



Cleveland Davis Barclay

August 24, 1947 - January 24, 2023

Cleveland Davis Barclay passed away peacefully in his home on January 24, 2023. He was born in Greenville, Florida to Perry and Ellen Barclay on August 24, 1947 and was 75 years young at the time of his death. He is survived by his two daughters, Christie Frahm (Jeff Frahm) and Kim Johnson (Zach Johnson) and their mother Carolyn Barclay. He also leaves behind his five beautiful grandchildren, Maci and Chandler Miklas, Will, Wyatt and Abby Jane Johnson and his three sisters Joann Byington, Frances Arnold (Sonny Arnold) and Wanda Byington. He has a big beautiful extended family of nieces and nephews and greats and seconds too numerous to name but he was well loved and will be missed by all.

He served our country with honor as an active member of the United States Air Force from 1965 -1969 and in the reserves until 1971. He was a flight medic during the Vietnam War and received The Air Medal for Meritorious Achievement for his service. He went on to serve as a Corporal and served as a Traffic Homicide Investigator for The Florida Highway Patrol from 1970 until he retired in 2001. During his final years on the patrol he went back to college earning his Bachelors of Education at the age of 52 from the University of North Florida and then his Masters in Education four years later from Troy State. He spent 10 years serving as an educator, an assistant principal and a principal. He also refereed high school football for almost 50 years as a member of the North Florida Officials Association. Among his many other

interests, hobbies and part time jobs he earned his pilots license, drove charter buses and sold cars, he never sat still! He loved the Florida State Seminoles, the Miami Dolphins and the Atlanta Braves.

To know him was to love him, once you met him you would be hard pressed to ever forget him. His presence filled every room he entered and he left his mark on everyone he met. His greatest joy in life was being a dad, a papa, a brother and an uncle. Family meant everything to him. He had a heart the size of Texas, he would do anything he could to help anyone in need. He was the life of the party, the papa bear, the protector and the provider. He was the definition of a great man and he will be deeply missed.

His services will be held at Beggs Funeral Home, 235 NW Orange Avenue, Madison Florida 32340. The viewing will be Saturday the 28th from 5-7 pm and the funeral service will be held on Sunday the 29th at 2 pm followed by interment at Barclay Cemetery, Greenville, Florida..

Tribute Wall

LS

“ I found out today at the John Deere Classic that our beloved friend, Davis has passed over the winter. It started to rain which fit my mood as the loss of this ray of sunshine settled in. He was so friendly and kind as he greeted all the volunteers by name. It will not be the same at the JDC without this man!! We both feel lucky to have known him and so sad we didn't get to say goodbye.
Rich and Lisa Syfert

Lisa Syfert - July 07, 2023 at 10:59 PM

DA

“ I have some great memories of Mr. Barclay, he was a football referee when I was on high school. He also called me by my last name. As I grew up I became a sheriff's deputy and work with him at different types of incidents. Rather as a referee or a trooper he took charge. Saw him numerous times after he retired and it was a pleasure to talk with him. As the old saying goes the mold was broken after him. Mr. Barclay you will be missed.

Daniel Anno - January 29, 2023 at 07:21 PM

GH

Dave was a good friend for years and years. Even though my husband and I live in Tallahassee , we always saw him when we went home to Fernandina. The strongest memory I have of Dave is his abiding love for and dedication to his daughters Chrissie and Kimmy. He had friends all over. He will be missed. Gayle Smith Hughes and Frank Hughes

Gayle Smith Hughes - January 30, 2023 at 09:17 AM

LH

“ My condolences go out to Dave's family. I knew Dave when I worked for the builders at Amelia Surf and Racquet Club as the field secretary. He worked for FHP then. He was always smiling and fun to be around. He loved his girls more than anything, so I'm sure he was a great Grandfather too. He will be missed.

