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Barrie A. Lutze, age 63, of Waupaca, WI, passed away on Wednesday, March 12th, 2014 at Appleton Medical Center. He was born in Manitowoc, WI on October 12, 1950, the son of Elroy and Betty Lou (Olm) Lutze.

Barrie married the love of his life, Virginia Kay Siegrist, on August 21, 1971 in Hortonville, WI. They lived in Kiel during their first year of marriage, where Kay taught while Barrie finished his undergraduate work. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Barrie and Kay moved to Waupaca where he started his teaching career.

He was an eighth grade English teacher at Waupaca Middle School for the following thirty-eight years, and yearbook advisor for most of his career. He was known by his students for an extensive tie collection and equally extensive collection of jokes and puns – which he shared daily, to the “delight” of his students and co-workers.

When not teaching, Barrie could be found on one of the many rivers and lakes in the area. His hobby of fishing led him to establish “Reel Faith Fishing” at First United Methodist Church in Waupaca. Through Reel Faith Fishing, he hosted “Fishing Is Fun Day”, which taught children how to fish, make jigs, and cast. He also took many people out in his boat. For some, it was their very first time. Barrie was awarded the Rotary “Service Above Self” Award for his work with Fishing Is Fun Day.

As a member of First United Methodist Church in Waupaca, Barrie was Chairman of the Personnel Committee, taught Confirmation and Sunday School, was a lay reader during service, an usher, and a member of the choir. Barrie also participated in multiple mission trips. Barrie was the statistician for the Waupaca Comets football and basketball teams, as well as the announcer for the basketball games. During his tenure at Waupaca Middle School, he coached boys and girls basketball, football, and girls volleyball. He also taught a summer school class on baseball fundamentals. He was an avid sports fan, making trips all over the country to visit different baseball stadiums during the summer months.



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During his retirement, Barrie shared his gifts of writing and photography with the Waupaca County Post. He contributed articles and photos from sporting events in the region. Combined with his photos from decades of family vacations, he leaves behind a plethora of photos to go along with the countless memories from a life well lived.

Survivors include his Wife: Kay Lutze, Waupaca, WI; Son: Aaron (Cara) Lutze, Portland, OR; Grandson: Teegan Lutze, Columbus, OH; Mother: Betty Lou Lutze, New Holstein, WI; Brother: Todd (Julie) Lutze, Kiel, WI; Brother-in-law: Don (Carol) Siegrist, Cecil, WI; Goddaughters: Ronda Korb, Erin Lemkuil; Godson: Wesley Zube. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Barrie had been looking forward to seeing his new granddaughter whom is due to be born in August of this year. He was preceded in death by his father, Elroy Lutze and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Don and Virginia Siegrist.

Memorial Services will be held at First United Methodist Church in Waupaca at 3 PM on Saturday, April 5th, 2014, with Reverend Cathy J.N. Weigand, officiating. Memorial Visitation will be held on Friday, from 4 until 8 PM at the Holly Funeral Home in Waupaca and on Saturday, from 1 PM until the time of the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in the name of Barrie A. Lutze.



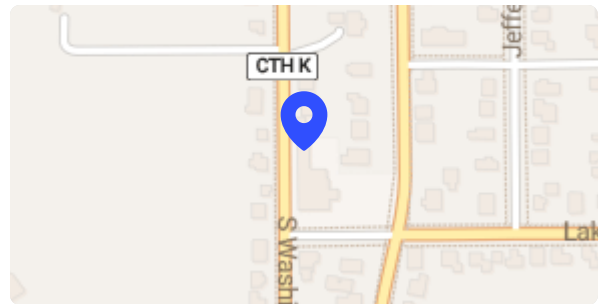
Events

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Memorial Visitation

- Friday, April 4, 2014**
- 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
- A. J. Holly & Sons (Waupaca)**
526 S. Main St, Waupaca WI 54981



Memorial Visitation

- Saturday, April 5, 2014**
- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT
- First United Methodist Church**
720 Demarest Street, Waupaca WI 54981

Memorial Service

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Aj Holly & Sons shared a **Tribute Video**.



