



## Mr. Tommy Lee Barber

August 25, 1956 - May 16, 2021

Mr. Tommy Lee Barber, 64 of Peoria, IL passed away on Saturday, May 16, 2021 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center surrounded by his loving family.

Tommy was born on August 25, 1956 to Mike and Easter (Brown) Barber in Jackson, Ms. As a child, he attended school in New Orleans, LA. He received his formal education through the Jackson, MS, New Orleans, LA and Peoria Public School Districts and was a 1974 Peoria Central High School graduate. Tommy accepted Christ as his savior and often enjoyed watching T.D. Jakes' Online Ministries and listening to "Something About The Name of Jesus" by The Rance Allen Group.

Tommy was previously employed at Mitsubishi Motors for 25 years until his retirement. He was a fun-loving man who simply enjoyed life and sports cars. In his leisure time, he could be seen driving his Black Chevrolet Camaro Convertible in the neighborhood.

Tommy leaves to cherish his most precious memories, two children, Tommy (Tiarra) Johnson and Laketra Rutherford both of Peoria, IL; one sister, Diana Barber of Kenosha, Wis; one brother, Chaplain Michael (Rosland) Barber of Atlanta, Ga; two grandchildren, Kaylee and Payten Johnson; best friend of 40 years, Johnny McBride; godmother and daughter, Ina and Teresa Brown of Peoria, IL; the Dejhousa extended family from Racine, Wis and a host of relatives and friends. Tommy was preceded in death by his parents, Mike and Easter Barber.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, May 29, 2021 at Victory Christian

Church at 10 am, with a visitation beginning at 9 am. Rev. Michael Barber, Associate Minister of Greater Bethany Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA will officiate. Tommy will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](https://www.SimonsMortuary.com).

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing and attendance limits will be observed.

In accordance with the Illinois Department of Public Health, Funerals are limited to no more than 50% of the capacity of the church or less.

To be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services. Funerals are limited to no more than 50% of the decedent's immediate family members.

\*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

\*It is our responsibility as a Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible. The sanctuary can socially distance and seat 50% of the capacity of the church. All others will be able to flow through prior to beginning of the service.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

# Cemetery Details

## Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St  
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 29. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Victory Christian Church  
1003 E. Moneta St.  
Peoria Heights, IL 61616

## Funeral Service

MAY 29. 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

Victory Christian Church  
1003 E. Moneta St.  
Peoria Heights, IL 61616

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Tommy Lee Barber*



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**Simons Mortuary** - June 16, 2021 at 01:55 PM



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**Simons Mortuary** - May 28, 2021 at 05:21 PM



“ *Mr. Tommy Lee Barber*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Tommy Lee Barber*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

AS

“ *Diane, I'm sorry for your loss. My condolences to you, Mike and the Family. May God grant you with peace and strength for the days ahead as you get through life without Tommy. God will mend a broken heart like no one else can. ( Angie Stewart )*

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**Angie Stewart** - June 03, 2021 at 10:21 PM

BW

“ *Condolences to Diane, Mike and the Barber family.*

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**Brian Willis** - May 29, 2021 at 09:30 PM

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“ *Michael , Diana and family it is with deepest sympathy, and heartfelt condolences for your loss,I pray for your peace and comfort.  
Rosaland Etheridge*

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**Rosaland D Etheridge** - May 29, 2021 at 02:46 AM

DR

“ *Michael Barber, you have our deepest sympathy in the passing of your brother. May God comfort you and your family! From The Robinsons in Elyria, Ohio.*

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**Darlene Robinson** - May 24, 2021 at 02:22 PM

RF

“ *Renessa Watkins My Prayers To The Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Tommy Lee Barber*



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**Renessa Watkins My prayers to the family** - May 24, 2021 at 03:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy Lee Barber.*



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May 23, 2021 at 11:23 PM



“ *I am praying for our family and missing my cousin phone conversations already. Tommy always remembered love ones birthdays. He would call be a little early just to be the first one to wish me happy birthday. I will miss his coming to Mississippi and having a Christian fellowship at our home. Tommy was loved dearly and he loved his family.  
Diana and cousin Michael continue to trust in God.  
Jo Gregory & Family*

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**Jo Gregory** - May 23, 2021 at 12:39 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. I also worked at Mitsubishi Motors with Tommy. Every time I saw Tommy he had a smile on his face. May the family find peace knowing he is in a better place. RIH my friend.*

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**Brenda Harper** - May 22, 2021 at 06:42 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear this praying for the Family and Friends. We worked at DSM-MITSUBISHI for many years. Tommy always had a smile on his face, always lift you up. he'll always be remembered never forgotten RIH my UAW Brother friend*

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**Justina Mclemore** - May 19, 2021 at 09:08 PM