



Barry M. Austern

November 2, 1942 - April 11, 2023

AUSTERN, Barry Michael, age 80, passed away April 11, 2023, beloved husband of Susan Austern, devoted father of Heather Austern Price (Adam Price), loving grandfather of Reena Yocheved Price and Chananiah Menachem Price, and dear brother of Ann (Charles) Sullo. Preceded in death by his parents, Abby and Harold Austern, and his brother Donald Murray Austern.

As Valedictorian of his high school class, Barry received the Pulitzer Scholarship, which granted him a free education at Columbia University. He received a Master's degree at NYU and a PhD in biochemistry from UMass. He worked at the EPA in Cincinnati for his whole career. Barry was a real renaissance man. He was a private pilot, an amateur photographer, a cyclist, and an avid computer user. He was also very involved in Jewish studies, especially with Rabbi Walter. He was an active and proud member of Mensa, AppleSiders, and The Sons of the Desert/The Chimp Tents (The Laurel and Hardy Club), and also enjoyed cruises. He held several Brotherhood positions at several synagogues, and was the last President of Congregation B'nai Tikvah.

Funeral Services Monday, April 17 at 1:00 PM at Weil Kahn Funeral home, 8350 Cornell Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45249. NO VISITATION. The service will also be live streamed at <https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/87003>.

Private burial will follow the service. Shiva will be observed at Congregation Etz Chaim, 8100 Cornell Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45249, Monday, 6:00-9:00 P.M. and Tuesday and Wednesday, 6:00-8:00 P.M with Minyan held at 7PM Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mourners meal will be held from 5-6PM on Monday evening at Congregation Etz Chaim. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Temple Sholom, Congregation Etz Chaim, Mensa Scholarship Fund, or AppleSiders would be appreciated.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

Weil Kahn Funeral Home
8350 Cornell Road
Cincinnati, OH 45249

NO VISITATION.

Tribute Wall



“ Weil Kahn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Barry M. Austern



Weil Kahn Funeral Home - April 12, 2023 at 04:36 PM

GJ

“ I did something I don't usually do on Facebook when I asked to Friend Barry. He was very cautious about me, but accepted, after I told him how interesting I found his comments and discussions. I was always learning things from him and loved his sense of humor. I found him to be a gitte neshuma with a heart of gold. I'm so glad I got to share in his life, however briefly. May his memory be a blessing.

Gloria Joffe - August 03, 2023 at 10:39 AM

GP

“ I met Barry online in 1991 & we immediately found a shared love of puns. Barry kept my mind engaged all these years --challenging me to think more deeply. I will ever miss his punny humour and intellect, as well as his devotion to Judaism, in which he's also helped me.

George Pope - July 30, 2023 at 12:26 PM

SF

“ I knew Barry only on line but will always be grateful for his willingness to share puns and jokes as well as problems. May G-d bless him and his family.

Sue Fishalow - May 25, 2023 at 09:27 PM

TU

“ I have such fond memories of Barry from my time in Cincinnati. He was a fellow congregant, my Hebrew student, and a friend. Susan and family: מן השמים תנחמו
Tuvi

Tuvi - April 17, 2023 at 05:02 PM

NG

“ My condolences to his family. Barry and I shared a birthday (different years) and we're hamster friends. Will miss him

Nancy Grabarczyk - April 17, 2023 at 05:01 PM

GS

“ Barry was a loyal and faithful member of the Cincinnati chapter of the Laurel and Hardy Appreciation Society - "The Chimp Tent". As organiser and first leader of this group, we all enjoyed Barry's great sense of humour and camaraderie he engendered to the group. Always with a smile (and a joke worthing groaning over), he had a great laugh and was so well-liked by all. He added so much to everyone's enjoyment - and again, his humour was one-of-a-kind. What a great man.

Gene Sorkin - April 17, 2023 at 02:32 PM

SW

“ Susan , Heather and the rest of your family , I am so sorry for your loss . My thoughts and prayers to all of you . Hugs and love , Sue Wolf .

Sue Wolf - April 16, 2023 at 03:40 PM

LS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Barry's passing. I worked with him at EPA. He was a good guy. Laurel Staley

LAUREL J STALEY - April 16, 2023 at 11:39 AM

DK

“ Together w our daughters, Barry and I were in Indian Guides and Princesses at the Blue Ash Y c40 years ago. More recently enjoyed visiting w him and Susan at B'nai Tikvah. Always enjoyed his intellect and, being a fellow punster, his puns. Will miss his laugh and good humor. z”l

David Kaber - April 15, 2023 at 09:43 PM

MH

“ Barry was always fun to be around, always had a story, joke, or an opinion on any subject. His humor and sense of fun will be missed by many. Sincere sympathy and prayers for Susan and family.

Marianne P Hall - April 15, 2023 at 06:07 PM

RD

“ Those slippers made me wonder about Barry. But after a few Mensa gatherings, I got to know him, and I'm so glad I did. His sense of humor was a real addition to the Mensa SIG Family Reunions,.I'll miss him.

Ruth Danielle - April 14, 2023 at 12:55 PM

BL

“ *Brea Ludwigson lit a candle in memory of Barry Austern*



Brea Ludwigson - April 14, 2023 at 11:22 AM

DS

“ *My condolences to the family and to his wife Susan. I only met Barry once, when he did a cruise to Sydney Australia, he was always such a happy man with an enormous heart and plenty of puns. He will be missed* ❤️❤️❤️

Debbie Spek - April 14, 2023 at 07:29 AM

SW

“ *Barry was one of the first Mensans that Meagan and I met...it took me a minute to get over the furry slippers! Our memories of Barry will live forever...his advice and quick wit will never be forgotten! He will be missed, but forever in our hearts.*

Shannon Warren - April 14, 2023 at 12:24 AM

AB

“ *Anne W Brossy lit a candle in memory of Barry M. Austern*



Anne W Brossy - April 13, 2023 at 06:31 PM

AB

“ I knew Barry from years of attending Mensa gatherings in Ohio. I will always remember his furry slippers and his humor, to which I would always say SUB in a very loving way. I can't believe I won't get to see him ay another RG. I will miss him.

Anne W Brossy - April 13, 2023 at 06:30 PM

BS

“ I remember Barry from my work the Cincinnati EPA Research Laboratory..While I didn't know him well; it was obvious to me he was smart,an outstanding employee and had a good soul. May his memory always be for a blessing.

Bob. Schneider - April 13, 2023 at 01:39 PM

JC

“ I've known Barry for years through Mensa. I'll always remember him for his puns, his kindness, and his gentleness.

Jody Carlson - April 13, 2023 at 10:13 AM

AC

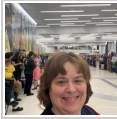
“ Barry and I shared a Mensa cruise, where he had misadventures with his rooms and the ship's handling of his passport, leading him to rename the ship *The Scum*. Ironically, at the precise time of his funeral, I should be having an embarkation day sit-down lunch on ship from the same cruise line.

Andrew Chong - April 13, 2023 at 04:41 AM

CH

I remember Barry from when we both worked at the EPA. He always would share a moment to say hello. The first time that I went to Etz Chaim for a friday night service I felt hesitant walking in through the door. But, among the people there at the service was Barry who said hello and remembered my name. That made me feel comfortably at home! I also remember that for Purim he wore a tee shirt onto which he had drawn an ester diagram. Barry, wherever your are now, I hope you will have an ester tee shirt with you.

Christon Hurst - April 16, 2023 at 08:26 PM



Barry was a dear friend, made me laugh and taught me many lessons. He will truly be missed by all

Tiffany Everett - April 17, 2023 at 01:03 PM