



Barry Lee Fichter

September 13, 1942 - November 15, 2020

Command Master Chief Barry L. Fichter, USN (Ret.) 1942 – 2020 Obituary
Barry Fichter, born in Hazleton, PA on September 13, 1942, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 15, 2020, surrounded by his wife and children, after battling a long illness at home.

Barry was a devoted family man and a father figure to many. He is survived by his wife and comforting companion of 48 years, Belinda Margarete (Margie) Fichter; his siblings, Donna Conrad and Gary Fichter; his children, Michelle Fichter Guzman (and spouse Alexis Guzman), Krystal Fichter Guerrero (and spouse Juan Guerrero Jr.), and Brian Fichter (and spouse Nancy Flores Fichter); and his grandchildren, Jordan and Justin Guzman, Christion Fichter-Smith, Naomi Guerrero, and Isabella, Gabriella, and Isaiah Fichter.

He joined the US Navy in 1960 and proudly served for 30 years. As an electronics technician, he was a field engineer in the South China Sea and Vietnam, managed the Navy Astronautics Group in Maine, and a Telecommunications station in the Philippines. He was Command Master Chief for Naval Forces Marianas and Naval Surface Group Western Pacific, a finalist for Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy in 1985, and retired as Force Master Chief, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command in Washington, DC.

During his Vietnam deployment, he served aboard a US Navy Destroyer, USS Warrington, which was blown up and required the ship to be towed to Subic Bay, Philippines. It was there where he met his beautiful bride, Margie.

Following his military retirement, he continued to serve his community for 15 years as a Program Chair/Lead Instructor for the Electronics Telecommunications program at TESST College of Technology (now Kaplan College) in Alexandria, VA before retiring to Florida in 2004.

Barry was well loved and respected, and will be missed dearly.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 9am at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home, Southside Chapel, 1727 Bartow Rd, Lakeland, FL 33801.

A Navy Honors Burial Service will follow at the Sarasota National Cemetery at 1:30pm, 9810 State Road 72, Sarasota, FL 34241.

Cemetery Details

Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL 34241

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 25. 9:00 AM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel
1727 Bartow Road
Lakeland, FL 33801
(863) 688-7679
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Tribute Wall



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Barry Lee Fichter



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - November 21, 2020 at 07:53 AM

HH

FICHTER FAMILY AND FRIENDS, I GOT UP EARLY TO WATCH SERVICE AND AS I DID I TOOK A TRIP BACK IN TIME, NAVAL STATION, SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES. I FIRST MET BARRY AND I DID SEE YOU, NOW GROWN BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN AND YOUR MOM. YOU KNOW REST OF STORY, 46 YEARS, NORRY. I SAW, THE LOVE AND CARE FOR BARRY 2019, I TRIP WE WILL FOR EVER BE GLAD WE MADE. BARRY AND I TALKED MORE IN DEPTH THAN EVER DURING THE PREVIOUS 46 YEARS OR SO. I WILL REFLECT AS YOU AND GO FORE WARD UNTIL MY END-TIME. I, WE DO LOVE YOU AND CARE ABOUT YOU. MARGIE(SIS) GOD BLESS AND ALLOW YOU TO REST. PRAYERS AND YES, TEARS, UNK MIKE, NORRY, ALL.

Harry Halford - November 25, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ Barry Lee Fichter

November 17, 2022 at 10:14 AM

KG

“ *Krystal Guerrero lit a candle in memory of Barry Lee Fichter*



Krystal Guerrero - November 25, 2020 at 11:18 PM

MG

“ *1 file added to the album Barry Fichter's Celebration of Life*



Michelle Guzman - November 25, 2020 at 05:57 AM

SC

Going to miss you Uncle Barry. We Love you! Great memories. God bless 🙏 Sean/Laurie Tyler,Aiden and Lilia

Sean Conrad - November 25, 2020 at 08:14 AM

RC

I met Barry in May of 1970 in Advanced Electronics School (ETB School) at Treasure Island California. He we were both Chief Electronic Technicians. He was the class leader of the first class I taught. What a great great guy and class leader. The next time I saw Barry was on the Chief Petty Officer's Club in Subic Bay Philippines with his beautiful fiancée Margie. After that we worked together to keep the manning up at the Navy Facility in Cutler Maine. Our final naval interaction was when I relieved Master Chief Barry Fichter as the Force Master Chief of the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Washington DC. He was a great guy and a good friend. God bless Barry and his family. I think of you all often.

