



Barry Grimes-Hardie

January 31, 1946 - July 5, 2025

In Loving Memory of Barry Grimes-Hardie

Barry Neal Grimes-Hardie, a beloved son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away July 5, 2025 at the age of 79. Known for his radiant energy and the way he lit up every room he entered, Barry lived a life defined by passion, purpose, and deep generosity.

From a young age, Barry was driven by a desire to serve and uplift others. He left home early to join the Army, and after his service, he continued his commitment to justice by joining Stokely Carmichael's Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), dedicating himself to the fight for civil rights and equality.

Barry was a true Renaissance man—an activist, artist, and captivating storyteller. He had an uncanny ability to draw people in with his vivid and imaginative tales, whether recounting a dream, sharing a fictional narrative, or describing one of the many innovative business ventures he envisioned to make the world a better place.

His love for jazz music was a constant throughout his life. As a gifted jazz singer, Barry performed with his band at the Ritz-Carlton in Washington D.C., where they were recognized with several awards for their talent and artistry.

Music was one of many ways he connected with the world, expressing both joy and emotion through song.

Barry's generosity knew no bounds. He was the kind of person who would give you the shirt off his back without hesitation. He found joy in life's simple pleasures and taught those around him to do the same.

Those who knew Barry will remember his warmth, his humor, his fierce commitment to justice, and the way he made every person feel seen and heard. He leaves behind a legacy of love, courage, and storytelling that will live on through all who had the privilege of knowing him.

He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 10. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations
910 W. Michigan Street
Orlando, FL 32805
(407) 841-4424
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ I pray GOD’s grace, lovingkindness, and tender mercies be upon Barry Neal Grimes-Hardie in death as in life ..🙏 I pray his loving family is comforted by the blessing his life is to them and the rich memories they hold forever dear ~

Linda T. Hitchcock (Kia’s Mom) - July 10, 2025 at 07:51 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barry Grimes-Hardie.



July 09, 2025 at 07:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barry Grimes-Hardie.



July 09, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barry Grimes-Hardie.



July 09, 2025 at 01:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barry Grimes-Hardie.

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“ Anthony E. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Barry Grimes-Hardie.



Anthony E. - July 08, 2025 at 05:10 PM