



Douglas A. Barclay

June 16, 1945 - April 1, 2017

Douglas A. "Barc" Barclay, age 71, of Bourbonnais, passed away Saturday, April 1, 2017 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

He was born June 16, 1945 in Iowa City, Iowa, the son of Ralph E. Sr. and Georgia Orebaugh Barclay.

Doug married Elizabeth Sue Brooks on June 14, 1969 in Champaign.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Kankakee.

Doug was a devoted husband and loving father. He touched the lives of countless individuals as a teacher and coach at Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School for 36 years. Prior to his career at BBCHS he taught and coached at Winside High School in Wayne, Nebraska. He graduated from Wayne State College where he received his B.A. and M.A. degrees in physical education.

"Barc" was the greatest Chicago Bears fan that anyone has ever known. He loved all Chicago sports and cheered on the Fighting Illini. He enjoyed football games and tail gating, cooking his famous mushrooms and BBQ ribs, fishing, music, spending time with his grandkids, vacations with relatives, but more than anything he had a profound love for his family and friends.

He was a member of the BBCHS Athletic Hall of Fame, Wabigoon Athletic Club, The Hundred Club of Kankakee, Bradley Bourbonnais Sportsman's Club, Exline Sportsman's Club, Kankakee Elks and a founding member of Team Tailgate.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth Barclay of Bourbonnais; two daughters and

one son-in-law, Stacy Barclay of Bourbonnais and Stephanie & Michael Collins of Indianapolis, IN; one sister, Patricia Williams of Fleming Island, FL; two brothers, Ralph E. Barclay of Wayne, NE and Roger Barclay of Quincy; and five grandchildren, Jason, Maggie, Bricen, Jack, and Sutton.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held 4-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Visitation will also be held from 10:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 7, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church; 371 E. Court St. in Kankakee.

Interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School where a scholarship will be established in his name.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Visitation

APR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
371 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Funeral Service

APR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

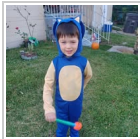
First Presbyterian Church
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Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

FT

“ Coach Barclay well sir you were a hard man with a gentle soul. I didn't know how to take you at times but then I guess you just wanted me to do my best and it pissed you off when I coasted along and was giving my all all the time. I didn't get it then but I do now sir I get it. Thank you for always being there. You were an excellent coach and a great inspiration I only wish I could of found this realization years ago and looked you in the eye and say I get it coach rip big guy fred trobaugh

Fred trobaugh - October 27, 2022 at 12:32 AM



“ Dear Sue and Family,

I am so sorry for your loss. I just got a facebook message that it was his birthday and realized from the messages that he had passed. He was a wonderful man and was a great person to work for. I was a member of the PE Dept. at BBCHS for several years in the 1980s and always felt that he was fair and easy to talk to if there was a problem. From his facebook posts, I could see that he was extremely proud of his family and particularly the grandkids. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*With deepest sympathy,
Terri Bergmann*

Terri Bergmann - June 17, 2017 at 09:53 AM

DL

“ To Sue and family, you have our deepest sympathy. How fortunate I was to have Doug as football and wrestling coach in Winside! Doug was a competitor and fighter and a GREAT coach. I do remember when he would mention the Bears and Illinois and would take a lot a flak for it. He was a true fan of those teams and stayed loyal all the way. I remember meeting in Winside at the 2013 alumni banquet and he had a big smile on his face. To the Children your dad was a champion. He had a way that made me try like hell and give it all I had. Feb 1974 in Lincoln I became a state champion wrestler. Now as I write this I have tears in my eyes. In 1975 Winside won it all what a great accomplishment. I will never forget Doug Barclay a great man. A winner!



Our deepest sympathy, Doug and Tess Lage

Doug Lage - April 12, 2017 at 12:00 PM

MF

“ Marsha And Greg Faford lit a candle in memory of Douglas A. Barclay



Marsha and Greg Faford - April 08, 2017 at 02:29 PM

SH

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Barclay family. You all will be in our thoughts & prayers.