Linda "Suzzy" Hardy - January 28, 2023 at 06:16 PM

BD

“ Mr. Barclay I'm going to miss that big grin, those tales but most of you company. Love you. Bryan

Bryan Diekman - January 28, 2023 at 04:24 PM

CS

“ Although it has been many years since I was in his sweet company, I will always remember, cherish and love Dave. I came to know Dave from working at Florida national bank in Fernandina Beach FL. He was so jovial, kind and such a pleasure to know. Rest In Peace Dear Friend. Love You, Always. Never to be forgotten
Cindy Scott

Cindy Scott - January 28, 2023 at 08:54 AM

AW

“ Dave, we feel blessed to have called you friend and to have made some fun memories on Mallard Lane!

May you rest in ultimate peace.

Ken and Amy Wampler

Amy Wampler - January 27, 2023 at 03:45 PM

ST

Davis will be so greatly missed. He was a friend to all and his smile would light up the room and brighten your day. He lived big and loved big and will be remembered as the big warm wonderful guy he was.

Suezan Turknett - January 28, 2023 at 02:06 PM

JD

“ *During my time with Kim and Zach I got to know Davis very well from walking the course at tournaments to many family gatherings. It was always very apparent how much he loved his girls and grandkids. I always remeber him calling them baby doll. I especially enjoyed a weekend we spent at a lake with Davis' family. The love they show each other is something to be admired. He always treated everyone like family and had such a big heart! Sending my love!*

Jill Donnenwerth - January 26, 2023 at 07:23 PM

AL

“ *I always seem to smile when he was around. He was just that wonderful person to everyone. It was really nice to see you girls growing up and becoming moms yourselves. My prayer are for all the family and friends he left behind. Alice Lambright*

alice lambright - January 26, 2023 at 01:51 PM

JL

“ *It was a honor knowing and working with Dave and awesome encounters with him and his remarkable smile & Dave was so proud of His daughters and grandkids 🙏*

Joe Lawrence - January 26, 2023 at 08:44 AM

SB

“ I had the honor of officiating with Dave for many years. Being on his crew provided me with some of the greatest Friday nights. Thank you for the love , laughter and friendship

Steve Becker

Steve Bexker - January 26, 2023 at 05:34 AM

TH

“ Dave was like a 2nd dad to me when I was just a small child. My bother and myself were like Dave and Carolyn's first children before kim and Christie were born. I will always cherish the special times we all had. He was a great man and will truly be missed.

Tracie Hartley - January 25, 2023 at 08:13 PM

PK

“ I started working with Barclay when he was an administrator in Madison schools. It was cool to talk to him because he knew my family in Fernandina Beach. He was a great man! Whoever wrote the obituary nailed it. He definitely would help anyone that he could. He was a giving man. My funniest memory was the time at Greenville Elementary when I thought I would be nice and make the coffee. Even though I didn't drink coffee. I heard him go get some and said loudly. "Sanborn , don't ever make the coffee again." It was full of coffee grounds. One less thing I had to worry about. Barclay, thanks for being an awesome Boss and friend! You will be missed



paula kauffman - January 25, 2023 at 08:09 PM

LA

“ I first met Barclay when I started with the State in 1982. Me being from Nassau County also we became good friends! Lots of memories with him from going to the beach, Shrimp Boat Festival, FHP softball team, dinners and so much more. He always talked about his girls, center of his life and how much he loved them. Even after all these years, we always kept in touch and he will truly be missed. Sending love, comfort and prayers to his family 🙏❤️🙏❤️

Lesya Adams - January 25, 2023 at 06:44 PM

KC

Sending much love and prayers of comfort to all Family & friends. Dave, as all say, was a one of a kind, salt of the earth; a great Man! His kindness and that that smile will never be forgotten and remain in our hearts forever. Rest well and keep em all straight til we meet again Dave 🙏❤️

Kathy Crockett - January 27, 2023 at 08:38 AM

LW

Great friend and a kind and compassionate man. Sending prayers for family and friends. Rest in peace --Russell and Linda Wolfe

linda wolfe - January 27, 2023 at 02:31 PM