, 2020 at 03:30 AM

RS

Thank you for your kindness

Ronda Shiffrin - November 11, 2020 at 10:35 AM

BB

“ We have all lost a friend and a classmate and a very talented and creative man. To Ronda and the family Allan and I send our love and sympathy but most of all our thanks for sharing him with us We will always appreciate your visits in Albuquerque as you traveled Cherish the memories. He will remain with you always

barbara and allan brumer - October 29, 2020 at 12:15 AM

RS

*When Covid is no longer a threat, you may find yourself with company again.
Love...*

Ronda Shiffrin - November 11, 2020 at 10:38 AM

BS

“ We are going to miss Barry. He was always my go-to guy for anything computer. Like Barry, I graduated in the same years as he with a BS and MS in Electrical Engineering, but Barry knew the answers that I didn't. We compared notes in an early photography club in our neighborhood. He did carefully select his equipment to capture those great bird pics. Barry always had great tips on travel, giving us essential guidance on a long driving trip to Yellowstone National Park. He was spot-on. I've started baking sour dough bread, and will think of him with every loaf. I still have his recipe for Irish Soda bread too. Barry had to many interests and so much information stored away on so many subjects. Again, he will be greatly missed.

Bob and Mary Southard

Bob Southard - October 29, 2020 at 12:06 AM

RS

If you find yourself low on sourdough starter, know that I have been keeping it fed and I'm always willing to share.

Ronda Shiffrin - November 11, 2020 at 10:40 AM

LI

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lisa - October 28, 2020 at 04:50 PM

SH

*This is how I remember Barry.....gentle, caring and so smart!
Condolences to Rhonda and family for their heartbreaking loss. Sharon
Ostuni Reynolds*

Sharon - October 29, 2020 at 10:48 AM

GD

*The loss of Barry is a significant loss for many, Rhonda and the family,
our High School class of 1965 and to everyone who know Barry.
Monica and I send our sympathies and prayers to his family. He will be
remembered as a good man and a great husband and father to their
children. After a long, tough struggle Barry is at peace, a peace so well
deserved. May god be with you Barry.
Gary and Monica Damiano*

Gary and Monica Damiano - October 29, 2020 at 12:13 PM

JS

*Barry will certainly be missed in Village Grande. We are here for you,
Ronda.*

Judith Silverstein - October 31, 2020 at 02:23 PM

RS

Thank you, neighbor.

Ronda Shiffrin - November 11, 2020 at 10:41 AM