



William R. "Billy" Barthel, Jr

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William R. "Billy" Barthel, Jr Obituary

William R. "Billy" Barthel, Jr., 72, life long Vermilion resident, died Sunday, June 22, 2025. He was born April 7, 1953 and graduated from Vermilion High School. For over 50 years, he was an excavator and owned/operated B&B Excavating. Billy enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, going to flea markets and trying his luck at the casino. He was mechanically inclined and loved working on his own equipment and vehicles. His family and friends knew him as someone they could always count on; he would do anything for anyone at anytime. Billy's pride and joy was his grandson, Theo, whom he loved taking for rides in the golf cart around the yard.

Billy is survived by his wife of 11 1/2 years, Lynda C. (nee Lichtenberg); his sons, Andrew Barthel and Matt (Courtney Johnston) Barthel; grandson, Theo and a sister, Chris (Ed) Martin. He also leaves behind several nieces and nephews, and his little Border Collie "Shop Buddy", Kenzie.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Catherine and William Barthel, Sr. and siblings, Tom, Janice, Carol and Mary.

A memorial mass will be Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 10:30 am at St. Mary Church, 731 Exchange Street, Vermilion. A reception will follow mass from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the church hall.

To send flowers
to the family or plant a tree
in memory of William R. "Billy" Barthel, Jr, please visit our floral store.

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Tribute Wall

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AB

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For William R. "Billy" Barthel, Jr posted:

A Memorial Tree was planted for William R. "Billy" Barthel, Jr We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

April 22 at 8:56 AM

ES

Expression Of Sympathy posted:

Small dish garden was purchased for the family of William R. "Billy" Barthel, Jr. Send Flowers

April 22 at 8:56 AM

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Expression Of Sympathy posted:

Down by the sea was purchased for the family of William R. "Billy" Barthel, Jr. Send Flowers

April 22 at 8:56 AM

WM

With Loving Memories posted:

Mauve memories was purchased for the family of William R. "Billy" Barthel, Jr by With loving memories. Send Flowers With love , the Tom Barthel family Terri , Sherrie , TJ, Summer and their families. With loving memories

April 22 at 8:56 AM

WK

With All Our Love, Dave & Mary Lynn Kolhoff posted:

Forest fresh was purchased for the family of William R. "Billy" Barthel, Jr by With all our love, Dave & Mary Lynn Kolhoff. Send Flowers

April 22 at 8:56 AM

GT

Georgianna (Harry) And Julie Thompson posted:

Light remains tribute blanket was purchased for the family of William R. "Billy" Barthel, Jr by Georgianna (Harry) and Julie Thompson. Rest easy in heaven your work is done here on earth. You will be very missed by all who were blessed to call you friend. Love The Thompson family. Georgianna (Harry) and Julie Thompson

April 22 at 8:56 AM



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DG

Dennis, Vikki & Gage posted:

Designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of William R. "Billy" Barthel, Jr by Dennis, Vikki & Gage. Send Flowers Keeping you in our thoughts & prayers. Dennis, Vikki & Gage

April 22 at 8:56 AM



Anonymous posted:

Petals aglow was purchased for the family of William R. "Billy" Barthel, Jr. Send Flowers Billy. A good friend, like a brother to Tony. Always a smile. Our sincere & heartfelt condolences. The Anthony Dellisanti family

April 22 at 8:56 AM

JF

John Herchler Sr And Family posted:

We are sad to hear of Billy's passing. His father gave me my first job. Then Billy worked for my company, Herk Excavating He was a good employee and man Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this time of loss.

July 2 at 10:58 AM

KT

Kevin Thompson posted:

Billy was a great neighbor and was always nice to all of us! He lived with his dad in the 3rd house down from us on rt 60. He done concrete work for my mother back in the 80s and always helped us out when needed. He will be missed dearly!

June 28 at 8:10 AM

JN

Jim Normando posted:

Hope we are not repeating but did not see message with pictures we posted. First off we are so sorry Linda, Chris, Andrew and Matt. Billy was a loyal and fun friend. Our favorite memory goes with pictures we posted. Billy was entered in demolition derby at Lorain county fair. He had the idea if he put snow tires on car he would get more traction . Well he certainly did he zoomed across track peppering everyone in stands and over top with mud. Classic Billy one of a kind.

June 28 at 5:03 AM



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DM

Dean Maclean posted:

Billy did my excavation on homes that I had built in my earlier years. I don't know how to say this but man he was a cowboy as far as what he did for a living. He was great at it. Loved working with him. He's a lot of fun hell of a guy sorry to see him go

June 26 at 2:54 PM

CG

Christy Gehring posted:

Billy always had a smile. I appreciate you Billy for always being a part of my sons life (Mike Sebo Jr)

June 26 at 1:12 PM

JW

Jenifer Conn Wilkerson posted:

I remember Billy as a fun loving, and nice guy. I'm sorry for your loss Chris. Jenifer

June 26 at 7:49 AM

BH

Bryan Henson posted:

Uncle Billy was all about family. He loved when the whole group would get together for a party. He always seemed to be enjoying life, which was very contagious. He was a true Barthel in the sense he's never met a stranger. He never stopped working, never stopped doing.....(most of the time for others). I'm certain he wouldn't hesitate to give someone the shirt off his back. In fact I'm sure he has a time or two. I didn't spend a lot of time with Uncle Bill as an adult, but I would be remiss not to mention my childhood, and how he played an integral part in it. From camping trips, fireworks shows behind Uncle Tom's house and driving dump trucks and front loaders. We had a blast to say the least. You will be missed.-Bryan

June 26 at 5:38 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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