



## Mr. Roy Leon "Buzz" Barton

July 30, 1928 - June 29, 2018

Roy Leon "Buzz" Barton, 89, passed away Friday, June 29, 2018 at The Waters of Lebanon. A lifelong resident of Lebanon, Buzz was born of July 30, 1928. He was a son of the late Clarence S. and Marjorie (Weitzel) Barton.

Married for over 52 years to Mary Lou (Ritchie) Barton, she was the love of his life. They were married August 20, 1949; she passed away June 1, 2002.

As a teen he caddied golf at Ulen Country Club for 55 cents and set pins at the local bowling alley. Buzz was a 1946 graduate of Lebanon High School, where he was active in sports and glee club.

Mr. Barton worked at Winkler's during the war, making shells for the Army. He then worked briefly with Frank Heflin and Associates, where he met Mary Lou Ritchie, his future wife. Later he worked at Lenox Lincoln Mercury as the bookkeeper/manager for forty four years.

Buzz loved volunteering. He was known as the "Red Coat Singer" at Witham Memorial Hospital where he volunteered over twenty years. Buzz also delivered food trays for the hospital cafeteria. He visited and sang for people in Senior Services as well as the Retired Teacher's Choir and tutored for Stokes Elementary School for a few years.

Buzz enjoyed sports, playing bridge and traveling. He played baseball,

softball, golf, and bowled. At age 17 he was the first bowler in Lebanon to have a 700 series on games of 226-248-279 for 753. This beat the old record by 66 pins. That same year he had a record high game of 285 for Lebanon. Once he bowled a 299 as a make-up game for the traveling league that was never sanctioned. The Lebanon Bowling Hall of Fame inducted him and three others as their inaugural group. His best finishes in the ABC National Competition was 7th place in 1957 (716) and 12th place in 1956 (675). He took several trips with his family driving around the country, visiting many states.

On May 18, 1991 Lebanon's past Mayor, the late Ann Garoffolo-Goar, named a "Buzz Barton" Day, for his many contributions to the community. His memberships include Centenary United Methodist Church and Bowling Hall of Fame.

Survivors include his children, Sue Ann (Donald) Brooks, Ritchie Lee Barton of Lebanon; four grandchildren, Megan Brooks, Dustin Barton, Matthew Barton, Tyler Barton; great grandson, Archer Barton; sister, Patty Lou Davies; daughter-in-law, Sally Barton. In addition to his parents, Buzz was preceded in death by one brother, Raymond E. Barton.

Funeral services are planned for Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service on July 3, at the funeral home in Lebanon. Interment will follow services at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon.

Memorials may be made to Centenary United Methodist Church, Witham Memorial Hospital, Indiana United Methodist Children's Home, Boone County Senior Services, The Lebanon Caring Center or the Charity of the Donor's Choice. Online condolences: [MyersMortuary.com](http://MyersMortuary.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

935 East Washington Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Myers Mortuary  
1502 North Lebanon Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052  
(765) 482-0620  
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<https://myersmortuary.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Roy Leon "Buzz" Barton*

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mr. Roy Leon "Buzz" Barton.*



June 30, 2018 at 10:23 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to the family. I was one of the very lucky to have Mr. Barton sing to me at Witham, during a hospital stay. How I enjoyed it! He brightened my days there.*  
*Cindy Zimmerman*

**Cindy Zimmerman** - June 30, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ *There was only one "Buzz" Barton. What a treasure. The world will never be the same without his cheerful and loving spirit. How many of us were blessed when the "red coat singer" would stop by our in-patient cubicle or hospital room at Witham Hospital and serenade us with a brief and uplifting melody? What a fine gentleman. The world has lost a fine and loving soul. May he rest in peace.*

**Patty Gates** - June 30, 2018 at 02:42 PM

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“ So sorry Ritchie and family!



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**Dennis Smith** - June 30, 2018 at 06:53 AM

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“ Sally Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy  
Leon "Buzz" Barton



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**Sally Byrd** - June 30, 2018 at 06:20 AM