



## Captain W. Barber

February 18, 1930 - January 13, 2012

Captain Chuck W. Barber, 81, of Punta Gorda, Florida passed away January 13, 2012.

He was born February 18, 1930 in Herkimer, New York the son of Stanley and Evelyn (Ertman) Barber.

He enjoyed boating and the water very much.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory, his wife Karen Sjursen, 3 children, Christina Countryman, Steven C. Barber, and Vanessa Deutschmann, 2 step children, Frank J. Thorne and Glen K. Thorne, sister Patti Brownlee, 9 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren.

A celebration of life memorial will be held on Sunday, February 12th at 2:00pm at Burnt Store Marina, Punta Gorda. This memorial will be immediately followed by a private sunset service for the family on Charlotte Harbor waters.

Contributions to the American Cancer Society in Captain Chuck's name are gratefully received in lieu of flowers.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of Gendron Funeral & Cremation

Services Inc., 135 N. Lime Ave, Sarasota, Florida 34237 941-365-1767.  
Online condolences may be made at [www.gendronfuneralhome.com](http://www.gendronfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Captain W. Barber*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Captain W. Barber*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Although I had not met the Captain, I have a profound respect for the courage and drive of his son Steven. One can only pursue a life's work in honoring our troops and fallen due to ethics and principals placed in their heart by their parents.  
Fair winds and following seas, Sir.*

**Meriwether Ball** - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I didn't know Chuck that well, because I live out of state. However the times that I was with him was great. I could tell that he was a strong man with the will to do anything. I will never forget the boat ride to Captiva!! Which I would of had the opportunity to know you better, but the short time that I had I will cherish. Never met a real "Captain" before!! Your "sea" blue eyes i will always see as the captain you will always and forever you will be.*

**Lynette Ries** - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Uncle Chuck will always be remembered by me fondly!*

**Glenyss** - February 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I posted a brief Life Story about our trip across the state in 2002.

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**John Grover** - February 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FT

“ We can't even begin to say Captian; how you were such an important part of our lives. You were an idol, mentor and Father. We enjoyed spending our Thanksgivings and Christmas's together as a family. We enjoyed going to all the wonderful places with you by boat. We will miss the way you would sit back with your arms crossed and give that "Captian" look. We know even though you are not physically here with us you are still walking everyday side by side with us. Your strength will live on with us forever. With all our LOVE always and forever. Frank and Donna

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**Frank and Donna Thorne** - February 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ I met Captain Chuck by accident in 2001 when I hired him sight unseen for a charter from Mobile AL to Burnt Store Marina. During that voyage I got know and like him, but it was really during our numerous "airport shuttle" rides and our discussions about boating, politics and life that I began to understand and respect his adventurous spirit, kind heart and love for life.  
When Sandy and I decided to get married aboard the Sanibel Princess on Charlotte Harbor in 2005 I knew that having "The Captain" officiate at our ceremony would make our wedding even better. As you can see in the photos he did a fantastic job!  
Sandy and I will miss him, but even now when I close my eyes I can picture him out on the water, at the helm, enjoying life to the fullest.

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**Steve Leidholdt** - January 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Although many miles seperated us I thought of you often. I always beamed with pride when I talked about my Uncle Chuck and the charmed life he lived.He was always so happy.I'll always cherish our memorys.I love you and miss you Uncle Captain Chuck

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**Kevin Brownlee** - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Bon Voyage Captain Chuck from sister "Tita" and Gordon and your mates Kevin,Betty, Kathi and Donn. The Michigan Crew.

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**Patricia Brownlee** - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Hey Steven (and Christie and Vanessa)...so sorry to hear about your dad. I have long ago memories of him from Marion Drive and the Thousand Islands. Good ones to be sure! My parents have also spoken fondly of the time they spent with your dad in Florida. I'm thinking of you all in this sad time...

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**Maureen Little** - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ I am so sorry that we have lost such an amazing man ! Through the sadness I know that there is always a smile because he touched so many people in so many positive ways. As I sit here and read these notes through tears I cannot help but think of all the wonderful memories of Chuck. His sparkling blue eyes and magnetic smile were just the exterior of a wonderful soul! I had the fortune of sharing our birthdays last year over one of Karen's wonderful meals and I feel like I have been honored and I will forever cherish that evening with fantastic people. How wonderful to leave a legacy where everyone thinks of you and can only smile and feel warmth inside! Karen:I love you and if there is anything I can ever do to help heal your broken heart please let me know.I know how much love surrounds you right now and always.

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**Lisa DaCosta** - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ There are no words that can express the deep love, respect and admiration that I have for our dear Capt. Chuck. Not only was he the best brother in law EVER but he was a dear friend and like a father to me. Chuck's great wisdom has been a gift to me as he taught me good clean living and hard work is the key to a great life. As I remember wonderful time spent with him it is an inspiration and reminder to make the most of every day and every second, life is a gift that should never be taken for granted. Chuck has made a huge, very positive difference in both my sister Karen's life and mine. We will hold this goodness our my hearts forever and use it to carry on. It was an absolute honor to have had Chuck as a part of our family and an amazing friend.  
My sincerest regards go out to his children and family. Until we meet again my dear Capt. Chuck I hold you near and dear forever and always.

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**Sandy Fisco** - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VD

“ It is hard to find the right words to express the loss felt from Dad's passing. Reading these wonderful tributes is a great gift - to know how deeply his life touched others. He lives in my heart forever with many warm memories. Love knows no bounds...nor does the strength of my father's spirit. He is in every sunset, every wave, every strong wind, every calm sea. I love you, Dad.

