



Charles "Bucky" Barton Sills

January 22, 1958 - March 2, 2021

Charles "Bucky" Barton Sills passed away on Tuesday March 2nd of complications due to heart disease. He was 63 years old.

Bucky was born on January 22, 1958 in Alexandria, VA to parents Cecil and Marie Sills. He married his wife Melinda on November 3, 1984 and was happily married for the duration of his life. Bucky was a contractor, builder, and entrepreneur, working with his wife and two brothers, Jim, and Bo, to run the family real estate business which was started by their parents Cecil and Marie. In 2019, the business was named Business of the Year by the City of Manassas Park, where it is headquartered.

Bucky was a serial hobbyist, with avid interests in shooting sports, firearms instruction and coaching, woodworking, and barbequing. He pursued each of his hobbies with inspiring vigor, frequently involving his family and friends in his ambitious endeavors. He was proud to have trained an Olympic gold medalist in 10-meter air rifle. Bucky was also a tremendous contributor to his community, serving as a volunteer fire fighter and firearms instructor, and frequently barbequing at charity events.

Bucky is survived by his wife Melinda, his three children Ryan, Andrew, and Amanda, his grandson Mason, his children(-in-law) Paul, Jillian, and Katelyn, and his brothers Jim and Bo. He will be dearly missed by his many friends and

colleagues through his participation at the National Rifle Association and the Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America. He will be remembered for his lively, boisterous personality, his dedication to friends and family, and his impressive accomplishments as an entrepreneur and hobbyist.

His family intends to hold a celebration of his life with family and friends at a future date. In lieu of flowers, to celebrate his love of animals and coaching please donate to:

- Deepwood Animal Rescue Fund (checks payable to DARF and mail to 7300 Ordway Rd., Centreville, VA 20121)
- Centreville High School Air Rifle Team (checks payable to CVHS Rifle with memo note "Bucky Sills" and mail to 6001 Union Mill Rd., Clifton, VA 20124) which he helped found

Tribute Wall

BD

“ Bucky was a good friend of my family through Demolay and Jobs Daughters. It is tough in that I also lost Clark Sprouse to Covid a year before. I remember him meeting some of us on the West coast of Florida where he took us out on his dad’s boat. I will never forget any of them and the great times we had. Rest In Peace Bucky!

Bobby and Tammy Dunwoody

bobby dunwoody - October 21, 2022 at 01:09 PM

BR

“ Bucky ,We knew you and loved you. what a great friend, you will be greatly missed.
from all of us at Stoneberger Door service

Barbara Ralls - March 09, 2021 at 09:26 AM

JL

“ I first met Bucky through our Lion's club. Whenever we had a chance to work together on a project, his passion for life, family and charity for others was infectious. I am thankful for the short time he shared his life with me and will carry that smile with me forever.

Jim Larson

Jim Larson - March 09, 2021 at 06:14 AM

BM

“ Bucky was our landlord for almost 21 years. Whenever we called him with a problem in our workshop, he was ALWAYS there for us. Words cannot express how devastated we were to hear of his passing. We are forever grateful for him and for how he treated us as tenants. We are thankful to have been a part of his life.
Lawrence & Bina Giles
Reliable Rails, Inc.

Bina Martin-Giles - March 08, 2021 at 01:44 PM



“ With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Charles "Bucky" Barton Sills.



March 08, 2021 at 09:46 AM

SW

“ We knew Bucky for about 35 years and never knew a time when we did not enjoy talking to him and enjoying mutual interests. He had a tremendous knowledge of many things and willing to share experiences that helped us all. When we heard of his passing we got tears in our eyes. A great loss to us all.

