



Barry Paul Sterken

July 27, 1959 - August 21, 2025

Barry, a lifelong resident of Ponchatoula, LA and dedicated member of the Ponchatoula Volunteer Fire Department, passed away Thursday, August 21, 2025, at the age of 66. He was a dedicated member of Trinity Baptist Church where he also served as a Deacon. Barry was a gifted aircraft mechanic by trade and had a talent for fixing just about anything, often with a creativity that would make MacGyver proud. Whether it was a broken engine, a household repair, or a problem no one else could solve, he always found a way and did it right the first time. When Barry wasn't lending a hand or tinkering in his workshop, he found peace in the woods and on the water. He loved hunting, fishing, and traveling, especially when it meant sharing those moments with friends and family. Above all, Barry was an exceptional father, always present, always patient, and endlessly proud. His legacy will live on in the lives he's touched, the things he's built, and the values he passed down. Barry will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Gay Robertson Sterken; daughter, Amanda Sterken; sons, Benjamin Ernst, Haze Sterken, Knox Sterken; and brothers, Tillman Sterken Jr. (Angie), and David Sterken (Michelle).

Barry was preceded in death by his daughter, Kayla Ernst; and parents, Tillman and Sylvia Sterken.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation at Trinity Baptist Church on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 12:00 p.m. Bro. Avery Dixon will officiate with interment to follow in the church cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Baptist Church Cemetery

42062 Pumpkin Center Rd.
Hammond, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 26. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church
42062 Pumpkin Center Road
Hammond, LA 70403

Funeral Ceremony

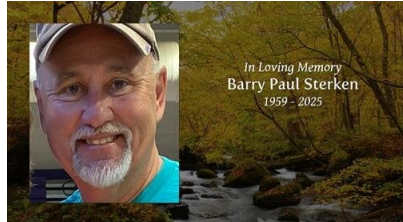
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Trinity Baptist Church
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Hammond, LA 70403

Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barry Paul Sterken*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - August 25, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barry Paul Sterken.*



August 26, 2025 at 09:16 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barry Paul Sterken.*

August 26, 2025 at 09:16 AM

MG

“ *Mr. Barry was so kind and very supportative of his family and their activities, hobbies and talents. We will miss seeing him at our theatre productions. Mrs. Gay, Haze and Knox, thank you for sharing him with us. May you cherish the wonderful memories you made together. With heartfelt condolences, Mrs. Mel and the TAP Theatre group.*

Melani Glascock - August 25, 2025 at 03:47 PM

MG

“ *Melani G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barry Paul Sterken.*

Melani G. - August 25, 2025 at 03:18 PM

TF

“ *The Bergeron & Taylor Families purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Barry Paul Sterken.*



The Bergeron & Taylor Families - August 25, 2025 at 03:00 PM

TF

“ *The Bergeron & Taylor Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barry Paul Sterken.*

The Bergeron & Taylor Families - August 25, 2025 at 03:00 PM

LG

“ *Mr. Barry was such a blessing to us and such an encouragement. He always put a smile on anyone's face. He is truly going to be missed.* ”



Laurie A Green - August 25, 2025 at 10:45 AM

JS

“ *John, Kristina, Brenley, and Sam purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Barry Paul Sterken.* ”



John, Kristina, Brenley, and Sam - August 24, 2025 at 02:54 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barry Paul Sterken.* ”



August 24, 2025 at 09:25 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barry Paul Sterken.* ”

August 24, 2025 at 09:25 AM

RG

“ *David, Michelle, and the Sterken family...my most heartfelt condolences and prayers for you all during your time of grief. May God provide you with strength and comfort.*
Rosemary Gardner

Rosemary GARDNER - August 23, 2025 at 07:38 PM

KF

“ *Kory Byers and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barry Paul Sterken.*



Kory Byers and family - August 23, 2025 at 04:21 PM

RM

“ *My sympathies for Gay and his family. May our good Lord wrap His loving arms around you and help you through this difficult time*

Robbie Menesses - August 23, 2025 at 03:25 PM

ST

“ *Susan Todd purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Barry Paul Sterken.*



Susan Todd - August 23, 2025 at 02:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barry Paul Sterken.



August 23, 2025 at 12:13 AM



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“ Barry was a dear friend for a very long time. My sympathies for Gay and his family. May our good Lord wrap His loving arms around you and help you through this difficult time. Love to all ❤️🙏🙏

Brenda Cutrer Cassels - August 22, 2025 at 07:39 PM



“ This is so heartbreaking 💔. Barry was a kind gentle soul and it grieves me that Gay and his children are having to face this loss. I pray that the peace that surpasses all understanding fill them as they process their grief.

Gretchen Twickler - August 22, 2025 at 06:06 PM



“ I will remember all the Memories of our High School Graduation together 1977. Roslind (Toostie) McKay

Roslind McKay Batiste - August 22, 2025 at 04:51 PM