March 11 at 7:00 PM



Anne Ney posted:

Kay, Aaron, Cara, and Teegan, Just wanted you to know that special thoughts are with you today. I so wish I could be there to honor Barrie. Know my prayers are being lifed up for all of you. Hugs, Anne Ney

April 5 at 7:08 AM



Tim Guyer posted:

My fondest memories of Barrie involve fishing, talking about fishing, and being a professional educator with him. He was dearly loved by our entire family. He made a huge impact on our daughters. Haley (our daughter) and I were talking the other day. She hit the nail on the head when she said the Mr. Lutze was someone who really cared about what you had to say and how you were doing. He was very genuine. Molly (our daughter) remembers last year at graduation time how Barrie had delayed his vacation in order to attend her graduation party. That meant so much to her, and she never forgot that. On a personal note, I can honestly say that Barrie was one of the nicest human beings I have ever met. I feel blessed that I had the opportunity to share on his journey as an educator, coach, and most importantly a friend. We went fishing together on several occasions. Not only that, we shared where the fish were and weren't biting. Heidi, Marina, Haley, Molly and I send our deepest sympathy and prayers to Kay and Aaron and the rest of his family. He will be sorely missed. Tim, Heidi, Marina (Neilsen), Haley and Molly Guyer Waupaca, WI

April 5 at 7:01 AM



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SN

Scott Ney posted:

Little did I know that meeting my pre-assigned 1970 UW-Oshkosh dorm roommate would result in a lifelong friendship ... what a blessing that turned out to be! Barrie soon introduced me to his girlfriend Kay (who has been another blessing in our lives) and I introduced them to mine (Anne). College life soon provided multiple opportunities for the 4 of us to become very good friends. As roommates, Barrie and I had the opportunity to share life's triumphs, struggles and dreams. We often ate together as couples along with our group of friends (and yes Kay, we all remember who was always the last one done J). The Lord blessed Barrie and I with a unique opportunity to develop a bond unlike other friendships. Our marriages (Barrie being the Best man in our wedding), careers, families and interests separated us by many miles but we often found time to visit or share a quick phone call to "get caught up". We recall the wonderful memories of visits to see Barrie and Kay ... Devil's Lake State Park, Hartman Creek, the (3) homes in the Waupaca area, their return visits to the Oshkosh area and our homes. When possible, visits would be to help one another, enjoy social times together, catch a Brewers game, enjoy time on the water or just "hang out." Kay ... one most memorable was the number of trips in a single day to the boat launch to re-launch and retrieve several boats that Barrie had used for our "boating enjoyment" --- one after another they had all died on the chain. It sure was helpful that Barrie knew so many people on the lake that day as one after another gave us a tow back to the launch. Whether you were talking with Barrie about family trips (somehow fishing always seemed to come up), a love for photography, his involvement with the lives of students or Waupaca sports, walking in the woods, sharing family joys and heartaches ... you knew that his interests, concerns for your burdens, insights, wisdom, laughter, etc. were genuine and often focused on others rather than himself. I can recall many a shopping trip to find that unique tie to add to his rather "unique collection". We also remember having the pleasure of opening our home to Aaron and his friends when they attended UW-Oshkosh for "home cooked meals" or to be another place away from campus they could "just feel at home". As Barrie walked through life and touched other's lives, they, too, soon came to benefit from his friendship ... something I had the distinct pleasure of knowing for over 40+ years. No doubt there is an empty spot in my life which I now allow to be filled with wonderful memories and the knowledge that someday, Barrie and I will be together in God's presence! Barrie ... you will always be the "Best Man". It is hard to think of Barrie without thinking of you Kay since I knew you almost from the day I met Barrie. Kay, we love you, deeply care about you and would be honored to carry on our unique friendship into the future. We pray that He would provide you with His grace to help you through each day. Our condolences on the loss of a friend far too soon. Scott and Anne Ney

March 14 at 3:37 PM



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Terri Ricker posted:

I had Barrie for English. I remember him giving us a word find that did not have the list of words to find Werth it. So we all missed the word "skies". We all laughed and told him that skies was not a word. We teased by saying " Oh Mr. Lutze, look at the skies!" He chuckled and in return and said " Partly cloudy skies" with HUGE grin on his face. We all sat there then with the "Oh yeah! " look on our faces. He just laughed. What an awesome teacher and person he was. He is greatly missed.

