

Barton, George “Mike”

October 21, 2024



GEORGE “MIKE” BARTON

1933 – 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of George “Mike” Allan Barton, who passed away peacefully at Pioneer Lodge in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, at the age of 90 years. The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to the staff at Pioneer Lodge for the compassionate care Mike received during his time there.

Mike faced many challenges in the last eight years, particularly after the passing of his beloved wife, Pat, on November 1st, 2016, and his battle with Parkinson’s Disease. Despite these difficulties, he remained resilient and surrounded by the love of his family and friends.

Mike was predeceased by his wife, Pat; and survived by his sister, Barbara Eagles, of Calgary, Alberta; children, Jay Barton and Candace Barton; and his cherished grandchildren: Tiffany, Regan, Riley, Caitlyn, and Ryan. He was also a proud great-grandfather to Dane and Peyton, whom he loved dearly and with whom he shared many joyful memories.

Born in Admiral, Saskatchewan, Mike was the son of George and Pearl Barton. His family later moved to Caron, SK where he spent his carefree childhood and met his future wife, Pat. Together, Mike and Pat built a life in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, raising their two children in a home filled with love, laughter, and adventure.

Mike lived a life full of diverse passions and talents. He was a licensed pilot, an avid restorer of classic cars, and a skilled musician who delighted his family by playing the guitar and singing for his children and grandchildren. He found joy in creating – whether it was through his artistic pursuits, crafting concrete sculptures, or building brickwork. His hands were never idle, as he always had projects on the go, including the annual skating rink at Buffalo Pound Lake where his grandchildren spent countless days skating and playing hockey.

Mike and Pat cherished their time at Buffalo Pound, which eventually became their permanent home after retirement. It was here that they welcomed family and friends, creating a lifetime of memories at their cabin by the lake.

Mike's professional life was one of deep commitment and pride. He began his career with the Moose Jaw Fire Department in 1964 and he dedicated nearly three decades of service, retiring in 1992. Over the years, Mike rose through the ranks, eventually becoming Fire Chief of Moose Jaw. He held a special place in his heart for the brotherhood he found at the Fire Hall, and the camaraderie he shared with his colleagues lasted long after his retirement. His infamous "End of The Year Pool Parties" are fondly remembered by all who attended. Mike was grateful for the lasting friendships and visits from his fellow firefighters, who continued to support him in his later years.

In addition to his distinguished career, Mike was an active and generous member of his community. He was deeply involved with the Rotary Club and the Salvation Army Church, always willing to

lend a helping hand or volunteer his time. Mike's warmth, kindness, and love for his family left a lasting impact on those who knew him. He had a special bond with his nieces and nephews, and his niece Cheryl, who lived with the family for many years, held a unique place in his heart. Her support was a great comfort to both Mike and Pat in their later years.

Mike Barton was a loving husband, devoted father, proud grandfather, and caring brother, uncle, and friend. He touched many lives with his generosity, creativity, and unwavering dedication to his family and community. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but his legacy of love, service, and kindness will endure.

The family will be holding a private graveside service to honor Mike's life and memory. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Andrew Pratt, Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.



Brenda on October 21, 2024 at 5:02 pm

We'd like to express our condolences. We always enjoyed our friendship and get togethers with Mike and Pat. Thinking of you.

Edna Boan, Brenda, Dale and Terry.

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Bill Pyle on October 23, 2024 at 5:25 pm

So sorry to hear of Mikes passing
Mike spent many hour in the gym with his boved A shift crew

He loved the comradity of the gym
I'm sure he'll me missed from all he nee him

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2.



Terry Phillips on October 21, 2024 at 6:28 pm

To the Barton Family, my deepest condolences on the loss of Mike, he was a great man.

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Peter Shields on October 22, 2024 at 11:27 am

My sincere sympathy to the Barton family, may your memories bring you comfort

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3.



Shirley Tillie on October 22, 2024 at 6:56 am

I first met Mike and George at the High Park Riding Club in 1964. Such caring and thoughtful men. Mike was always a hero to me. We have been friends all those years and I will miss that. My deepest sympathy to his family. A great man who lived a great life, RIP my friend.

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4.



Bonnie Trumbley on October 22, 2024 at 8:48 am

I was very sorry to hear of the passing of Mike. Although I didn't know him well, my dad, Maurice Lowe worked with Mike at the firehall for many years and thought very highly of him. My sincere condolences to all of the family.

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Blair & Roberta Bucsic on October 22, 2024 at 11:26 am

To the Barton Family: Please accept our deepest condolences. Mike will be missed by all who knew him, calling him friend. We will keep him and you in our prayers.

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5.



Wayne and Helen Clayton on October 22, 2024 at 8:55 am

Our deepest condolences to the family. Mike was a great friend especially at the lake. Mike was one of the best.

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6.



Garth & Kim Palmer on October 22, 2024 at 10:48 am

Our condolences to the Barton family. Mike was a good friend and a great work mentor.

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7.



Linda Stirton on October 22, 2024 at 2:53 pm

My sincere condolences to all of the family. I got to know Mike and Pat when they rented my house during one winter so that they could be in the city. They were both wonderful people. Although sad that Mike has passed, he will now be with Pat once again.
With sincerest sympathy.

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8.



Del and BevAnderson on October 22, 2024 at 3:55 pm

Our condolences to Mike's family Mike worked with Del's dad at fire hall so got to know Mike and Pat through their friendship. They were the nicest people you could know. Mike was one of a kind and will be missed by all that knew him

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9.



Tim Armstrong on October 23, 2024 at 8:31 pm

My deepest sympathies to all of the family on Mikes passing. Mike was one of my favourite people from the time I met him some 46 years ago. He always brought a smile to my face when we talked. Rest peacefully Mike.

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10.



Robert Bullied on October 24, 2024 at 9:15 am

Sincere condolences to the family. Mike was a wonderful person and a great friend to my sister threw the riding club. My sister also worked with Pat at Sask Tel for many years. He will be missed by all the family. Now he and Pat will be together once again. Sincere sympathy to all the family.

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11.



Tyler Grado on October 26, 2024 at 12:53 pm

My condolences to the family. Jay was one of my best friends growing up. I spent countless hours at the Barton's house and have nothing but great memories of both Mike and Pat. From almost drowning in the pool to the numerous ski trips to Kimberley, there is literally too

many awesome memories to list. Mike was the coolest dad in the neighborhood and all of us admired and looked up to him. He was the best of his generation. Honest, generous, extremely hard working, tough as nails and an unmistakable sense of humor. A mentor to all us kids. That's how I'll remember Mike Barton. He was one of a kind and will truly be missed.

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12.



Darrell H on October 15, 2025 at 11:11 am

My condolences to the Barton family for your loss of Mike. He was a good comrade at the Fire Department and always willing to help the department during his time served. RIP.

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