



## Michael "Mike" Walter Barris

November 20, 1941 - November 13, 2014

Michael Walter Barris of Waldorf, Maryland, died on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center in La Plata. He was 72 years old.

Born on November 20, 1941 in Paterson, New Jersey, he was the son of the late Nellie Van Leeuwen and the late Michael Barris. Mr. Barris served in the U. S. Marine Corps from 1959 to 1963 when he was Honorably Discharged as the rank of Lance Corporal. He then worked for Metro in Washington, DC as a Bus Driver for 39 years. He was a member of the Transit Union. Mr. Barris enjoyed rooting for the Washington Redskins, the Baltimore Orioles and his favorite NASCAR driver, Mark Martin. As a hobby, Mr. Barris was a talented handyman who could fix just about anything.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Donna M. Barris; his children Bill Edge and his wife Cheryl, Richard Edge, Sandy, Lynn, and Jeff Barris,; his sisters Sue and Carol; his brother Kevin; his grandchildren William Charles, Camdin Michael, Devin, Alleigh, Zachary, Joshua, Jesse, Logan, Luke and Mackenzie; his mother-in-law Daisy Grimes; Niece Terrie Harty (who was at his side); other relatives and friends.

Visitation on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 from 10AM until 10:45AM at the St. Joseph Catholic Church 4590 St. Joseph Way Pomfret, MD with Mass to

begin at 11AM with Father Stokes officiating.

Interment to follow at the Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery with Marine Corps honors.

# Cemetery Details

## **MD Veterans Cemetery - Cheltenham, MD**

11301 Crain Highway  
Cheltenham, MD 20623

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael "Mike" Walter Barris*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Michael "Mike" Walter Barris*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *My thoughts, prayers and heart are with you dad.*



**Sandra Gillette** - November 19, 2014 at 12:31 PM

“ One of the most heartfelt eulogies I have ever heard was an acronym of that person’s name. Michael’s name alone represents compassion and greatness, many great men in history have had the name Michael, yet this pales in comparison to the Michael I knew, my father and mentor.

*M – M for MAN, not an ordinary man, but a true renaissance man, a provider and protector for his family, a lesson I will always strive to fulfill in my life.*

*I – I for INTEGRITY, Michael was always true to his convictions, not only in life but in how he was able to project those values to me.*

*C – C for CARING and COMPASSION. Although Michael’s exterior was that of a stern and tough man, in time of need he was always able to express compassion. I remember when I was 16 and just wrecked my mother’s car. I was terrified to face Michael after the accident. However when I faced Michael the first thing he asked me in a soft voice, “was if I was okay and if it scared me.” But the most impact that interaction had on me was what happened after; he handed me his car keys to his car and said, “Let’s go for a ride.” That expression of compassion, he showed at a traumatic time for me has forever impacted how I live my life.*

*H – H for HONESTY and HONOR. In my entire life Michael has always stated what he met and never lied. He always stayed true to his convictions.*

*A – A for ADMIRATION. This is what I have always had for the way Michael has lived his life and I will always strive to install such attributes in my kids. I have so much admiration for Michael that I named my second son after him.*

*E – E for EXCELLENCE. One definition of excellence is a standard of perfection in a person’s character and in my world MICHAEL is the model of excellence as a father and mentor.*

*L – L for LOVE. This is something I can honestly say I felt and learned from Michael. No matter how big and tough a man is, there is always room for LOVE: love for life, love for your wife, and love for your kids.*

*Michael was not only my mother's husband, but my father and mentor. I love you Michael and I will always remember the lessons of life you have taught me.*

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**Billy** - November 18, 2014 at 07:36 PM

BE

“ *Billy Edge lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Walter Barris*



**Billy Edge** - November 17, 2014 at 04:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Walter Barris.*



November 17, 2014 at 03:18 PM

CK

“ *Carol, Sue and Kevin purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Michael "Mike" Walter Barris.*



**Carol, Sue and Kevin** - November 17, 2014 at 03:04 PM

CA

“ *Carol lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike"*  
*Walter Barris*



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**carol** - November 15, 2014 at 09:24 AM