



## Matthew Patrick Barber

August 13, 1977 - December 19, 2015

Matthew Patrick Barber, 38, Topeka, passed away Saturday, December 19, 2015, unexpectedly at his home of natural causes.

Matt was born August 13, 1977, in Topeka, the son of John Paul, Sr. and Julia Cairl Barber. He is a 1995 graduate of Topeka High School and earned a degree in wildlife management from Baker University in 2005. Both in high school and college Matt was an outstanding athlete competing in football and achieving national ranking in track and field events. He was currently attending Washburn University to earn a degree in accounting. Matt was employed by Paul A. Honaker, CPA as an accountant.

On June 5, 2010, Matt and Jessica Honaker were united in marriage in a ceremony in St. Lucia.

Matt had many interests and talents. He loved animals, even considering veterinary medicine as a career at one time. He was accomplished at cross-stitch, making many beautiful creations for family and friends. Matt loved all things "kid" including children, pranks and toys.

Matt leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Jessica Barber; daughter, Nora; father, John Paul Barber, Sr.; siblings, Howard Fritz (Paula), Laurie Ogle, Russell Fritz (Tracy Pelton), Shawn Svoboda-Barber (Helen), John Paul

Barber, Jr., brother-in-law, Jack Pittaway; father-in-law, Paul Honaker (Becky); mother-in-law, Cathy Burnett (Steve); and many more family members, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews, cousins and many others whom he considered family.

Matt was preceded in death by his mother, his sister, Katie Pittaway, and a brother, Frankie.

A Celebration of Matt's Life will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 29, 2015, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 23801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where family will greet friends one hour prior to service. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Barber Family Memorial Fund at any Kaw Valley Bank location or left in care of the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

## Memorial Service

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Matthew Patrick Barber*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Thinking how much I enjoyed getting to know the two of you as you sold your past home and purchased the one currently. Hold your memories close of the time you had together and as a new little family. Love to you. Lou Ann Thoms.*

**Lou Ann Thoms** - January 01, 2016 at 04:33 PM



“ *Jessica, I am so sorry. Sending hugs to you and your little daughter. I just got back from out of town visit with family at Christmas and did not know until today (Jan 1) I would have attended the services. My heart goes out to you. Sending you love and my deepest sympathy. Lou Ann Thoms.*

**Lou Ann Thoms** - January 01, 2016 at 04:28 PM



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**Panta Rhei** - December 27, 2015 at 02:19 PM

DS

“ Jessica, Becky and Paul you are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Dave and Earlene.*

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**david snook** - December 25, 2015 at 10:16 PM

DS

“ David Snook lit a candle in memory of  
Matthew Patrick Barber



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**david snook** - December 25, 2015 at 10:12 PM

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**Matt Candrl** - December 25, 2015 at 01:08 PM

MC

*Almost 16 yrs ago this next month, Matt volunteered to babysit, so  
Coach Candrl could go out on a date with his wife. He did a great job!*

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**Matt Candrl** - December 25, 2015 at 01:12 PM

MH

“ *Marilyn Norris Harvey lit a candle in memory of Matthew Patrick Barber*



Marilyn Norris Harvey - December 24, 2015 at 10:37 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Matthew Patrick Barber.*



December 24, 2015 at 10:02 AM

JA

“ *Jenny Altis lit a candle in memory of Matthew Patrick Barber*



Jenny Altis - December 23, 2015 at 11:27 AM

MW

“ *John and family,  
So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family in this time.*

Mark wanamakwr - December 23, 2015 at 09:08 AM

MH

“ Our condolences to all of you at this hour of suffering and loss. We ask God to give each of you a special memory that you may keep close in your heart for Matt. From the family of Marylee and Bob Hamilton, Barbara and Trent Turner, Odelia Mick.

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**Marylee Hamilton** - December 23, 2015 at 08:34 AM

TJ

“ Jessica,

*I am truly sorry for your loss. I met Matt in junior high competing on the same football/basketball and track teams all the way through high school. Matt was always a gentle giant with a kind heart. I introduced him to my sons at the reunion in October as the guy that made me realize and remember that there would always be someone stronger and bigger than me. I'm positive he left an impression on everyone that he met. You are in our prayers.*

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**Trenton James** - December 22, 2015 at 02:50 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Matthew Patrick Barber.



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December 22, 2015 at 01:22 PM

RN

“ I was so shocked and sad to hear about Matt's passing. His life ended way to soon, but I'm thankful I was able to share part of it during his precious time here. Thanks to him for always being so helpful, cheerful, and going the extra mile to help me with my business matters. That beaming smile he always had, when I stopped by in person, I can see it now. Hugs to all of his family and friends... Cherish the memories he shared, he was an amazing person. :-)

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**Robert Nall** - December 21, 2015 at 07:25 PM

RN

“ Robert Nall lit a candle in memory of Matthew Patrick Barber



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**Robert Nall** - December 21, 2015 at 07:20 PM