



Clifford "Tony" Barras

June 6, 1958 - June 17, 2025

Clifford "Tony" Barras, 67, passed away on June 17, 2025, in La Quinta, California, after courageously battling cancer for 13 months.

Born on June 6, 1958, in Sault Ste. Marie, Tony grew up with a passion for sports, playing hockey, football, and tennis during his years at Sault High, from which he graduated in 1976. He went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Ferris State University, where he also became a proud member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

In the 1990s, Tony began a long and successful career in the trade show industry. He dedicated over 27 years to EWI Worldwide/Term Group, serving as Vice President of the Labor Division, and earned the respect and admiration of colleagues across the industry.

Tony was known for his boundless kindness, generous spirit, and the deep love he had for his family and friends. His radiant smile is something all who knew him will forever hold dear.

Tony is survived by his beloved wife, Stephanie. Their love story began during the trying times of COVID, a bright spot that brought them together when the world seemed so uncertain. He is also survived by his sister, Debra Michaels-Cain, and her husband, Kevin. Tony was a devoted uncle to his nephews and

their families: Jamey Michaels and his son Bryson, and Jarrett and Jamie Michaels and their children Kynsley, Ellee, Jonah, and Callie.

He will also be deeply missed by Jake, Drew, Levi, and Ava D'Andrea; Peyton D'Andrea; and Maddie, Hendrix, and Bryce Davis. In addition, Tony is survived by extended family members Penny Joss, Pam Ingold, Ed Joss Jr., Terry Joss, Marissa Lahey, and Natalie Newton.

Tony is further survived by many cousins and countless dear friends whose names could fill pages. He was preceded in death by his loving parents, Cliff and Ruby Barras.

Stephanie and Debra would like to express their deepest gratitude to Rich Baum, Rusty Walsh, Gentry Smith, Ed Joss Jr., Penny Joss, Tony Pinto, and Joe Cardarelli for the hands-on care, love, and steadfast support they offered Tony throughout his courageous fight.

A Celebration of Tony's life will be held on Friday, September 5, 2025, at Family Life Funeral Homes, 4951 S. M-129, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, where all who loved him can gather to honor his memory. A Memorial Gathering will be from 10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. The Memorial Service will follow immediately at 12:00 Noon.

Memorial Contributions may be made in Tony's honor to the Sault High Hockey Team, 2 Ice Circle Chimukwa, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or Nasopharyngeal Research- donate.cancer.org

"Energy cannot be created or destroyed, it can only be changed from one form to another."

—Albert Einstein

Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Obituary as submitted by family.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

SEP 5. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ Mark Brighton purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Clifford "Tony" Barras.



Mark Brighton - September 03, 2025 at 12:27 PM

DK

“ Deb & Mike Kadow purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Clifford "Tony" Barras.



Deb & Mike Kadow - August 12, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Clifford "Tony" Barras.



August 04, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Clifford "Tony" Barras.

August 04, 2025 at 09:11 AM

PO

“ I've known Tony since High School. He was good friends with my cousin and once he moved away, he would return for holidays and I would get a phone call to come see him. Tony was a great guy. He was fun to spend time with. I will always remember him fondly. RIP Tony.

Patti Osterhout - July 31, 2025 at 10:07 AM

 Tim
Pruitt

My heart truly goes out to Stephanie and the entire Barras family. Tony was one of the most genuine persons and best friends I have ever met. He always was full of enthusiasm, had a smile on his face, and an encouraging word for everyone. We had many, many fun times together and some great conversations about life. I only wish we all could have shared several years more with him on this earth. I'll never forget him. See you on the other side my brother. I know you're up there smiling and skating as fast as you can.

Tim Pruitt - September 04, 2025 at 06:27 PM

MD

“ *My stepdad — I miss you so bad it hurts.
But somehow, every time I think of you, I smile through the ache.
Seventeen years of memories that I'll carry with me forever.*

Snorkeling in the Caribbean, boat days on the Penalty Box, long walks in Laguna Beach grabbing BBQ chicken from Albertsons... just for Rocky and Bear to beat us to it.

Watching my son meet you for the first time — a full-circle moment I'll never forget.

Sharing birthdays just days apart, always celebrating side by side. The fancy hotels, the adventures, the way you made sure my brother and I experienced the best life possible.

Thank you for being only of the best people to enter my life, I'm sure many can say the same.

I hope I'm making you proud. ❤️

Sending love to everyone hurting from this heartbreaking loss. My brother, myself & my kid are sending condolences to all of you 🙏



Madison Davis - July 30, 2025 at 03:29 PM