



Barry Elbert Backlund

August 20, 1947 - July 27, 2019

Barry Elbert Backlund, 71, of Greeley, passed away on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley.

He was born August 20, 1947 to Carroll O. & Ethel I. (French) Backlund in Greeley, Colorado. He was a graduate of Greeley High School's Class of 1965 and received his Bachelor's Degree from Long Beach State in 1970. He went on to work for the Garden Grove, California Police Department from 1972-1975, the Orange, California Police Department from 1975-1989, the San Jacinto, California Police Department from 1989-2002 where he retired as a police commander.

On March 29, 1969, he married Gloria Gail Stevens in Canyon, Texas. She and Barry have lived in Greeley since 2004. He enjoyed being on the computer, but also worked with his hands doing wood working, leather tooling and reloading ammo.

He is survived by his wife, Gail Backlund, his son, Eric Ian (Nicole) Backlund of Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, his daughter, Courtney (Michael) Tallman of Stillwater, Oklahoma, brothers, Rollin Backlund of Firestone, Colorado and Darwin Backlund of Mt. Home, Idaho, a sister, Colleen Dugan of Fort Collins, Colorado, and 2 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carroll and Ethel Backlund.

Private family services will be held.

Comments



“ This is Dick French, Barry's cousin. I was a couple years younger than Barry but we went to the Backlunds frequently on weekends and Barry and I were often set aside to play with each other. We played a lot of cowboys and Indians by taking kitchen chairs turning them around backwards slapping belts across the seats for stirrups and then hi ho silver away we went. Barry had a rich imagination and was always good to be around. I hated to think that he missed out on a lot of activities in his later years due to the illness he received from a mosquito. Life has a funny way of affecting all of us. I miss you Barry, Godspeed.

Dick French - August 02 at 08:04 PM



“ I first met Barry and Gail at college and we were in the law enforcement program together 1965-1967. After graduation he and Gail (Tex) moved west but we never lost track of one another. Barry was a man of integrity and had an inner strength many of us could only wish for. Judy and I loved Barry and still treasure our friendship with Gail. Gail our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Chuck Campton

Chuck Campton - July 31 at 07:52 PM



“ Loss of a great friend. I love you you brother.

Randy Hicks - July 30 at 11:51 PM



“ Worked with Barry at San Jacinto PD. Sorry to hear of his passing. Way too early



Dennis Love - July 30 at 11:46 PM



“ Happy Homegoing, Barry

Jan Vigil Lytle - July 30 at 09:00 PM



“ Barry and I grew up together and then we both wandered through life after High School where we went on separate trails. Barry's family and mine were friends before we were born sharing many holiday picnics and events. But we were able to touch base on and off. He was a professional and a fighter dealing with whatever that appeared in his path. So Many Memories. He will be missed by many. Paul Pyka

Paul Pyka - July 30 at 07:01 PM



“ Gail and family I am so sorry to hear this. Think about you often, my thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

Roger Mauck - July 30 at 06:57 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Barry Elbert Backlund.



July 30 at 06:31 PM



“ Thank you Barry for our time we spent together at the Orange Police Department. Thank you for service to Law Enforcement. Larry Pore'

Larry Pore' - July 30 at 05:48 PM



“ I worked with Barry during his tenure at OPD, I had met Gail but never met his children Ian and Courtney. Barry always spoke fondly of his family and you knew he was dedicated to them. He was a kind soul and those who knew him remember him this way along with his knowledge that he shared. Rest easy Barry.

Barbara Brown

Barbara Brown - July 30 at 05:32 PM



“ Barry was a role model. Very easy to get along with and a knowledgeable Police Officer. Barry had a great sense of humor. Always enjoyed working with him.

John - July 30 at 07:17 PM



“ Linda French Maupin. I am so deeply sorry to hear of Barry's passing. His mother and my father were sister and brother. Rest In Peace dear cousin. Roger and Linda French maupin

Linda French Maupin - July 30 at 10:31 PM



“ Thank you for your service to community and your family. We miss you already Uncle Barry. My favorite memory of Barry was when the family would come home to Colorado every summer. We would all gather at Grandma and Grandpa Backlund's house. Us kids would try to bum rush Uncle Barry and tackle him to the ground. He proceeded to fold each kid up on the ground with precise law enforcement technique. All seven of us would only do this routine once or twice because we knew what the inevitable outcome would be. Rest easy Uncle Barry. We've got the watch from here.

Tom, Katie and Cooper

Tom Dugan - July 30 at 02:47 PM



“ I didn't know Barry real well but I sure did like him. He was sweet and kind. He will be dearly missed by all. Even going through all he has had to endure over the years he kept his sense of humor. He was married to one of my dearest friends "Gail" whose friendship I treasure. I wish you peace in heaven Barry. Like Gail told me, you will now have the best seat in the house to watch the Broncos. Please say hi to my husband Mike and maybe have a piece of Lefsa together.
Love Kathy Tollefson

Kathy Tollefson - July 30 at 01:18 PM