Scott and Al

Scott Wessol - March 07, 2021 at 05:26 AM

Liane Whalen

“ *Liane Whalen lit a candle in memory of Charles "Bucky" Barton Sills*



Liane Whalen - March 07, 2021 at 02:51 AM

MB

“ *Bucky was incredible. He volunteered many hours for the ARL-FX Chapter of the IWLA doing construction, running the education and training program, mentoring junior shooters as well as adults and feeding many with his delicious BBQ. I learned a lot from Bucky about instructing, coaching and life in general and I will always remember how he helped me as well as many others when we sought out his mentorship.*

Mark Budgeon - March 06, 2021 at 06:43 PM

HW

“ *I don't think I ever spent a minute with Bucky that I didn't feel that I was privileged to be in his presence. He was always approachable, totally humble, and personable. I don't think I ever passed him on the AR-FAX road that he didn't wave or stop to pass the time. He was always concerned about others, enjoyable to be with, and a wonderful caring person. He always seemed to be doing something for the chapter, for one of the teams, or for someone who needed his help. I will miss him tremendously.*

Hal Wilson - March 06, 2021 at 05:39 PM



“ He was, quite simply, one of the best. I will always associate him with the Arl-Ffx IWLA and the good times had there. He was a man who got things done, who made the world better for his presence. I loved his lack of censorship. You always knew how he felt about issues. I will always remember him with love and admiration. Beth Hellmann



Elizabeth Hellmann - March 06, 2021 at 02:14 PM

BC

“ A kinder man I never met. He always greeted me with a "Hey Bruce" and a smile. Will be missed greatly.

Bruce Crandlemire - March 06, 2021 at 01:29 PM

TC

“ Tom And Nancy Ciarula lit a candle in memory of Charles "Bucky" Barton Sills



Tom and Nancy Ciarula - March 06, 2021 at 01:18 PM

TC

I picked the color yellow for the fact that he really like the pineapple in the fruit container when there was food served for the board meeting.

Tom and Nancy Ciarula - March 06, 2021 at 01:19 PM

JF

“ John Helvey And Family lit a candle in memory of Charles "Bucky" Barton Sills



John Helvey and Family - March 06, 2021 at 11:47 AM

DS

“ We have lost a true pal. Always a smile and wave passing by. Willing to help with anything and great neighbor. We will miss him and will remember him as one of a kind. Sending our love to the family. Deb & Jeff Sterling, Scott and Leslie

Deb Sterling - March 06, 2021 at 08:56 AM

TM

“ I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of Bucky. So sorry for the family and for the community. Bucky had a heart of gold. I have fond memories of the help he gave to our Girl Scout troop with badges and outings. He was so patient and caring with the girls. Bucky would give the shirt off his back to help anyone. He had a big personality and a big heart. He is gone too soon and will be missed by so many. My heart goes out to the family.

Teresa McDonough

Teresa McDonough - March 06, 2021 at 07:55 AM

 Liane Whalen

“ Bucky was a big man with a big presence and an even bigger heart. Truly was of the greatest men I have ever known. We were blessed to have him as a huge part of our life as a friend, coach and mentor. Bucky saved my daughter’s life by taking her under his wing after a traumatic brain injury. He gave her back her will to go on. Training her and believing in her helped her achieve her goals. His most memorable quote he always told her was... “Watch your thoughts, they become your words; watch your words, they become your actions; watch your actions, they become your habits; watch your habits, they become your character; watch your character, it becomes your destiny”. Coach Keali and I along with the entire community are heartbroken.

Liane and Keali Chang

Liane Whalen - March 05, 2021 at 10:43 PM

SB

During the short time that I come to know Bucky I found that he touched a lot of people’s lives during the time he was here on Earth. He seem to be a people person and was very active in everyday life. I know I will miss seeing him and wish his family the best.

Sam Brewer - March 06, 2021 at 08:36 AM

NR

“ Bucky was about the best guy you could ever know! In the many years that I knew him I have some great memories, and I will miss him dearly. He was a great mentor to me, working for him when I was young, and was always there for me from the day we met. My heart goes out to Melinda, and the kids, of everything Buck ever did he was proudest of his family. He always called me Big Dog, but he was the true leader of the pack! I will never forget my friend Bucky.

Nathan Reedy

Nathan Reedy - March 05, 2021 at 09:02 PM

JG

Bucky was and always be a bright shining star in dark skies. His ready smile and steady resolve to serve and help those who knew him will be dearly missed. A great friend to all of us will never be forgotten
J. Pat Glynn

J. Patrick Glynn - March 10, 2021 at 07:40 PM