



Barry Benest

January 14, 1948 - January 2, 2026

Barry Benest, age 77, passed away on January 2, 2026 at home in Maple Grove, MN.

He was born in Brainerd, MN on January 14, 1948 and was proud of the fact that he was delivered by a female doctor.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn Benest and Marion (Vukovich) Benest.

Barry's first job as a young man was with Mosquito Control. He still enjoyed talking with the workers in the area every chance he got. His long-term employment was with Limpro, Inc. in Fridley, MN. He was a truck driver for the company and was the face of Limpro as he made his deliveries each day.

Barry enjoyed many activities. His first love was running. He completed 48 marathons, plus many other races in various distances.

He was an avid fisherman and spent many hours on the Mississippi River.

He also enjoyed hunting, especially pheasants in his later years.

His love for car racing came from spending many years with his father at the local race tracks. Nascar became a weekend ritual.

Barry was a kind and wonderful partner and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Survived by his longtime partner, Sally Vanerem, of 23 years. His loving sisters, Jan (Dennis) Lingle, Jane Gordon and Marney (Kent) Pietsch. His stepdaughters, Angela (Steve) Podgorski and Julie (Allan) Zmuda and granddaughter, Alison Podgorski.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, May 15, 2026 at 11:00 am at the Evans-Nordby Funeral Chapel in Brooklyn Center, MN.

Celebration of Life



Friday, May 15th 11AM



Evans-Nordby Funeral Home, 6000 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Center, MN

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