



Barry L. Dowell

February 16, 1950 - November 26, 2021

Barry L. Dowell, 71, passed away on Friday, November 26, 2021 in Barrington, IL. He was born on February 16, 1950 in Winston Salem, NC and has been a Mundelein resident for over 30 years. Barry attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he met his wife, Pamela. He received his Ph.D. in Microbiology and Immunology from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and performed postdoctoral work at Duke University. He was a former scientist at Abbott Laboratories focusing on cancer research and was granted multiple patents in medical diagnostics. Barry and his wife, Pamela, traveled together to all 7 continents, and he enjoyed photography.

Surviving is his wife of almost 50 years, Pamela Dowell; 2 children, Rachel (Brian) Thrash and Charles (Stefanie) Dowell; grandchildren, Alexander & Megan Thrash and William, Joshua & Sherry Dowell; father, Charles Dowell, Jr. and by a sister, Sherry Dowell.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jennie Dowell.

A visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 2, 2021 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. in Libertyville. Interment will be at Gardens of Memory in Walkertown, NC. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Tribute Wall

VS

“ I worked for only a short time at Abbott with Barry but learned a lot. He was very down to earth and very easy to talk to. He always took the time to ask how things were progressing. Over the holidays, the team received from him, a couple large tins of delicious ginger snaps. He was a generous supporter, even in retirement, of my Hustle Chicago efforts (originally Hustle up the Hancock). His family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Vasudha Sullins (Abbott)

Vasudha Sullins - December 20, 2021 at 05:47 PM

BO

“ Barry was one of the most respected scientist in Abbott Diagnostics. It was a pleasure to work with him in the Cancer business unit, especially on PSA. We were able to revolutionize testing for PSA with a more sensitive and automated assay. We had some good times together at Urology & other Scientific meetings. We were able to work with some of the top urologists, researchers and major cancer centers. Barry was also respected by them & even served on Johns Hopkins Scientific Advisory Board for evaluating early prostate markers. Barry was also a great mentor for those who worked on his research team. After I retired, Barry always remembered me with golf jokes & Lama stories. I will miss our good friend!



Bob Olson

Bob Olson - December 05, 2021 at 08:26 PM

SS

“ *Fond memories of working with Barry in Metzgar’s lab at Duke University. He was kind, smart, a great prank accomplice, and lots of fun to laugh and talk with. Load’s of love and comfort to Pamela, Rachel, Charles and family.*



Stella Sieber - December 02, 2021 at 02:50 PM

KN

“ *Barry-san, we had been working hard in day time, and enjoyed much at night in Japan, those days. All of your friends in Japan R&D love you very much.*



Kunihiro Nagao - December 02, 2021 at 02:45 PM

NT

“ *Nagao and Takeda purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barry L. Dowell.*



Nagao and Takeda - December 02, 2021 at 02:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barry L. Dowell.



December 02, 2021 at 02:18 PM



“ Barry and I worked on PsA for a long time. He from the assay design side and I from the application side in the laboratory. A longtime friendship was the result during which we attended many scientific meetings together. We did not neglect the social side. Several trips in The Netherlands and nice dinners, in Indonesian restaurants as well as privately. Sadly, we will no longer “bend each others elbows”. Rest in Peace my friend!

Rien Blankenstein - December 02, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ Vicki Petrides (a friend from Abbott) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barry L. Dowell.



Vicki Petrides (a friend from Abbott) - December 02, 2021 at 07:24 AM

NG

“ I often think back of the great times I had when I visited Abbott in connection with my study in 2003.

I felt welcome at once and learned a lot. Barry was a big part of that.

Pamela and Barry invited me home for Halloween. It was a fantastic experience for a Dane, who came from a country without this tradition. Even that we now have adopted Halloween, my first Halloween was special.

Thanks for all the great memories you have given me.

RIP Barry.



Nanna Glad - December 02, 2021 at 05:57 AM

FH

“ Fusako Higashide purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Barry L. Dowell.



Fusako Higashide - December 01, 2021 at 09:39 PM

JF

“ Barry was a profound individual. He was intelligent, kind, compassionate, curious and always eager to learn and investigate a new field of life. He loved his family, science and his friends. He was a brilliant scientist always Thinking in a way to integrate known and new information. He was a patient mentor ready to answer and explain any question. I was most fortunate to work with Barry in Cancer R&D at Abbott. He treated our team as family. I so remember his broad smile and deep laugh. He had so many interests he shared with Pam. He loved movies, art fairs, traveling the world with Pam and enjoying the successful competition of their wonderful dogs. He will be Greatly Missed. Many people will benefit from Barry's scientific knowledge and his application of that knowledge to help people maintain quality of life. He will always be a part of our lives.

Judy Friese

Judy Friese - December 01, 2021 at 08:27 PM

JP

“ Barry was one of the best scientists I ever worked with at Abbott. He was also a kind, gentle, intense, honest person and a pleasure to work with. If you asked Barry a question, you always knew you would get a direct 100% honest answer. We worked together to launch the PSA assay in 1992. Barry's contributions to launching cancer assays and saving lives is something to be very proud of.

Jeff Pennoyer

Jeff Pennoyer - December 01, 2021 at 10:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barry L. Dowell.*



December 01, 2021 at 12:09 AM



“ *Did not directly work with Barry at Abbott but he and I attended some important meetings together. A great respected scientist and a good guy who would stand up for what he believed was right. - Jeff Brashear*

Jeff Brashear - November 30, 2021 at 09:07 PM



“ *I had the great fortune to work with Barry for several years in the cancer R&D department. He was one of the smartest people I have ever known. Not only that, he was one of the nicest and kind people I've ever known. We attended several cancer R&D meetings. And everybody would know Barry. He was the expert!! I will always remember Barry!!*

Wayne Barnes - November 30, 2021 at 03:04 PM



“ *Barry was one of the best people I ever worked with. One of my most cherished gifts is the hummingbird ornament he gave me that he father made. I will forever cherish it. I thought of him as I placed it on my tree last week. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

judith lamb - November 30, 2021 at 09:46 AM

YK

“ *My sincere condolences from Japan to you and your family. He was (is) a good man... always very thoughtful to everyone. Rest in peace.*



Yuko Kawaguchi - November 30, 2021 at 05:23 AM

RB

“ *Rien Blankenstein purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barry L. Dowell.*



Rien Blankenstein - November 30, 2021 at 04:21 AM

RB

“ *2 files added to the album Greetings from Holland*



Rien Blankenstein - November 30, 2021 at 04:14 AM

NJ

“ Barry was a wonderful friend. Always sharing posts and links he knew I would enjoy. He had so many interests and was a brilliant man. He was so proud of his children and his grandchildren and especially of Pam and her accomplishments with their beautiful show dogs. Barry is going to be missed by so many people whose lives he touched and the medical discoveries that have undoubtedly made so many lives better. RIP Barry.

Nedra Jansen - November 29, 2021 at 07:59 PM

KW

“ Barry was my first boss at Abbott laboratories at the start of my career. I could not think of a better person to work for than this brilliant scientist. I had so much to learn at that time in my life and Barry was a wonderful teacher. I have such wonderful memories working with the R&D team and Barry at Abbott. It was a privilege to have worked with Barry and enjoyed his friendship for many years after I did not work with him anymore. My deep condolences to the family. Hugs, Karen Wikstrom

Karen Wikstrom - November 29, 2021 at 03:02 PM