



## Barry Allan Gerber

December 18, 1963 - August 8, 2021

GERBER, Barry Allan-Following several health challenges, at the Stratford General Hospital on Sunday, August 8, 2021, Barry of Stratford in his 59th year. Beloved son of Allan Gerber and Merle (nee Brenneman) of Wellesley. Dear brother of Bonnie Mensch (Hans), Roger (Judy), Brad (Kim), Randy (Jayne) and Lori Douglas (Daryl). He will be sadly missed by his nieces and nephews; Ryan (Nicole), Brock, Nolan (Catrina), Ashley (Justin McLean), Matthew, Taylor (Taylor Wood), Kelsey Douglas and Tyler Douglas. Great uncle to Owen, Brayden, Blake, Colton and Nash. Predeceased by his niece Megan Gerber. He will be remembered by many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Barry was an avid hockey and ball player and worked at Patz Farm Equipment until a tragic accident at the age of 18 that left him a quadriplegic. He did not let his disability get in the way of living life to the best of his ability. He was involved in the management of a local hockey team, taught himself many computer applications, lived independently and travelled to Cuba, Jamaica and multiple times to Florida. In Florida, he enjoyed 'screening' the up and coming Blue Jays team and letting the sun shine on his face. He was also one of the first Quadriplegics in the province to drive a van which allowed him additional independence. No one will argue his love for the Montreal Canadians....he was probably their biggest fan. The family would like to thank Drs. Peirce and Haddad and the nursing staff on the medical floor at Stratford General Hospital for their kindness and compassion shown to Barry during the multiple hospitalizations and recent admission. Thank you also to the staff at Cheshire who provided Barry with the opportunity to live independently for so many years. We are forever grateful for providing Barry with that life experience. Barry will be missed but not forgotten...we were all blessed with his wonderful personality, humour and love. Friends may call at the FUTHER-FRANKLIN FUNERAL HOME, 1172 Henry Street, Wellesley on Tuesday from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Due to Covid restrictions, only a limited number of people will be allowed into the funeral home at any one time and all visitors must wear a mask and social distance. A private family service will be held at the Tavistock Mennonite Church on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 1 p.m. followed by interment at East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Stratford General Hospital, Tavistock Mennonite Church or Cheshire for Independent Living (Stratford).

[www.futher-franklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.futher-franklinfuneralhome.com)

Donations may be made by following these links:

Stratford Hospital Foundation

[www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?AID=421&ID=258&VER=1&LNG=EN](http://www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?AID=421&ID=258&VER=1&LNG=EN)

Tavistock Mennonite Church

[www.tavistockmennonitechurch.ca/](http://www.tavistockmennonitechurch.ca/)

Cheshire for Independent Living

[www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/5390](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/5390)

# Cemetery Details

## East Zorra Mennonite Cemetery

677044 16 Line  
Tavistock, ON N0B 2R0 (CA)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **10.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Futher-Franklin Funeral Home  
1172 Henry Street  
Wellesley, ON N0B 2T0 (CA)  
(519) 656-2880  
[chris@futher-franklinfuneralhome.com](mailto:chris@futher-franklinfuneralhome.com)  
<http://www.futher-franklinfuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

AUG **10.** 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Private Family Services

AUG **11.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Tavistock Mennonite Church  
131 Wettlaufer Street  
Tavistock, ON N0B2r0 (CA)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Barry Allan Gerber*

January 17, 2023 at 11:01 AM

TL

“ *Our sincere sympathies to the Gerber family.*

*Tim & Joanne Leis*

Tim Leis - August 15, 2021 at 08:46 PM

SU

“ *Dear Bonnie, Hans and the entire Gerber family; Nothing anyone can say will take your pain away but know you are in many hearts. So sorry for the loss of Barry. He truly lived life with the life he had and that is a gift. Rumi quote: Goodbyes are only for those who love with their eyes. Because for those who love with heart and soul there is no such thing as separation. With our hearts in yours- Susan Little and Maribeth Youngblut*

Susan - August 14, 2021 at 07:05 AM

RP

“ *My deepest condolences to Bear's family and friends. I had the pleasure of knowing Barry for many years when I worked for Cheshire. We shared so many laughs together and our common love for old coin collections! Barry was such a kind soul and he will truly be missed by so many as everyone who knew him, loved him. Rest easy Bear. Go Habs Go!*

❤️ *Robin (Batman)*

Robin Palmer - August 10, 2021 at 08:48 PM

JR

“ *My deepest condolences to the entire Gerber family. Barry was a great man that made a huge impact on so many lives. He will be missed dearly.*

Jamie Reid - August 10, 2021 at 08:04 PM

LD

“ *Our deepest sympathy to all the Gerber Family. Remembering Barry's sense of humour and how much of an inspiration he was to so many people. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*Dan and Liz Diebolt*

Liz Diebolt - August 10, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ *Will be missed at the building and Cheshire.*

Shawn Clarke - August 10, 2021 at 11:01 AM

NB

“ *With heartfelt condolences to Allan, Merle and family.*

*May fond and cherished memories of Barry bring you peace.*

*Len & Norma Brenner*

*(A donation has been made to the Cheshire Homes of London,)*

Norma & Len Brenner - August 10, 2021 at 10:48 AM



BB

“ *Bonnie Battler*

*Sending our Very Deepest Sympathy to Allan & Merle and your Family on the loss of such a special Son, Brother, Brother-In-Law, Uncle & Friend to many. Thinking of all as you walk through the difficult days ahead. We keep you in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless All! 🌸*

*Roger & Bonnie Battler*

*Tracy & Brad Battler*

Bonnie Battler - August 09, 2021 at 03:23 PM

SH

“ *Sue Hammer lit a candle in memory of Barry Allan Gerber*



Sue Hammer - August 09, 2021 at 01:57 PM

SH

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to the Gerber family. I have fond memories of time spent with Barry and his family.

Sue Hammer - August 09, 2021 at 01:55 PM

FF

“ From the Gascho family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barry Allan Gerber.



From the Gascho family. - August 09, 2021 at 09:50 AM

PK

“ Bear was such a fantastic friend. Jim and Bear would make the trip every summer to visit us and chat. We will miss him so much. Love and prayers to the Gerber family. xoxoxo. Love Rob and Peg Kropf.



Peggy Kropf - August 09, 2021 at 07:58 AM

AB

“ Sending all my thoughts and love to the Gerber family. I supported Barry as a PSW in the past and it's so easy to say that he made every work day better. There was no denying his humour and kind heart.

Abbie - August 08, 2021 at 07:02 PM

RF

“ Rose Family lit a candle in memory of Barry Allan Gerber



Rose Family - August 08, 2021 at 05:59 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Barry Allan Gerber.*



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August 08, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ *Chris Franklin lit a candle in memory of Barry Allan Gerber*



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**Chris Franklin** - August 08, 2021 at 03:40 PM