Richard Curtis - November 18, 2024 at 03:34 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barry Lee Fichter.*



November 23, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barry Lee Fichter.*



November 23, 2020 at 05:02 PM



“ *My family visited Barry (my cousin) and Marge in Maine when I was about 14 years old. Barry had somehow managed to get access to a cottage on the coast for a few days, and we spent the rest of the week at their house. Marge and Barry were such fun and generous hosts. The trip made such an impression on me that when I graduated college, I looked for a job in Maine. My wife and I moved to Maine in 1991 and raised a family of our here. I will always be thankful to Barry and Marge for that very special week!*

Mark Fichter - November 23, 2020 at 04:36 PM

YF

“ *Your TACRON TWELVE Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Barry Lee Fichter.*



Your TACRON TWELVE Family - November 23, 2020 at 02:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barry Lee Fichter.*



November 23, 2020 at 01:21 PM

KJ

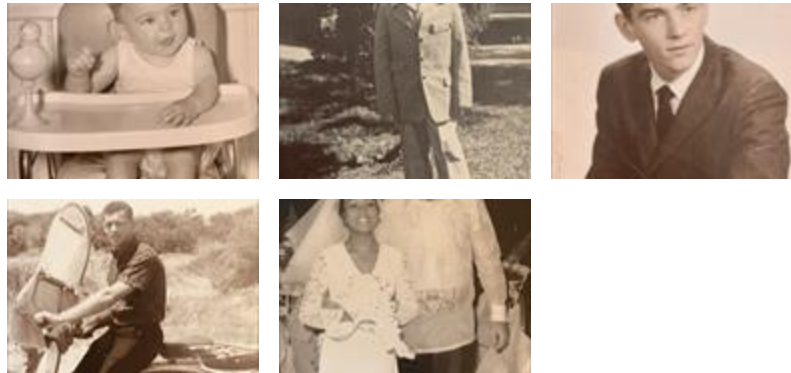
“ *Kumareng Pearly, Kumareng Ray, Reya & Justin purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Barry Lee Fichter.*



Kumareng Pearly, Kumareng Ray, Reya & Justin - November 22, 2020 at 01:43 AM

MG

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Michelle Guzman - November 21, 2020 at 11:06 PM

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“ I FIRST MET BARRY 1973, I WAS ON CPO CLUB ADVISORY BOARD, SUBIC BAY, NAVSTA. BARRY WOULD ATTEND BRD MEETINGS AND HE, HIS MOTU UNIT KEPT THE SOUND SYSTEM AT IT'S PEAK. THE RELATIONSHIP CONTINUED OVER THE YEARS TO PRESENT. I MARRIED HIS WIFE, MARGIE'S, SISTER NORY. MOST MEMORABLE VISIT, THANKSGIVING 2019. WE, BARRY AND I HAD THE MOST INFORMATIVE CONVERSATIONS, EVER. I'M THANKFUL. CLOSING, SO VERY SORRY, HARRY HALFORD, NORY, FAMILY, SAN DIEGO.

Harry Halford - November 21, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barry Lee Fichter.



November 21, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barry Lee Fichter.*



November 21, 2020 at 09:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barry Lee Fichter.*



November 20, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Barry Lee Fichter.*



November 20, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“ *Brian Fichter lit a candle in memory of Barry Lee Fichter*



Brian Fichter - November 20, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ Dear Donna- I'm so sorry for your loss I know you were very close, I don't recall meeting Barry but Hans talked of him frequently. Stay strong. Don

Donald May - November 19, 2020 at 09:29 AM

MG

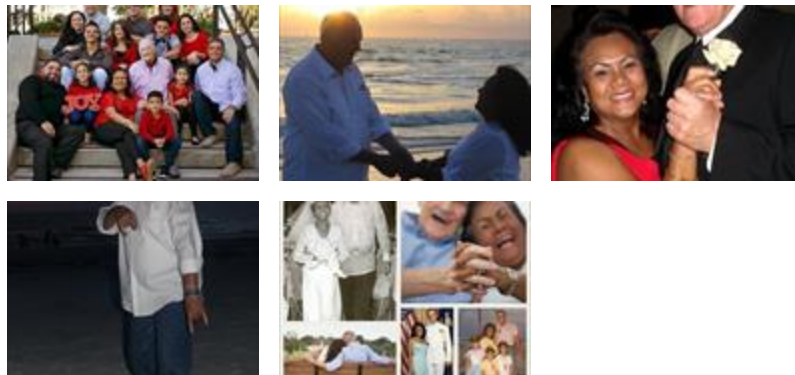
“ Michelle Guzman lit a candle in memory of Barry Lee Fichter



Michelle Guzman - November 19, 2020 at 06:03 AM

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Michelle Guzman - November 19, 2020 at 05:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barry Lee Fichter.*



November 18, 2020 at 11:30 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Barry Lee Fichter.*



November 18, 2020 at 10:50 PM



“ *Laura Gore purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Barry Lee Fichter.*



Laura Gore - November 18, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Barry Lee Fichter.*



November 18, 2020 at 01:40 PM

GM

“ 2 files added to the album Photo Gallery



Gentry Morrison - November 18, 2020 at 08:12 AM