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**Vanessa Deutschmann** - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Oh, I'm so sorry. I just found out. I feel so badly for you Karen. He was the best...the sweetest...gentle...man. There are no words..I'm stunned. God will take care of him now. Love, Barbara

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**Barbara J. Collins** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ How appropriate that I was on a cruise to Cozumel sailing the blue seas, Captain Chuck on 1-13-12 I lost a great friend when you left us to sail on free of pain. You realized with your Captain Wisdom the obstacles were too great to overcome and you had to change course! Everytime I am around water I will feel your spirit and love of the sea. The memory of you at the helm of your ship makes me smile knowing how all your friends felt safe and happy on your boat. You will always be in our hearts forever - and I am speaking for all your friends! You are loved and most important "Respected" as a great man! May you protect and watch over us that are still sailing our own seas on earth!!!  
Love you and miss you so much my friend. Lisa

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**Lisa Levendofsky** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Captain W. Barber

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**steven barber** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *Rest in Peace Capt. Chuck!*

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**Chris & Chris Rogiers** - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *To the finest Renaissance man I've had the privilege of knowing: I thank you everyday for showing me that Burnt Store Marina was the place I needed to call home. And I'll always treasure the time we spent together that first voyage when we shared a small memorial to my dad on Charlotte Harbor. Your blue eyes, kind smile and amazing capabilities on land, sea and air will be dearly missed. Thank you for being part of my life. Love always, Sandi*

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**Sandi Stricklin** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *Capt. Chuck was a great man and a pleasure to have known. He will be sadly missed by everyone here at Burnt Store Marina. We know he is the captain of the ship in heaven. Thoughts and prayers go out to Karen and the family.*

*Capt. Peggy & crew at Burnt Store Marina*

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**Peggy Wark** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Karen,  
We are deeply saddened to hear of Chuck's passing.

We will remember him fondly with you aboard Christivana.  
Also him scurring about the marina keeping track of everyone elses vessel.

Thinking of you. We'll miss Chuck too.

Sincerely,  
Bob and Pam

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**Bob and Pam Bristol** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Karen, We are very sorry for your loss. Captain Chuck was the first Professional Captain that I met after moving to SW Florida. I told Elsa that, that's what I want to to do when I grow up. We hope you are doing well. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Mike and Elsa DeLisio** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ So Sorry Karen to hear about Chuck. If you need anything you know I'm here.  
Your Friend, Ed

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**Ed Hutcheson** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ My deepest sympathy, Karen. He will be missed at Burnt Store Marina!

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**Kathryn Weicker** - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Thinking of you Karen. We had some great times together sailing. Miss you and hopefully will be speaking w/ you soon. xo Liz

Elizabeth Freer - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ I am so sorry for your loss my Karen. Capt Chuck was an amazing man. He would give a stranger the shirt off of his back.. willing to help anyone and everyone he could. He will be greatly missed by many, many people. Love you.

Kerri Kibbe - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Capt. Chuck Thank you for all the wonderful times both on Charlotte Harbor and off. You will be missed by all you touched on this world. The way you lived your life, Your absolute love for Karen, hard work and kindness for all should be a guide for all on this world to follow. We love you and miss you already.

Pat Lacey - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ So sorry for your loss. We enjoyed meeting Chuck this past summer and wish we could have known him better. The stories he shared that evening in Saugerties left us wanting to hear more... With much love...

Deb & Scott Kress - January 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

joe stidham - January 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ To my dear beloved husband and the Capt. of our ship, I will always remember the memories we've shared and cherish them always in my heart. We have had many wonderful and memorable journeys together. Our last adventure was not what we planned, but you fought like a Marine, may God Bless you for that, but in the end we will be together soon when my time comes. I love you my Capt, you were the love of my life and will cherish the times we had together always in my heart. I miss you sweetheart and love you even more than you'll ever know. May God Bless us both and all the supporting family and friends we have and help guide us through to some day being re-united. Amen OXOXOX

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**Karen Sjursen Barber** - January 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Captain Chuck,

*May you rest in peace! Aunt Karen let me know if you need anything at all.*

*Love  
Chad Sjursen*

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**Chad Sjursen** - January 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ He was so nice to have us come and stay with them on vacation in Cabo. Played golf with him in Florida and got to ride on his yacht. Steven always wanted his Dad to watch him on television.

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**Tamara Henry** - January 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Dear Captain Chuck:

*I shall remember you every time I enter Charlotte Harbour. You sold us on the marina and became my surrogate Dad and a role model for living a good life. Your brilliant blue eyes always made me smile.*

*Rest in peace with the knowledge you were loved by all and are carried in our hearts,*

*Thank you for being you. It was an honor and a privilege to be your friend.*

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**Mary E. Trask** - January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Captain Chuck will be forever in our hearts and thoughts. He lived life to the fullest and was willing to share it with us. We are forever grateful and honored to have spent time with him*

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**Lou and Ruth Lane** - January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Captain Chuck will be fondly remembered and sadly missed here in Burnt Store Marina. My condolences to all his loved ones. Fond memories and stories of his life are the perpetual memorial.*

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**Rachel Martin** - January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ *Every once in awhile someone enters your life that radiates their love for life and truly lives every moment. Chuck was one of those people. To be missed for sure but certain to be remembered. Rest in Peace my friend and thanks for your friendship.*

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**Gordon Derrington** - January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Thank You Captain Chuck for all of the wonderful memories, it was a pleasure to have been included in your world ! You truly were a remarkable man and I will treasure every moment and memory.  
Love Maggie

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**Maggie Fangmeier** - January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Chuck you will be missed more than you will ever know. I enjoyed our time together and commend you for your stamina and fight through all the hospital stays. Don't you worry we will take care of Karen....the love of your life. And I will truly miss your smile, blue eyes and how you enjoyed your back scratches and massages. I swear you still had muscle left in your arm and legs. All my love  
Emily. xoxoxo

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**Emily Henson** - January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM