



## John D. Barton

September 26, 2016

### Obituary of John Barton

John "Sarge" Barton took his last motorcycle ride on September 25 and joined his friends and family in God's embrace on September 26. John had elected to be a tissue donor and in death was still helping others.

John also wanted to help his fellow veterans and was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. His friend and fellow Vietnam Veteran, Kenneth Weidle invited him to ride in the demonstration organized by Rolling Thunder®, Inc. to raise awareness for our prisoners of war and missing in action on Memorial Day weekend 2002. That fall of 2002, John joined Rolling Thunder®, Inc. New Jersey Chapter 2 to help his fellow Veterans in need. John served the chapter as Chairman of the Board and Vice President. John recently moved to Leesburg, and transferred to Florida Chapter 7.

John graduated from Neshaminy High School in 1968 and was drafted into the US Army shortly after. John served in Vietnam in 1969 and 1970 with the 44th Medical Brigade. In Vietnam he met Kenneth Weidle and they have been brothers ever since. John went on to serve nearly 25 years in the Army and retired as a Sergeant First Class. John did want to be a teacher but college was not in the cards for him, but in the Army he did realize his dream of teaching. He encouraged and taught thousands of soldiers the skills they

needed to survive in the Army and become better soldiers and better people. In the Army John became a Truck Master and was an instructor for large vehicle operation.

After the Army, John went over the road as a commercial truck driver and later a driving instructor at Shore Tractor Trailer and Superior Tractor Trailer schools. When teaching at Shore in 1999, he met his third wife Kathleen. Together they drove over the road for CR England before settling down in Browns Mills, NJ. John and Kathleen recently celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary. He retired in 2012 from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst as a driving instructor for a government contractor after nine years.

John is survived by his wife Kathleen, his son John David Barton, Jr. and his son's mother and his first wife Ann, granddaughters, Crystal Rose Barton, Lillian Gray Barton, Laurel Snow Barton, and Jacqueline Joseph Barton, brothers Robert Barton and Kenneth Barton, nephews Christopher Barton and Steven Barton, step-sister Shirley Dooley Yard, step-brothers Wayne Dooley and Donald Dooley. He was preceded in death by his father Lewis Barton, mother Lillian and step-mother "Peggy" Margaret.

John was blessed to have many friends from Rolling Thunder®, Inc., the military, through his various employments, and finally here in Leesburg.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, October 10, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida with Military Honors.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Florida Chapter 7, 1039 N. Paul Dr. Inverness, FL 34453 or Rolling Thunder®, Inc. New Jersey Chapter 2, PO Box 478 Forked River, NJ 08731.

# Tribute Wall

AS

“ Dear Kathy, You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Our sincere condolences on the sudden death of your husband, John. We know that you both had many happy years together. May God comfort you with loving memories.

Ann & Gary Stabile - October 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I am so sorry to hear about your brother, Bob. Sending love and a. If hug to. Otha you and Diane.

Laura Borchard - October 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ I didn't know Mr. Barton, but I do know Dave, and I'm very sorry to hear this news.

Peter James Smith - October 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ John D. Barton

Bob barton - October 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Bob barton - October 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ As Commander of Hawthorne Memorial post 6389 I extend our greatest sympathy from our post. It is never easy to lose a loved one and a comrade. Though we hardly had a chance to know John he did attend meetings and had some great experiences to share with our members. John will be surely missed.

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**James Therkildsen** - October 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *John D. Barton*

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**Kenneth Weidle** - October 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *John, I will miss are rides through the back roads. And are chats about so many different things from complaining about people to just being a great friend. Rest in peace my friend and Brother.*

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**Rich Savar** - September 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *John D. Barton*

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**Rei Torres** - September 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Rest in peace, our Brethren in Arms, for you too have earned the right to be at ease. Leave to us the living, the task at hand that for many years you devoutly dedicated time and efforts honoring the many who served this great Nation. You will always be with us on every ride we take, on every ceremony we participate, on every parade we watch. To Kathy, our dear, I hope you find console knowing that we are forever grateful for sharing your life with John and for bringing him happiness, for looking out after him, especially during these last years. Celebrate his life alongside friends and families, for the many happy memories surely outweighs the burden we feel today. Our thoughts and prayers, now and always...

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**Rich Savar** - September 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was trucking solo and then you hopped up into my truck and my life. You were my partner, my boyfriend, my husband and the best thing that ever happened to me. It was great going team with you. But God called you to him, took your log book and put you out of service. So once again I must run solo. I don't know how long you will have to wait for me again but when I catch up you know you will always be first seat.###GESTURE###

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**Kathleen** - September 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**Kathleen** - September 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**Kathleen Sensi-Barton** - September 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *John D. Barton*

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