

Remembering the Life....

Jerome “Jerry” Clifford Barney was born May 31, 1938 at home in his grandmother’s house in Stewart, MN to Clifford and Dolores Barney. He graduated from Stewart High School in 1956 and received his bachelor’s degree from Augsburg College in Minneapolis.

Jerry married Lois Isaacson on August 31, 1963. Two daughters were born to this union: Jill and Sara.

Jerry was employed as a newspaper writer and editor to support his family and his Bluegrass habit. He worked at newspapers in Wisconsin, New York, and Minnesota. When not writing paper articles, Jerry was writing music, having penned well over 600 songs. Jerry was also an accomplished musician, capable of performing nearly any tune imaginable on the guitar, autoharp, or upright bass. Jerry was legendary and will be missed in the Upper Midwest Bluegrass scene. Most summer weekends, Jerry could be found performing into the wee hours of the morning at a Bluegrass festival, sleeping in his car after the sun rose and waking himself with a swim in whatever local lake he could find.

On Tuesday July 9, 2019, Jerry passed away at PioneerCare in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, at the age of eighty-one years.

Jerry is survived by his wife of nearly 56 years, Lois of Fergus Falls; daughter Jill (Jesse) Thorstad of Fergus Falls and their children, Kai (Megan), Siri, Deborah, Joshua, and James; Sara (Chad) Tate and their children, Zach (Kayla), Caleb (Dani), and Josiah; musical protege and “adopted” daughter Laura (Jack) Buendgen and a brother, Kevin (Sonia Jacques) Barney. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Dolores and a brother, Dwight Barney.

Blessed be the Memory of Jerry Barney

Celebrating
the **Life** of



Jerry Barney

In Loving Memory Of
Jerome “Jerry” Clifford Barney

May 31, 1938 ~ July 9, 2019

Memorial Service

Saturday, July 13 at 11:00 AM
Glende-Nilson Funeral Chapel
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Duane Smith

Music

Original Composition by Jerry Barney
“Will You Guide Me?”

“Just as I Am” Insert

Laura Buendgen
“I’ll Fly Away”
“Danny Boy”

Bob and Gail Johnson
“The Lord’s Prayer” Insert
“Let Me Rest”

Honorary Urnbearers

Jerry’s Grandchildren

Appreciation

Jerry’s family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated.
Please join family and friends for a celebratory Bluegrass jam session
at Delagoon Park, 1941 Delagoon Park Dr, Fergus Falls
immediately following the service.

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Will You Guide Me?

Chorus

Will you guide me? Stand beside me.
If you’re with me, I’m not alone.
Will you guide me? Stand beside me,
‘Til I reach my heavenly home.

Verse 1

This old world is full of troubles.
This old world is full of danger, too.
This old world’s filled with perplexing problems.
I need help to make it through.

Chorus

Verse 2

This old world is not forever.
I’m gonna leave it some old day.
But I’d make it through it never,
without help along the way.

Chorus

Verse 3

On a deep sea of uncertainty
I’d be tossed and lost to stay.
Without help strong I’d surely go wrong.
Will you guide me along the way?

Chorus

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