

## Luke Barton

June 24, 1984 - November 6, 2008

Luke Barton, 24, passed away Wednesday Nov. 5 at his home in East Hartford. He was the loving son of David H. Barton of East Hartford and Kathleen Conley Barton of West Hartford. Raised in West Hartford, he excelled in baseball and football and attended Conard High School. Luke was a hard-working, highly skilled member of New England Regional Council of Carpenters, Local 43, in Hartford for five years and was employed by New England Drywall. In 2006 he won 1st place at the New England Regional Council of Carpenters Apprenticeship contest in the interior systems category. Besides his parents, Luke leaves his children Mikayla and Lucas who were the light of his life. He also leaves his sister Jennifer Bordonaro and her husband Matthew of Wallingford, his brothers; Bret of Portland, OR and Jack of West Hartford, many aunts, uncles, cousins and his girlfriend Evelyn Hernandez; all of whom he loved and cherished. Luke's presence in our lives will be deeply missed. The family would like to express its sincere gratitude to the Regional Council of Carpenters, Local 43 and New England Drywall for their generosity and support. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, Nov. 10 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Patrick St. Anthony Church 285 Church St. Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery. Friends may call on Sunday from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford. On line messages of sympathy and condolences may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made payable to The Luke Barton Childrens' College Fund,

care of TD Banknorth, 29 South Main St., West Hartford, CT 06107

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dearest Luke, 13 years have passed since we've seen those smiling eyes, heard your laughter or your voice. It feels like an eternity. It seems like yesterday.  
I pray that you are with Lucas and your favorite aunt.  
I will always love you. XXOOXX mom



Kathleen Barton - December 18, 2021 at 10:55 AM

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I love you both dearly 💔💔

Kathleen Barton - August 02, 2022 at 04:17 PM

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Always on my mind, forever in my heart. I love you dearly. 💙

Kathleen Barton - November 07, 2022 at 09:37 AM



“ Luke, I will never forget your entrance into this world. So fast and furious. You never have ceased to amaze me. Happy Birthday sweet pea.  
You are with me always.  
xxooxx Mom###imported-begin##kathleen barton##imported-end##

June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ How I miss you my son. Four months without you to talk to is almost unbearable. I try to find you in the beauty of nature and the surprise visits by hawks and deer. I see your face in the moon and the sparkle of your eyes in the stars. I look to the sky for answers, and yet they are fleeting if they come at all. What saves me is the hope that God has scooped you up to be with him for the better good for all of us who are left behind. That concept is extremely difficult to hang on to Luke, but I know that you want me to, and so I keep trying. I will always love you, you will always be my beautiful baby boy; vibrant, insightful, loving, charming...the list is endless...the love so deep.

*I hope you can hear me, you mean the world to me.*

*Love, Mom XXOOXX##imported-begin##kathleen barton##imported-end##*

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March 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I was shocked and very saddend when I read lukes memorandom in the carpenters newsletter. I was with Luke at the apprentice compitition and celebrated his win with him. I thought he was one of the strongest and most admirable men I have ever met.It was an honor to know him. My thoughts and prayers, Eric A Eyles....##imported-begin##eric eyles##imported-end##

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January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Luke,  
*How I miss you baby. There is not a moment in any day when you are not alive in my heart and in my mind. I still wait for you to walk through my door...try.*

*Love Always,*

*Mom##imported-begin##kathleen barton##imported-end##*

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December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kathy,

*I was so sorry to hear about Luke's passing. I can't even begin to imagine how difficult this is. I know his grandparents are in heaven with him and he will be looking down on all of you with love. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Stretch###imported-begin##Wendy Cunningham###imported-end##*

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December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathy and David - Surely, losing a child is one of life's saddest experiences. I didn't know Luke but I remember you both so fondly and I do know that Luke was blessed with loving, nurturing parents - a child's greatest gift. May you somehow, during these difficult days, find comfort in that knowledge. On behalf of all the Merritts, our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy.

*Warm thoughts and prayers,  
Jean Merritt Linderman###imported-begin##Jean Merritt  
Linderman###imported-end##*

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November 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Oh Kathy...

