



## Barry Eugene Cummings

October 3, 1965 - July 12, 2023

Barry Eugene Cummings, age 57, of Tuscumbia, passed away on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at Huntsville Hospital.

Barry was a graduate of the 1984 class of Hackleburg High School. Graduated from Louisiana Tech in 1987 and received his degree in commercial aviation. He flew for Southwest Airlines.

He was inducted into the Marion County Sports Hall of Fame in 2011 for his honors for his season earning a Class 1A First Team All-State award where Hackleburg finished the season undefeated and ranked number 1 in Class 1A. He was also named to the All-Marion County and All Northwest Alabama Conference teams as a senior and was voted Most Valuable Offensive Lineman by his teammates. He was named Lineman of the week three times and Defensive Player of the Week twice during the same season. He was also part of another No. 1 ranked team his junior year.

He loved riding motorcycles and was a member of the Christian Motorcyclists Association.

He was also a member of the Cotton States Santas and loved bringing joy to children as Santa. He was Voted #1 Santa in the North Pole News in April 2023. His pride and joy was his daughter, Tara, and he was so proud of her.

Barry was thought of so well by the many who knew him. He will be so missed.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his daughter Tara Cummings; stepbrother, Jerry Ray (Amy) stepsister, Buffy Hudson (Rodney); several nieces &

nephews; and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Billy Eugene Cummings; mother, Clara Nell Scott Ray; stepmother, Shirley Cummings; and stepfather, Paul Ray.

The visitation will be 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Saturday, July 15, 2023, at Spry Memorial Chapel in Russellville. The funeral will be at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, July 16, 2023, at Spry Memorial Chapel with Bro. Seth Hood and Bro. Doug Farris officiating the service. The burial will be at Cedar Tree Cemetery in Hackleburg.

The pallbearers will be Mike Jackson, Greg Pounders, Jimmy Dale Vandiver, Kevin Busler, Barry Howell, and Keith Sullivan. The honorary pallbearers will be Jerry Ray, Chris Pace, Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, and the Divorce Care Ministry.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made toward the funeral expense by calling Spry Memorial Chapel.

Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family. To have us sign the book for you, please free to call or to leave private condolences, please visit our website at [www.sprymemorialchapel.com](http://www.sprymemorialchapel.com).

# Tribute Wall

SK

“ *May the Good Lord hold Tara and the entire Cummings family in his loving arms during this sad time. RIP Barry.*

Skip Kittrell - July 16, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *You will be missed and God Bless.*



Mark Walker /Santa Mark - July 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *i am so sorry praying for the family*

Jessica - July 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *I am so sorry for your loss.*

Jerry Kiel - July 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ *i only met barry once. he taught a class at the santa reunion in gatlinburg, he taught his sleighveator class and it taught me a lot not only about how to keep children believing but on stuff that i can talk to my uncle about since he was a pilot and he loves aviation. the image i put down is from my friend santa derek dugan. i thought the family might want to see it. godspeed sleighviator and keep on flying*

parker odell - July 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I am so sorry for your loss.



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**Jerry Kiel** - July 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Barry- You are kindest person, and best cousin ever. i was always thankful for your smile at every family get together. Heaven is brighter knowing you are there. All our love - Susan and Sam



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**Sam and Susan Ray Durham** - July 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SU

“ Peace and prayers are being lifted up to the Lord!

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**Santa Kevin Ullom** - July 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Praying for peace and comfort for the family💎

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**Michael Hill** - July 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Deepest condolences from the santos family the lost of Mr. Barry will be missed and will never be forgotten. In the name if our father and son and their holy spirit guide him and protect him on his new journey. He will be missed and will forever watch over his beloved family he lived a full life to his knowledge and now wants yall to continue this legacy and destiny made for you Mr. Barry will never be forgotten and i know is proud of the family hes part of and raised. May God bless you all and may him be the path towards the future of his legacy.



Santos - July 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ You were a great friend with such a big heart. You will be so missed by so many people!

Summer Knalls - July 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Barry was a wonderful person and a great Santa. He will be greatly missed.

Warren Stewart - July 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ So sorry to hear the loss of your dad. Praying for you and the family. May God comfort you.  
Love ya  
Mark Webb



Mark Webb - July 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Tara, thinking of you and wishing you moments of peace and comfort as you remember your dad. He loved you so much, as you loved him, and was so proud of you. Just think if all the good memories you shared. Love you sweet Tara.  
Mamaw

Genelle Jackson - July 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Praying for the family. Rest peacefully my brother.💎

Santa Johnny Reno - July 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ May God wrap his Comforting Arms around the entire family Santa Barry was loved by all that knew him. He will be missed so much.  
Praying for All...



Billy (BillyClaus) Barnes and Melanie - July 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ My heart is going out to you Tara I can't imagine what your going through but Barry was such a kind soul and has brought so much light into others worlds and for that we are all grateful.



Ash Hitt - July 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Prayers for you Tara. 💎I know your dad was very proud of you. 💎

Stephen Cooper - July 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM