



## Paul Barry Bermingham

May 3, 1938 - September 16, 2017

Hampton - A true New Englander born in Dartmouth, MA on May 3, 1938. Barry, a resident of Hampton, passed on September 16, 2017 after a courageous battle with injuries suffered long ago in service of his country.

Barry completed a Master's degree in Boston and had accepted a job on Wall Street when he was drafted. He chose instead to enlist in the Air Force and attend Officers Training School in Texas, Intelligence school in Colorado and Vietnamese language school in Washington DC. He was not surprised to end up in Pleiku, Vietnam near the Cambodian border. Having a private pilots' license he flew low level reconnaissance missions, interrogated prisoners and was honored to become a tribesman of the local Montagnard's and observe their traditional customs. His Vietnamese language skills allowed him to travel off the compound to teach English to Vietnamese nuns. Barry was lucky to survive one of the first major offensive attacks by the Vietcong when his compound was raided. Barry left Vietnam for Enid, Oklahoma to enter Air Force pilot training. He became a test pilot for the Air Force, flew F-135's and refueled F4's. Barry returned several times to Vietnam for 3 to 6 month tdy's. Realizing the enormous risk of continued active duty he left the military, but remained in the reserves. He retired as a Colonel after 30 years of service to his country.

His civilian career was with the Federal Aviation Administration where he rose to Deputy Director of Systems Safety, Nationwide. His passion for aviation saw him fly Air Force One to keep his airman currency. When he left government service he took on the role of VP of Operations for the new Pan Am Airlines where he finally retired.

He leaves his wife, Barbara, of 52 years and his large family including Mark and Juliette Bermingham, Paige Witham and her husband Jonathan, John Bermingham and his wife Mary, Jordan Bermingham and his wife Margaret as well as 8 adored grandchildren, Connor, Jared, Riley, Rebecca, Eli, Joseph, Travis and Finnegan. Barry also leaves two brothers, Jack and Mark, and a sister, Ann.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Hampton Meadows Clubhouse, 154 Hampton Meadows, Hampton on Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 12:45 PM in the Old Fort Meyer Chapel at the Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA followed by interment with full military honors.

# Cemetery

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## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington National Cemetery  
Arlington, VA, 22244

# Events

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<b>JAN</b>	<b>Funeral Mass</b>	12:45PM
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	Arlington National Cemetery Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA, US, 22244	

# Comments

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“ To the family of Paul,

A graduate of Coyle High School in 1956, Paul was a standout person during his high school years, respected and a leader. I spoke to Paul at our 55th reunion. His warmness and big smile had continued. May he rest in peace for a life of greatness and sharing to all he met.

Love to each of you--Mike Zajac New Bedford, Mass.

**Mike Zajac-Coyle 1956** - September 28, 2017 at 09:48 AM

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“ Dear Bobbi and family. We just heard of Barry's passing. Our sympathies and prayers go out to you all. I'll always remember the fun we had at bridge!  
Trish and Mike Farren

**Trish Farren** - September 25, 2017 at 07:34 PM

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“ Dear Bobbi and family,  
So saddened to hear of Barry's passing. He personified patriotism and what makes America great. It was an honor to know Barry as a neighbor and friend. KNOW you and Barry are in our thoughts and prayers.  
God Bless,  
Judy and Peter Curtis

**Judy Curtis** - September 23, 2017 at 06:05 PM

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“ Barbara and kids,

A true gentleman that will be surely missed. It was a real pleasure for me to get to know Barry as a Daedalian, but even more so when we used to volunteer at the Loudon Raceway to help raise a few dollars for the Flight. It was always a pleasure to be in his company, not only for his in-country "war stories" but the smile that was always there around his fellow Daedalians. I salute him for his dedicated service to our nation and I salute you for the total love that sustained and nourished him, especially during these past difficult months. May God bless all the Bermingham's during this difficult period. He will not be forgotten.

Chris Nevins

Chris Nevins - September 23, 2017 at 01:24 PM

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“ Dear Sir,,,,I did not know you but I wish to thank you for all you did for my country..May God Welcome you with open arms and my he keep you family safe...Thank you Sir

Margo B Collins - September 22, 2017 at 06:14 PM

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“ Dear Bobbi, you and the family have been in our constant prayers since we learned of his passing. I know this is such a loss of your dear loved one and partner. I cannot imagine and am so very sorry for your loss. I remember Barry at Maggie and Jordan's wedding. He was a kind man who loved his family. We pray that you will find consolation with many fond memories as well as the man you knew was no longer there. We will continue to keep all in our prayers. Please know we are here if we can help you in any way. Maura and David Fennell

Maura and David Fennell - September 21, 2017 at 01:57 PM



“ America thanks Col. Bermingham for his service.

Dr. Thomas J Sullivan, Fallbrook, CA

Seamus - September 27, 2017 at 01:10 AM



“ Dear Bobbi, Mark, Paige, John, Dan We cannot express our deep sorrow but we have many shared memories that have become our precious treasures. Prayers and love to all. Babe and Rosie

D. Bruce - September 27, 2017 at 08:22 AM



“ Dear Bobbi, I have been wanting to send you a note to tell you how sorry I was to read about Barry's death, but I do not have your address. We have been living in Dartmouth since we left Bedford 43 years and every time I see Gerry Hickey I think of you and Barry, our good neighbors on Putnam Road. Wishing you peace in the days ahead. Mary Mandeville

Mary Mandeville - November 12, 2017 at 12:10 PM