



Raymond R.D. Barlund

June 7, 1963 - March 2, 2025

Raymond "Lover" Barlund, 61, of Bellevue, a gentle-spirited man full of compassion, died peacefully surrounded by his family at home on Sunday, March 2, 2025. Raymond was born June 7, 1963, in Hastings, the son of Raymond Ardean and Barbara Jean (Stewart) Barlund. Early in his life, he lost his leg in a farming accident, an event that shaped both him and would guide his career. At age 19, Raymond started working as a technician for a prosthetic company. Soon after he earned his certification as a prosthetist, a calling for which he was deeply passionate. Raymond was known for his quality workmanship, creativity, and innovation in making prosthetics for hundreds of patients throughout his 40+ year career. He developed a deep relationship with each patient, many of whom loved Raymond for helping them walk again.

Raymond married the love of his life, Colleen Marie Green, on July 24, 1999, and the two seamlessly blended their families into one. Together they enjoyed riding Harley motorcycles and wrenching on Raymond's many automobile restoration projects. Their nearly 26 years of marriage were full of happiness and love. Many will miss and remember Raymond for his big heart.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Colleen Barlund; his children, Rachael (Jerry) Hinton, Brooke (Brett) Williams, Trenton Barlund, and Brittany (Zachary) Dewindt; step-son, Nathan Buckner; 11 grandchildren, Gauge,

Garrett, Aniston, Bailey, Adam, Makayla, Milana, Christian, Weston, Karrigan, and Owen; sisters, Penny (Chris) Brumm, Pamela Stine, and Patricia (Bill) Dennis; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; sister, Paula Barlund; brother-in-law, Dan Stine; nephews, Lance Brumm and Mike Dennis; and great-nephew, Brian Michael Wells.

Friends are encouraged to support Raymond's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>. Visitation will be from 2:00 - 4:00 and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at Pray Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 7, 2025 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Chris Brumm officiating. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>, click on Raymond's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Limbs for Life at www.limbsforlife.org <<http://www.limbsforlife.org>>. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Visitation

MAR 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral

MAR 7. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Raymond R.D. Barlund*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 07, 2025 at 02:20 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond R.D. Barlund*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 05, 2025 at 02:13 PM

KK

“ There are people who laugh and you smile.
There are people who laugh and you wail.
When you board their ship, you enjoy the ride
And Ray's ship had so many full sails.

Yes, the harbor may be quieter now.
Past the lighthouse Ray sails in peace.
But his laughter will continue filling the air
For that's a love no wind could cease.

Kathleen Kettner

(Ray, thank you for loving my sister so much. I will always remember what you told me when last we spoke.)

Kathleen Kettner - March 05 at 02:29 PM

(I accidentally posted this as a comment on someone else's memory. I am reposting)

Kathleen Kettner - March 17, 2025 at 09:24 PM

DE

“ It was a pleasure working with Ray, he was the consummate professional - dedicated, skilled, passionate and affable. He will be missed.

Dr. Chris Ertl - March 12, 2025 at 08:17 AM



“ 47 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 05, 2025 at 02:11 PM

JO

So sorry to hear of your loss, may Jesus comfort you during this time.
Jeff O'Bryant

Jeff O'Bryant - March 24, 2025 at 05:38 AM

KK

“ Kathleen and Chris Kettner purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Raymond R.D. Barlund.



Kathleen and Chris Kettner - March 05, 2025 at 02:00 PM

MH

“ Marilyn Hall purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Raymond R.D. Barlund.



Marilyn Hall - March 05, 2025 at 01:47 PM

MH

“ Marilyn Hall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond R.D. Barlund.

