



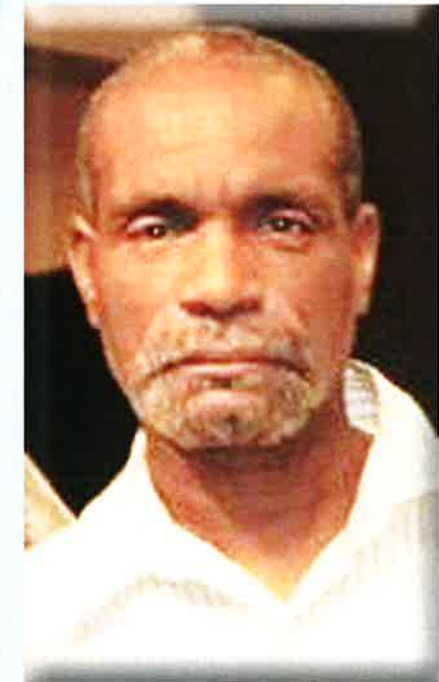
Before we depart from this temple, I would like to leave you guys with something. In order to have what you've never had! You have to be willing to do what you've never done. Don't be sad on this day, or from this day forth. But, be courageous! Be wise, be careful, be mindful, and be patient. Love cannot be measured by time, effort, or distance, because love is infinite . . . . So, if I ever told you "I love you", and if I ever loved then, I still love you! And if I was ever there for you, and ever there with you through good times and bad time, then still in those times I will be there with you in spirit and in heart. I love you all dearly because you all are dear to me. So, if you ever catch yourself missing me, then just smile, because those are the times you are near to me.

*By Leedarran E. Cargle*

*Celebrating The Life  
of  
James Earl Barry, Sr.  
"Sneaky Pete"*

**SUNRISE**  
October 2, 1960

**SUNSET**  
November 4, 2019



**SERVICES**

Saturday, November 16, 2019 — 10:00 a.m.

**NORTHEAST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

3815 North Bartel Road  
Forest Park, Oklahoma 73121

Rev. Michael McDaniel, Pastor

Rev. Keith Patterson  
*Officiating*



# Obituary

James Earl Barry, Sr. "Sneaky-Pete" was born on October 1, 1960 in Sedgwick County Kansas and died on November 4, 2019 at 59 years of age. He was the fourth child of Velma Ballard-Barry of Oklahoma and Edward B. Barry of Texas. He was preceded in death by his dad, Edward Barry and his infant sister, Glenda Barry. He took on his father's image and even his nick name "Sneaky-Pete", imitating his father until the end.

He grew up in Wichita, Kansas with his brothers: Richard Barry of Texas, Donnie Barry of Kansas, Everett Barry, Sr. of Indiana, Edward Barry, Jr. of Oklahoma, and Dayran Plummer of Kansas; as well as his sisters: Debra Barry of Oklahoma, Marsha Beasley of Atlanta, LaNita Seymour of Turks and Caicos Island, Renee Hill of Kansas. Along with his brothers and sisters, he left behind six sons: James Barry, Jr., James Barry I, James Berry II, James Barry III, James Barry IV, and Darnell Nolan; four daughters: Lutersesa Bell, Shenekwa Whittaker, Shereth Hightower, and Tameka Barry; three adopted daughters: Robyn Gaines, Shamekia Johnson, and Shatari Reyna; and a host of grandchildren, uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and others he adopted as family.

His true beauty was his soul and zest for life; he lived celebrating life to the fullest each and every day! He was a very giving, peaceful, humble, and a loving man, who would cuss you out and then turn around and give you the shirt off his back. He loved to entertain; Pete was famous for his barbeques and the love of people. Pete would barbeque every weekend and feed his entire block and anyone else who stopped by. Pete loved animals; he would have all sorts of pets and then before you knew it, he would have cooked them. At his barbeques, he would cook one then tell you "oh that's just ribs or chicken" and laugh at the expression on your face after you've eaten it. He loved eating coon, rabbit, squirrels, goats, and other exotic animals. He also loved children. You would often find him taking them for a ride down the street on his riding lawn mower. He would show them how to survive and help them make money picking up cans. He would play with them then put them to work. He may have been raised in the city, but he was country at heart.

By trade, he was a plumber, construction worker and handyman. He was always hustling a job, but watching him work was like watching an artist create a masterpiece. He worked right up until weeks before his death. He never stopped working; he would get up with the chickens and go until he couldn't go anymore.

In 2016, he meets the love of his life, Michelle Johnson, and they were married on July 8, 2019. He adopted her three beautiful daughters, along with her grandson, Little Larry, who he considered his road dog. They both enjoyed life, and each other. Michelle was his rock, who stood by his side as he fought through the storm, watching as his zest slowly progressed away, loving him until the end.



## Order of Service

- Processional . . . . . Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family  
Presiding — Rev. Kevin Patterson  
Musical Selection . . . . . Sunsiere Lee  
Scripture Reading  
Old Testament . . . . . Rev. Michael McDaniel  
New Testament . . . . . Bro. Steven Jones  
Prayer of Comfort . . . . . Rev. Kevin Patterson  
Music Selection . . . . . The Williams Singers  
Reading of Obituary . . . . . Amy Daugherty  
Expressions . . . . . Donald Ray Morrison  
Family, Friends, and Love Ones  
Music Selection . . . . . Tamela Mann  
Eulogy . . . . . Rev. Kevin Patterson  
Benediction and Final Directions  
Recessional . . . . . Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

### REPAST

Northeast Missionary Baptist Church  
Immediately following the service.

### Active Pallbearers

Everett Barry, Sr. • Kenneth Hamilton, Sr.  
Dayran Plummer • Donald Ray Morrison  
Sam Felder • Greg Reyna

### Honorary Pallbearers

Stevie Bennett • Darnell Nolan

### Flower Bearers

Youlanda Gaines • Tilisha Hamilton • Janeka Jordan

### Interment

Riverside Garden Cemetery  
4720 N. E. 36th Street  
Oklahoma City, OK 73121

*Please drive with your lights on for safety and fasten your seatbelts.*

*Services under the direction of:*

### TEMPLE & SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.

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"We Care" — II Timothy 4:8

### Acknowledgment

We, the family of James Earl Barry, Sr. would like to express our sincere appreciation to all who loved him and who offered prayers, condolences, gifts, meals, and acts of loving kindness to us. A special thanks to Leedarran E. Cargle for creating the beautiful poem for the family.