*I was SO hoping it wasn't your Luke I was reading about in the brief obit in the paper. But, I see here that it was, in fact, your beloved son who was lost. I am so sorry for your loss. I can't remember a conversation with you the past few years that didn't include numerous mentions and references to Luke. Whether we spoke on the phone or in person, the deep love you felt for him was unmistakable.*

*I wish I could say something to help lessen your pain. Tragedies like this are so difficult to understand. Hopefully, you'll find some small measure of comfort in knowing how many people he touched and that he's in heaven with your Mom & Dad.*

*Please give me a call if there's anything I can do or if you just need someone to talk to.*

*Love, Jill##imported-begin##jill cunningham##imported-end##*

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November 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Nephew Luke,

*I keep hearing the words "To love another person is to touch the face of God" and you touched Gods face over and over and over again.*

*You were Gods Carpenter mending and building, constructing with care creations from scratch. I think how the world has learned from your tools: Patience, kindness, diligence, doing it again, creating and re-creating, carving new paths, finding different avenues, traveling journeys many of us fail at; You Luke Succeeded Beyond Belief!!!. You excelled in Son-manship, Fatherhood, Brotherhood. were a Friend of true loyalty, a Man ...a true Man in every sense of the word, brother, in school and in life an outstanding student, you became a talented highly skilled and much in demand worker, you supported your family emotionally, physically and financially. In a time When people today run away from relationships, responsibilities and families, you my sweetheart ,ran toward them! You collected hearts, held them close to you and never let them go!!!!!!*

*Like the carpenter Jesus was, you spent a lifetime building goodness, holding other peoples hearts, caring to help them be able to get to where they would be more comfortable and you comforted others. Those are all marks of an incredible, honorable man with integrity, wisdom and faith. Always making it better. God must have needed his man Luke in heaven to help fix the world. He said to you Job well done Son, time for another way of doing things from here. I say well done Luke. No one, and I mean no one I have ever know, has taught more about love than you. You knew that love and sorrow come together, they are not opposites but part of life and the plan. As a spiritual man, you took a journey here with your toolbox to teach us we are love and we do love so we can help each other out through the sorrowful times that are a normal part of the human condition and turn them into more love through kind words, comfort, a smile, a pat, a hand to hold, a call in the middle of the night.*

*You will no doubt still be doing these things from heaven. Your*

*children are the most incredible little people!!!! Their teachers as well as your friends, community, family clearly saw an extraordinary father in you. You were an exceptional human being and will make an incredible spirit guide for all of us. Many lives will change because you were here for the better and I know you saw how many tears and stories were expressed at your services. Hundreds and hundreds of people have been touched by you and more will know you through your children, through your character, through your wisdom and message to all : love others, show it, and know that you are loved, do not ever doubt that because you have touched the face of God. Luke, you have done God's work, and your are held gently now rewarded for a job well done!*

*Loving and Missing you Always Luke!*

*Love,*

*Aunt Janet###imported-begin##Janet Conley###imported-end##*

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November 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bret, Jack, Kathy, and the entire Barton family,*

*I think of Luke and immediately picture his eyes smiling big, with live music in the background and friends gathered around. Sending love to you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Laurie###imported-begin##Laurie Bailer###imported-end##*

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November 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To our Dearest Jack and the Entire Barton Family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very difficult  
time. Luke will be greatly missed..  
Our Deepest Sympathy,  
Paul, Sharon, Mia & Dante##imported-begin##The Ficaro  
Family##imported-end##

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November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kathy, I can't imagine the grief that you are in at this moment. I  
met Luke couple times in passing and I know how close you were to  
him. I am so sorry that God chose to take him from you so soon.  
Please know that you will be in my prayers. My heart goes out to  
you and I offer my deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Carol  
Sears##imported-end##

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November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dave,

We were so very sorry to hear of the loss of your son Luke. The  
untimely passing of your son, a brother, father and an individual with  
such promise as Luke is deeply saddening.

With our sincerest condolences to you, Kathy, your children and  
family our thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Adron and  
Sue##imported-end##

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November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I met Luke a few months ago when his son, Lucas, became my student. It was apparent immediately that Luke was a loving, caring father. I would like to offer my sincerest condolences to the entire Barton family, my student Lucas and to Eve.##imported-begin##Jen Kelly##imported-end##

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November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ PEACE BE WITH YOU##imported-begin##ALLEN AND HEATHER HARVELL JR.##imported-end##

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November 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dave, Kathy, and my Barton family.  
My heart goes out to all of you. I know just too well the pain and sorrow you are experiencing. I remember Luke's winning smile and warm personality and it seems impossible that he will no longer be here to share them with us. I have no words to convey my sorrow. Please accept my deep condolences.##imported-begin##Newton Osborne##imported-end##

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November 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart is with you. It is hard to come up with the words to express my thoughts. Luke you will be missed. May peace be with all. My warmest prayers to everyone who had the good fortune to know Luke. With love we shall remember all the family times of joy. I hope all your pain is gone. May your spirit be free##imported-begin##Glen Monighetti##imported-end##

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November 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear friends, So sorry to hear of the passing of your son. Life surely doesn't seem fair when our children are call upon before us. It is with deep sympathy that I remember all of you today.  
Sincerely, Michelle Velasco  
Jan's longtime friend.##imported-begin##Michelle Velasco##imported-end##

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November 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so sad to hear of your son's sudden departure. May his soul be blessed and sit with love ones in his next life. You may call me anytime if you need to talk or unload. I will listen well.  
I hope we will always be in service to each other.

