



Johnnie Barber

July 27, 1951 - May 5, 2022

BARBER, Johnnie, 70, of Millersville, TN, passed away May 5, 2022. He spent his life pursuing and performing his passion of playing drums and making music. He offered his knowledge and talent for music to anyone that would listen. He was and is a legendary drummer for legendary artists. He is immensely loved and will be missed by many.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Nicholas & Mary Alice Barber.

Survived by his wife of 50 years, Lennie Barber; son, Christopher John Barber; half-siblings, Serena Granata & Frank Thompson; brother-in-law, Gerry (Pam) Fischer; nephews, Marc Fischer, Robbie Fischer, and Jake Grenata; and all his brothers and sisters in the music industry.

Visitation will be Monday, May 9 from 4pm to 8pm. Services will be 12pm Tuesday, May 10 at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home. Interment to follow at Spring Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Music Cares. <https://www.musicares.org/?form=donate>

Cemetery Details

Spring Hill Cemetery

5110 Gallatin Rd.
Nashville, TN 37216

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **9**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home
2707 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN US 37216
Nashville, TN 37216

Service

MAY **10**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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2707 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN US 37216
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Tribute Wall



“ I got to play with Johnny for 3 yrs at Skulls on printers alley , hes a great drummer and was a good friend . RIP Johnny

Ed Casbohm - February 19 at 02:25 PM

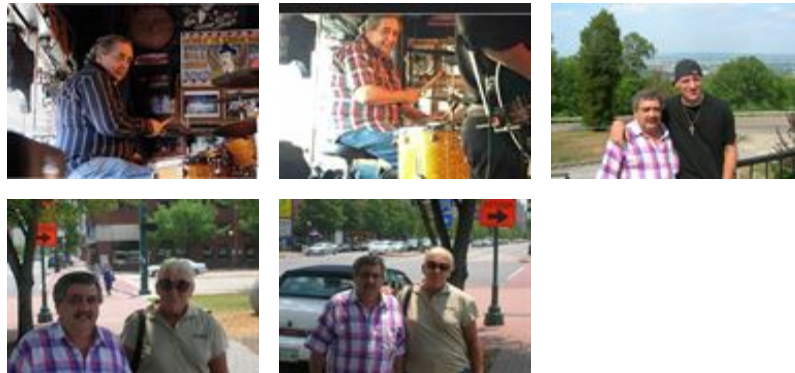


“ Johnnie Barber

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



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Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - May 09, 2022 at 11:45 AM



Johnnie not a day goes by

Jack Propps - September 04, 2025 at 12:59 PM

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“ *Johnnie came to work with my Grand Ole Opry group, The Four Guys, in 1972. He was the best percussionist by far we had encountered in our group’s history at that time. He remains among the best we employed throughout our 33-year career. More than his talent, Johnnie possessed a unique sense of humor and kept peace and harmony among the other band members and his employers as well. Along with our numerous Opry Shows and road travels, he played on countless recording sessions with us, including one of our most popular albums, OPRY ENCORES. He was truly a great musician and an all-around great guy. He will genuinely be missed by all who knew him, especially yours truly. Prayers to his wife, Lennie and son, Chris.*

Sam Wellington

Sam Wellington - May 09, 2022 at 10:34 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Johnnie Barber.*



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“ *Lynn and Christopher, sorry for your loss. We shared a lot of special memories. Prayers for the two of you.*

Harvey & Norma

Norma Richardson - May 05, 2022 at 08:30 PM