



Barry Jay Schmeichel

December 31, 1967 - November 12, 2020

A celebration of Barry's life will be held at a later date.

Barry was the proprietor of Wine 121.

Barry Jay Schmeichel was born on 12/31/67 and passed away 11/12/20.

He was preceded in death by grandparents Roy and Lola (Asp) Anderson and Dale and Lucye (Snider) Schmeichel.

Grew up in Omaha, attended Dundee Elementary School and graduated from Central High School.

He attended Western Culinary Institute in Portland, Oregon and apprenticed with Executive Chef Horst Meier at Carson City Nugget Casino. After receiving his Culinary Degree he was the Executive Chef for Togiak Fishing Adventures in Togiak, Alaska.

He returned to Omaha in 1995 and was the owner/operator of Barry's Caterings of Distinction until he became a Wine & Spirits Manager at the Peony Park Hy-Vee.

He became owner of Wine 121 in 2011.

Barry enjoyed good food, good wine and good conversation. He enjoyed travel for business and pleasure usually to world class wine producing regions. As a member of the food/wine business community for more than 25 years Barry will be remembered as a shrewd and very generous salesman.

To know Barry was to know his cats!

Survived by father Dale (Kathy) Schmeichel of Omaha; mother Karen (Marty) Hulce of Omaha; sister Jill Marie (Andrew) Reynolds of Parker, CO; nieces Hannah, Rachel and Sarah; Uncle Gary (Ruth Ann) Anderson of Oak Harbor, OH; cat Bodhi; A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorials to Nebraska Humane Society or Nebraska Diabetes Assc; Condolences to www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Barry Jay Schmeichel*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Barry and I first met when he worked at HyVee, helping me navigate the complex world of wine. Later at 121, Barry ignited the local community in the interests of whiskey with many great tasting events. Very knowledgeable, great friend, and will be missed. Scott Shaddy*

Scott Shaddy - November 29, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ *Barry definitely made the world a better place. I'm glad to have known him these past couple of years. Rest in peace, buddy!*

Craig Slowinski - November 18, 2020 at 10:16 PM



“ *Barry was a sweet guy and a heck of a friend. I already miss you man.*

trey bianchini - November 18, 2020 at 04:07 PM

JR

“ I'm proud to say I was a friend of Barry's, a big and gentle giant of a man, for over two decades.

He was gifted with many talents. A culinary school trained chef, with an excellent palate not only for food but also wines, liquors and beers. He was successful in several business endeavors here in Omaha, most recently as owner of Wine 121. He had managed the Deli and catering operations for Wohlner's Grocery, owned his pizza shop and catering business, and worked for HyVee at 78th and Cass for several years as General Manager of the Wine, Liquor and Beer Department.

Barry was very loving of his family and pets. He spoke highly of his mother, father and sister whenever we visited.

I will sorely miss Barry and his friendship, and pray that he is at peace and in a better place.

Jerry Rambo

Jerry Rambo - November 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM

SR

“ I remember Barry from confirmation at Rockbrook. Keeping the family in my prayers

shari wuster rogers - November 16, 2020 at 04:26 PM

KW

“ Karen, I am so sorry to learn that your son has passed. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. And a large hug to you.

Kathie Wilmot

Kathie Wilmot - November 16, 2020 at 11:08 AM

BS

“ Karen and family:

I'm so sorry about Barry. My heart goes out to you during this sad time. I remember the Bridge Club went to his store and had a nice evening together tasting different wines. More fun than playing cards! Those were great days!!

Betty Sup

Betty Sup - November 16, 2020 at 07:53 AM

SB

“ So sorry to hear of this loss. Sending you my thoughts and prayers.

Sarah Bowen - November 15, 2020 at 02:33 PM

DH

“ Mark & I have enjoyed years of friendship with Barry. He always called us when he had a wine he knew we would love. We belonged to his wine club and we would laugh that if I came in, I left with the two bottles. If Mark came in, he would leave with the 2 bottles PLUS 2 cases! So guess who he called every month? LOL! We will be lost without him.

*Rest In Peace Barry,
Mark & Deb Hopkins*

Deb & Mark Hopkin - November 15, 2020 at 12:32 PM

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Barry was such a nice person. I remember hanging out with him growing up with him in the neighborhood. Even when I would run into him later in life he was always so nice.

Peace. Nan OBrien

Nan OBrien - November 15, 2020 at 02:23 PM

BB

“ Karen, Dale, Jill and family. We are so sorry to hear of Barry's passing. We remember when you moved in next door. Our first memory of Barry was when he came over and introduced himself. He said, "Hi, I'm Barry and I'm 4." That was the beginning of many fun conversations on our front porch. He also inspired Dave's love of creative cooking. He and Dave could turn a clean kitchen into a disaster, but there was always something delicious to eat as the result.

Please know that our sympathy and prayers are with you. God bless.

Bruce and Chris Bowen - November 15, 2020 at 11:00 AM