

OBITUARY

George William Barton, Jr.

Bill, Little Bill, or Billy as his cousins called him, went to his heavenly home on February 27, 2023. Bill suffered a catastrophic stroke last summer, and never fully recovered. He was 68 years old.

Bill grew up in a military family – an Air Force Brat. He was born in Panama City, Florida as a fragile, premature “blue” baby. Due to hypoxia at birth, Bill developed epilepsy and had developmental delays. Although these had long lasting effects, it did not stop Bill from traveling the world with his family. He experienced life in Europe, Asia, and all over the United States.

When it came to repairing cars, lawn mowers, basically anything with an engine, Bill had an uncanny intelligence. Before the advent of cell phones, he spent years as part of the CB and Ham Radio community. It was not uncommon for Bill to provide assistance during emergencies. In fact, the directions he relayed over his CB saved countless lives when he rerouted families to the closest trauma center. Just imagine Bill’s voice on your Waze App!

Bill loved sitting in the rocking chair in the center of the living room, like a king on a throne. One of our favorite memories is walking into the living room and hearing Bill immediately reciting the days current events. He was the family newsman, without the aid of a teleprompter!

Bill is survived by his brother, Frederick Barton; sister, Teresa Barton McCollum (husband Shawn McCollum, nephew Cooper McCollum, and niece Kendall McCollum); numerous Aunts, Uncles, and cousins in the Hudson River Valley of New York. He was predeceased by his loving parents, George W. Barton, Sr. and Laretta Mae Barton, nee Bartolotta.

In lieu of flowers we would appreciate donations to St. Jude Children’s Hospital in Memory of George “Bill” Barton.