Shannon Smih

Shannon - April 07, 2017 at 07:47 AM

CS

“ *Dear Sue and Family,
So sorry to hear of your loss....it is obvious that Doug was well-respected and loved. Know that you are in our prayers today and in the days to come.
Love from Arizona,
Wayne and Cheryl Segneri*

Cheryl Segneri - April 06, 2017 at 10:58 PM

“ I very much wanted to share a very old story with Doug’s five grandchildren today. I had open-heart surgery exactly 7 days ago to replace my aortic valve. I came home Tuesday and am doing very well, but unfortunately, I’m a little too weak to be there in person.

Way back in 1958, at Riverside-Brookfield High School I met my new track coach, Ralph Barclay. He was everything a coach should be, tough, inspirational, knowledgeable, and caring. I believed he took a special interest in me! He taught me how to become a sprinter. It seemed he spent hours just with me, teaching me how to explode but come up slowly out of the starting blocks. He believed in me and I felt special! That year, he turned me into a winner! You never forget a man like that! I won my Varsity Letter as a sophomore!

In the fall of 1958, coach Ralph Barclay, collapsed at a cross-country meet of a massive heart attack and sent the entire community into shock! That day I lost my hero, but what I didn’t know at the time was that Doug also lost his! I did not know Doug then because he was “only” a freshman and was actually playing freshman football when his dad collapsed at the cross-country meet.

Time marched on. I completed all of my college, university and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residency and moved to Kankakee in 1970, to begin my new practice. It didn’t take long to meet a new high school coach at a social gathering named Doug Barclay. Soon we discovered our connection and relived that awe full day in 1958. I’ve felt a special connection to Doug since.

Both of my kids attended BBCHS so I learned how the students of BBCHS loved their coach Barclay. Doug and I would occasionally meet at the Riverside Health Club locker room and exchange stories. I retired from Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery practice after 42 years in 2012.

As I said, my hope is to let Doug’s five grandchildren learn a little bit

about their great grandfather, Ralph, and the wonderful father that Doug lost when he was only a freshman in high school.

The apple doesn't fall far from the tree. I will miss Doug.

*Edward I Slaby, DDS
edslaby@gmail.com*

Edward I. Slaby, DDS - April 06, 2017 at 05:01 PM

JF

“ *Our deepest condolences to Sue and the Barclay family on the passing Doug. Know that all of you are in our prayers and hearts. We have many wonderful memories of all of you and Doug. Those memories will always be treasured. May God hold and keep all of you close in the days ahead. Love, Lou, Jolynne, Luke, and Marc Fahey*



Jolynne Fahey - April 06, 2017 at 03:37 PM

MA

“ *Deepest Sympathy to the Barclay Family. He will be missed! Prayers for comfort during this hard time.*

Mary Arends - April 06, 2017 at 02:38 PM

NY

“ *It was a pleasure working with Barc at BBCHS. Always had to call him whenever I brought monkey bread to the Main Office. Good friend. Good times. He will be missed.*

Nora Yeates

Nora Yeates - April 06, 2017 at 02:32 PM

RP

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to the Barclay family!
You are in our thoughts and prayers during
this difficult time! Gary & Rose Marie Piatt*



Rose Marie Battaglia Piatt - April 06, 2017 at 02:26 PM

JC

“ *Best wishes for Family and Friends of Coach Barc, in this time of
loss. Doug was 'One of a Kind', the Good Kind! Lots of love-
Cameron, Flynn and Jim Crawford Family*

Jim Crawford - April 06, 2017 at 07:51 AM

KF

“ *Kleber Family lit a candle in memory of
Douglas A. Barclay*



Kleber Family - April 06, 2017 at 07:39 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Patty Wieland - April 05, 2017 at 05:22 AM



Fishing in February Ft. Walton Beach!

Patty Wieland - April 05, 2017 at 05:24 AM

RT

“ So sorry about your loss. Doug and I were competitors a long time ago. The Eastridge and Bradley rivalry would not have been without Doug and his great sense of humor. He taught me much. My prayers are with the Barclay family.