Carl 860-796-6149##imported-begin##carl myers##imported-end##

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November 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ This message is for Mikayla Lugo, my sweet and very special former student at Whiting Lane School. My thoughts and prayers are with you,sweetheart, at this very sad time. Stay close to your family and friends, and remember they love you very much. This love and the memories of your Dad will help to make you strong. Through you, and your brother, he will live on forever. Take care of yourself and please know I am thinking of you, Mikayla.  
Love, Mrs. Amarucci##imported-begin##Carolyn Amarucci##imported-end##

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November 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Auntie Kathy, Uncle David, Jenny & Matt, Bret, Jack, Eve, Mikayla & Lukas,

We have no words to express how sorry we are about this tragic loss. Luke you were called to God for a reason and although we cannot understand why it was your time, we can only pray that you are now at peace. We know you are with Grandmom and Grandpop and you will be looking down at your children and giving them strength. May you rest in peace. You will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you,

Love, Beth, Jason, Abby, Allyssa & Ryan##imported-begin##Beth Boudreau##imported-end##

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November 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ LUKE:I thank GOD he placed you in my LIFE.Even though it was for a year&6 months.You gave me so much LOVE.You always manage to put a smile on my face,especially those crazy faces you always made.I thank you for your trust,especially letting me be part of Lucas life.I will always cherish the beautiful moments we shared together.I am very proud of who you are.My LOVE; I will never forget you,because I will always be your "CHICA". You will always be in my heart & in my thoughts,missing you like crazy!! will always be in love with YOU;"MY CHICO LOCO." Love you always:EVE##imported-begin##EVELYN HERNANDEZ##imported-end##

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November 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Barton Family - I am so sorry to hear of Luke's passing. I am thinking of you and of all the fun times we had growing up together. Wishing you all peace.

Love,

Lisa##imported-begin##Lisa Derwin Carpenter##imported-end##

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November 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Dave, Kathy and family,  
I am deeply saddened over the loss of your Luke. My heart goes out to you and your family, and I will keep you close in my thoughts and daily prayers always. With love and hugs, Nan.##imported-begin##Nancy Pedemonti Peterson##imported-end##

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November 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kathy and Dave,

*I will never really understand why our Lord finds it necessary to call one of his children, at such a young age, back home into Gods Kingdom. Being he is the Almighty, we must believe that his plans for Luke may be greater in his presence, then here on earth. As an Angel, Luke, with his characteristics such as, intelligent,protective,loving,*

*devoted,hard working,good sense of humor,some times nutty. Will give us someone else to pray to when we need strength. So that others that have faced some of the hard times can hear the story of a young man named Luke and believe that "yes we can be better" and can tell this story of a wonderful man who earned his wings early in life because he accomplished so much so fast. As an older man now I have always seen a lot of me in Luke when I was younger. I for one will be proud to tell this story of hard work and faith whenever I feel it can benifit someone else.*

*Jenny,Bret,and JackJohn,I can not express enough how much I feel your pain. Maybe only a small part of your life many years ago, I truly cared then and still do that your health, happiness and future would be bright. Come to hear that you all are doing exceptionally well helps soften this great pain I have. And knowing that your mom and dad are probably so proud of you and Luke makes me think, in time, that we will be ok. I Love You all God Bless###imported-begin###Frank Burgess###imported-end###*

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November 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry Kathy, David, Jen & Matt, Bret, Jack, Mikayla, Lucas, and Eve,  
I'll treasure the many memories I have of our years, and continue in my heart to be Lukes "Fav", as he referenced me.  
RIP Luke, and watch over all of us who will be missing you like crazy. I know you are with all of your grandparents, your cousin Kristen, and friends. That helps me some.  
I will not cancel the holidays, so please be with us!

Love always, YFA, Karen##imported-begin##karen meagher##imported-end##

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November 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to all of Luke's family & friends. We so sorry for your loss. May God Bless You All. Our prayers are forever with you.##imported-begin##The Zelko Family##imported-end##

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November 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kathleen and David, I have deep sadness in my heart for the loss of Luke, your Beloved Angel, you Beloved Son. There will never be a kinder more beautiful soul with a heart wider than the moon. He was able to initiate kindness through words that were tender, soft and spontaneous just when one needed compassion. He was wise beyond his years, an intelligent, talented, giving, loving, creative man. I was always proud of him and so lucky to be his Aunt. His eyes would light up the dawn warming the souls of everyone in his presence.

To Jen, Matt, Bret and Jack I love you all and am so sorry for the loss of your brother and friend. Luke was always and is so much more than his body, his spirit is larger than this life !Alongside other angels,inside and surrounding you, this love and spirit is stronger than ever.