Marilyn Hall - March 05, 2025 at 01:47 PM

GG

“ I met Ray 20 years ago when I was contemplating my amputation. Colleen had suggested I connect with Ray. I had been in pain, unable to walk, and given up hope. Ray lifted my spirits and saved me so many times. He has made me several prosthetics over the years and they've kept me walking. I'll miss him forever. God help us, our country, and Trump. Love ya "Ray Man" Greg Green

Greg Green - March 05, 2025 at 01:28 PM

DH

“ Our thoughts and prayers to all of Raymond's family. Plenty of good times and precious memories. Raymond was such a special man. Sincerely Brinda and Dave Hawkins

David L Hawkins - March 05, 2025 at 07:02 AM

DK

“ Dave, Miki, Joel, Nicole, Ben & Kaitlyn purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Raymond R.D. Barlund.



Dave, Miki, Joel, Nicole, Ben & Kaitlyn - March 04, 2025 at 10:25 PM

WS

“ I grew up next door to Raymond, we spent countless days walking around all the farms in the area looking for what ever we could find. Sometimes the perfect tree to climb to old trash dumps that everyone had back in the day. Wish I had a penny for every mile we put on our bikes. We traded them in for mini bikes that we road up in down the road till dark. Evel Kninevel would have been very proud of us for all the attempts we made to jump the ditch between our houses. The train still ran behind our house back then, so letting the train run over penny's was great, plus getting caught on the R R trussell bridge and racing to the end before the train got there! Growing up with a next door neighbor like Raymond couldn't have been better!!! Wayne Stine

Wayne Stine - March 04, 2025 at 02:35 PM

JG

“ Well Lover, what can I say. You were a great brother in law and friend. I always enjoyed your company and making you laugh. I enjoyed our molcajete's at Los Amigos and I so wished we could have made that trip to Mexico. I never heard you say a bad word about anyone and I admired that. You will be sorely missed but I know you will be watching over all that you loved from above. I love you brother.
John

John Green - March 04, 2025 at 01:32 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond R.D. Barlund.



March 04, 2025 at 10:53 AM

TF

“ *The Gardner Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond R.D. Barlund.*

The Gardner Family - March 04, 2025 at 09:52 AM

TF

“ *The Gardner Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Raymond R.D. Barlund.*



The Gardner Family - March 04, 2025 at 09:52 AM

GG

“ *My memories of Ray will always bring a smile. My very good friend since Kindergarten, very often you saw one of us, the other was near. So many memories of laughter and happy times. Tell all the family and friends up there in heaven hi from Gordie. See ya when I get there buddy!*

Gordon Gardner - March 04, 2025 at 06:47 AM

SB

“ *Gonna miss you cuz
Had so many great times staying with you when we were just little kids.*



Scott Bigford - March 03, 2025 at 09:44 PM

MS

“ Ray was a bright light in this world. He had a gift he shared with so many of us amputees. A true hero for me and my mobility. I will never forget the first time I walked in the socket he made for me, I had never felt so free in my life. He was a blessing to my life and I will always remember him for his talent and true concern for his patients. I will miss him everyday until we meet again.



Mandi Slone - March 03, 2025 at 06:43 PM

DW

“ I remember my old truck stopped running and I left it on the side of the road. Ray agreed to pick it up since I didn't want it anymore. If I remember correctly, my truck was a Chevy and Ray was a Ford man. He still kindly took the truck away for me.

Diane Wills - March 03, 2025 at 06:39 PM

JH

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all.



JAMIE HEATH - March 03, 2025 at 03:37 PM

JL

“ June Decker And Larry. lit a candle in memory of Raymond R.D. Barlund



June Decker and Larry. - March 03, 2025 at 03:06 PM

JL

Dear loved one's of Rays. Larry and I are SO very sorry for the passing of Ray. He was born just before our daughter Lori in 1963. We knew him and his parents and sisters so we'll. When Heaven's gates opened wide, I'm sure his mom Barbara and his dad Areen were there with open arms. As many of his other loved one's. God knows all, even tho we all wonder why Ray. God Bless you ALL. Sent with Lotsa love, hugs, and prayer's. ...

June Decker and Larry. - March 03, 2025 at 03:12 PM

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