Rick Taylor

Rick Taylor - April 04, 2017 at 08:39 PM

MD

“ 4 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Marie Delabre - April 04, 2017 at 07:53 PM

MD

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Marie Delabre - April 04, 2017 at 07:51 PM



“ *Dennis Dunlavey lit a candle in memory of Douglas A. Barclay*



Dennis Dunlavey - April 04, 2017 at 05:54 PM



“ *Jeannie lit a candle in memory of Douglas A. Barclay*



Jeannie - April 04, 2017 at 01:37 PM



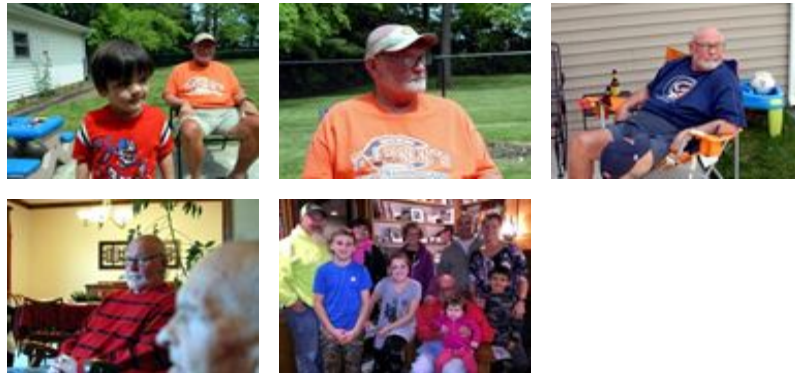
“ *Mary Carroll lit a candle in memory of Douglas A. Barclay*



Mary Carroll - April 04, 2017 at 12:33 PM



“ 80 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - April 04, 2017 at 11:22 AM

D'

“ *Dan Vaughn And Family (Class Of '92) lit a candle in memory of Douglas A. Barclay*



Dan Vaughn and family (Class of '92) - April 04, 2017 at 10:39 AM

EL

“ *Eric And Teri Lippold lit a candle in memory of Douglas A. Barclay*



Eric and Teri Lippold - April 03, 2017 at 09:36 PM



“ *Coach Barclay September 1989.*



Ron Malnar - April 03, 2017 at 04:54 PM



Thank You Coach !!

Ron Malnar - April 03, 2017 at 05:01 PM

RF

Sue, Stacy, Stephanie - John and I were most saddened and shocked to hear of Doug's passing. Each of you will be in our thoughts as you journey through your life without his physical presence but with your memories.

Rita Foltz - April 04, 2017 at 09:54 AM

DT

“ *So sorry to hear of coach Bs passing. I was custodian at the high school for many years and he always was so kind and respectful to me .I always appreciated that. I'm sure he will be greatly missed by his friends and family. 🌹🌹🌹🌹*

Deborah Tofte - April 03, 2017 at 04:18 PM

RC

“ *We want to express our deepest sympathy to coach's family. What a great man an a legacy to not only BBCHS but to his community and especially his friends and family!*



Rick & Marla Coy - April 03, 2017 at 03:02 PM

MT

“ Prayers and hugs are with you at this sad time.



Mary Thomson - April 03, 2017 at 02:53 PM

BW

“ Coach Barclay was absolutely a gentle giant. As a kid, I wasn't exactly athletic, nor did I ever have him in classes, but somehow, he knew me. He'd give a quiet hello or head nod, and you could tell that he knew who we were, even when he didn't "know" us directly. Years later, I had the fortune of getting to know him when I bartended part time at TJ Donlin's. He was part of a Saturday afternoon group occasionally, and would come in to enjoy some sports, and some camaraderie with his fellow sports fans and friends. I always enjoyed seeing him come in. He was a kind person, a caring person, and a gentleman through and through. Thanks for becoming my "friend" all those years later, coach. I always looked forward to running into you or seeing you when I worked. You were one heck of a good soul. My prayers to Stephanie, Stacy, Sue, and all of his loved ones.

Becky Wilder - April 03, 2017 at 02:52 PM

CM

“ Deepest sympathy to Sue and Doug's family. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.



Cathie Miedema
(Mike Mulligan's sister)

Cathie Miedema - April 03, 2017 at 12:40 PM