March 18 at 2:32 PM



Jack L. Hemb posted:

From an old classmate. It has been many, many years since our paths have crossed, but my memories of those days at Mineral Springs Elementary are well remembered. Always the positive person, always finding the good in things is the thought that comes to mind. I am sure that his impact on his community was as big as his heart. From a classmate of his for many of his years, from Mineral Springs Elementary, Kiel High School and UW-Oshkosh that smile was always a positive contribution to anyone's day. We are so sorry for your loss at such an early age. Our prayers will be with you. Jack, Debbie and Brent Hemb

March 18 at 6:56 AM



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JM

Jim & Sue Mohr posted:

Dear Kay and Aaron: We are saddened beyond words about Barrie's death. It is so hard to believe that we will not see him when we get back. It just doesn't make sense. You are hugely loved and respected and cannot stop thinking about your family with memories and loving thoughts. Our condolences to you and your family. Love Ya, Jim & Sue Mohr

March 14 at 3:37 PM

MB

Mike Baye April 4 at 4:58 PM

Dear Lutze family. I was saddened to learn of your loss. I had the pleasure of knowing Barrie for many years. I was a middle school basketball and high school football coach at Little Chute Middle School and Little Chute High School. Barrie and I graduated from UWO in the same year and had grad school classes together. I will remember him fondly as a genuinely fine person. Mike Baye-Little Chute School District.

JT

Jim Trantow April 4 at 11:45 AM

we vacationed in Venis , Flor. ate pies all over the area, go to all types of sporting events, sport shows, fishing lakes,rivers, all over. vol. church work camps building school desks for kids. did wine tasting, watched Barrie work the football & basketball events. took many kids fishing and adults too. with Barrie fishing was an 8 o 5 job, results # one, at all times. then relax playing sheephead, or other games. great cook, always positive, honest ,helpful, planner. loved his family and friends, never said a bad word.



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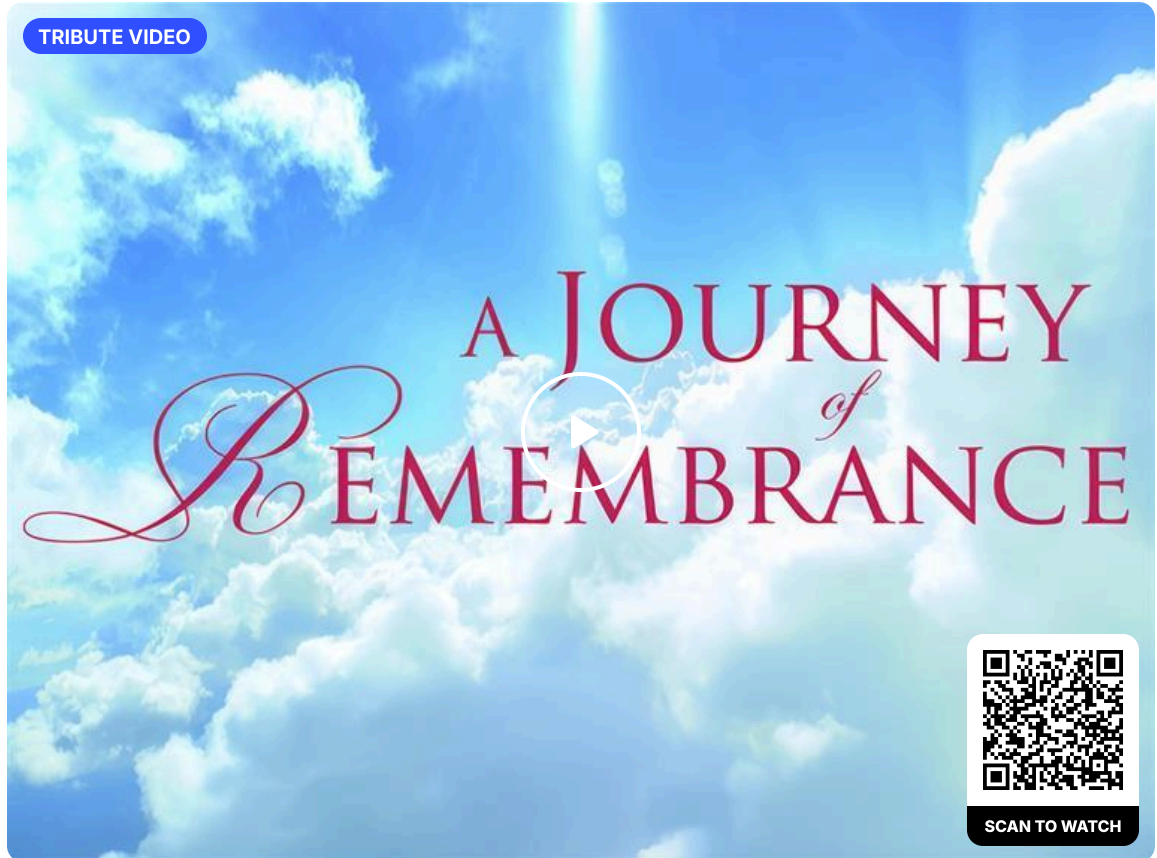
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