God bless Luke, Kathleen,David,Jen,Matt, Bret, Jake and his Family May you be held softly in the palm of Gods hands as Luke is.and be comforted.

.##imported-begin##Aunt Janet##imported-end##

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November 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathy ...We are searching for the words to bring you comfort...yet we cant find any.. We love you and want you and your family to know you are in our prayers. My husband calls you HIS ANGEL...You have been there for us... and we will be there for you and your family.We love you.God Bless you all.....Steve & Shelli Goodrow##imported-begin##Steve & Shelli Goodrow##imported-end##

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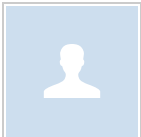
November 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My cousin Luke was one of the best people in my life. We spent more years of our lives being best friends and confidants to one another than just cousins. From the time we were children, and through our adulthood, our relationship has been imperishable-and growing continuously more strong with the time we spent together. We were lucky to have been born into the same wonderful family, otherwise I don't know that we would have been lucky enough to cross paths. Luke and I always laughed so hard together...the kind of laughter that entirely lifts your spirits and makes you forget about the rest of the world-focusing only on the happiest of moments. Very few people could make me laugh the way Luke could. I will miss that tremendously. Luke loved his children unconditionally, and he has raised them to be among the most amazing kids in the universe. I will always see Luke's light reflecting from Lucas and Mikayla's eyes, and for that I am forever grateful. I will never be ok with having to say goodbye to someone I love so immensely. Our bond will resume through my prayers and conversations with his spirit...a spirit I know will always be close by to listen to and watch over us all.##imported-begin##Kara Meagher##imported-end##

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November 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ As everyone else, i can't even believe this. Nor can i find any words to make your family feel better as badly as i would like to. Kathy, you raised an amazing upstanding man who i can only pray I can live up to in my lifetime and we all know what an amazing loving mother you were. You reminded me everytime we spoke. Jack, I don't even know where to begin. We all love you and are here for you every second of the day. You guys had a special bond. Whether it be him protecting you when you were younger, or arguing over petty stuff. That was you two. My hearts go out to the whole Barton family. Love you all.##imported-begin##Chris Maloney##imported-end##

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November 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My sincere condolences go out to the Barton family with the loss Luke. May your fond memories of Luke remain alive in your hearts.##imported-begin##Dan Janusz 14th CST##imported-end##

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November 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ SPC John J. Barton and Family, I am extremely sorry for your tragic and untimely loss. Regretfully I never had the opportunity to meet Luke but I have worked with John for almost a year now and I can assure you that if Luke's younger brother John is anything like Luke was, Luke must have been a motivated and extremely hardworking man also.

Sincerely

Brian Van Damme##imported-begin##Brian Van Damme##imported-end##

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November 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Matt & Jen,  
My deepest sympathies for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you both and your family during this difficult time.  
God Bless You,  
Jeff##imported-begin##Jeffrey Weir##imported-end##

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November 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jennifer, Matt & Family,  
Our hearts are filled with sadness at your loss of Luke. You and  
Luke are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Sincerely, Laura and Hans###imported-begin##Laura  
Decher###imported-end##

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November 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Matt & Jen,  
I'm so very sorry for the loss of your brother. I hope warm memories  
of Luke and watching his children grow will help ease your pain.  
Sheila Trauernicht###imported-begin##Sheila  
Trauernicht###imported-end##

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November 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathy, Bret and family. My heart goes out to you. Luke was an  
incredible person and there are so many good memories of him that  
we hold dear in our hearts forever. I'm so sorry for your  
loss.###imported-begin##Dana Kadison###imported-end##

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November 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts of Luke are so strongly based on the carefree times of our youth and it's with great regret that I can not tell him how proud I am of the man he grew up to be.

*His accomplishments and responsibility in life and as a father are both humbling and inspirational. I just learned of our great loss tonight and can't even begin to express all of the sadness in my heart. Luke was as great a cousin as anyone could ever hope to have.*

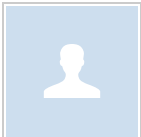
*David, Kathy, Jennifer, Bret and Jack, my thoughts are with you. Your son and your brother is loved and missed. I pray that his soul is at peace and that you may find comfort in each other.*

*Words alone will never fill the void of his passing but I hope they affirm the love we all feel.*

*I am here for you now and always.##imported-begin##David Osborne##imported-end##*

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November 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart aches for my brother David and Kathy. My dear nephew Luke was a joy to so many. I will always remember him so strong, working hard for his family. Your life was cut to short, I hope you find Kristen in heaven so you won't be alone. I will miss you and Love you always.##imported-begin##Janet Barton Osborne##imported-end##

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November 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM