

Pastor Barry Craig Sheldon

May 7, 1954 - January 7, 2026

MARYSVILLE- Pastor Barry Craig Sheldon, 71, of Marysville, Michigan, entered into the Kingdom of God and was met by his cherished children Rachael Lynn, Andrew Major, and John Evan after a long battle with cancer. He was born on May 7, 1954 in Detroit, Michigan, to Ernest and Ruth Sheldon, and was baptised at Bethany Lutheran Church.

He married Katherine Ann (Brumm) Sheldon on October 18, 1975 in Detroit, Michigan. They then moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan to complete his Bachelor's Degree, then on to Fort Wayne, Indiana as he attended the Fort Wayne Theological Seminary. With Katherine's love and support he was ordained and called to serve as the Pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Lexington, Michigan, where he dutifully remained for 36 years.

Barry officiated countless weddings, baptisms, confirmations, and funerals. Barry dedicated his life to his congregation, members of his community, and lovingly cared for his wife and children. He was a pillar in his community and valued the friendships and relationships he built.

After his retirement in 2019, Barry and Kathy moved to Marysville to be closer to their son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren. He loved family, trains, and guitars. He enjoyed spending time with his grandson Jake riding in his wife's Camaro and having conversations about old cars. He was a cheerleader to his granddaughter Paige, giving praise for her love of sports including swim and dive.

To know Barry was to know the love of Christ and to know that he would be

there for you any time of day. He was a dutiful husband, father, friend, and neighbor. During the last few years, his illness slowed down his life. Barry was a light to many in the time of need. During his time of need his wife, son, and daughter-in-law cared for him like he cared for others.

“Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him.” - James 1:12

Barry is survived by his wife of 50 years, Katherine, son Paul (Heather), grandchildren Jake (Kylie) and Paige. He will be greatly missed by his brothers: David (Sue), Mark (Pati), Greg (Teri), Tim (Janet), and his only sister Carol. Barry's numerous nieces and nephews will remember him fondly.

Barry was preceded in death by his parents Ernest “Rusty” and Ruth. His children Rachael Lynn, Andrew Major, and John Evan. His wife's parents Norman and Helen Brumm, and his brother-in-law Jim Brumm.

He will always be remembered by his unwavering love and support for every person that crossed his path.

Visitation will be Wednesday, January 14, 2026 from 6 to 9:00 P.M. and Thursday, January 15, 2026 from 2 to 9:00 P.M. at the Pomeroy Funeral Home, 5635 Main St, Lexington, MI 48450

Memorial Service will be held at Faith Lutheran Church 3455 Stone Street, Port Huron, Michigan 48060. Viewing at 10:00 A.M., service at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, January 16, 2026, followed by a luncheon at the church. Committal Service will be held at 2:30 P.M. Friday afternoon at the Lexington Municipal Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana or Faith Lutheran Church in Port Huron.

Cemetery Details

Lexington Municipal Cemetery

Dennison Street
Lexington, MI 48450

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **14**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pomeroy Funeral Home - Lexington
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Lexington, MI 48450
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Visitation

JAN **15**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

JAN **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Lutheran Church
3455 Stone St.
Port Huron, MI 48060

Church Service

JAN **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ William G. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pastor Barry Craig Sheldon.

William G. - January 15 at 05:44 PM

“It is with a heavy heart but a joyful spirit that I share the heart of a faithful servant of our Lord Jesus Christ, Reverend Barry Sheldon. Pastor Sheldon (as I referred to him) may never fully know—until I see him again in heaven—the impact he had on my life. As a rebellious young boy, I was asked to leave a Catholic catechism class and church. I knew of our Lord Jesus, but I did not know Him relationally, and I was on a path toward destruction. As a last-ditch effort, my father brought me to St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church, where Pastor Sheldon taught the confirmation class. His patience was remarkable. There were three other guys named Mike in the class, and we were all rambunctious young men—certainly a handful. During breaks, I remember playing tackle football on the church lawn, and on days when we were especially unruly, his tackles seemed a bit more intentional and harder. (LOL) He has such an amazing way of teaching while making it fun and getting us to engage with conversation about God’s word. What I always remembered—and felt deeply in my heart—was his love for all of us and his desire to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pastor Sheldon became a spiritual father to me. He never gave up on me and always believed in me, even during my worst times. Because of his unrelenting acceptance, I learned about our Father in heaven and his one and only Son. He taught me how to open my heart and mind to listen to the Holy Spirit. During my darkest times in the military, when it was uncertain whether I would ever make it home, I could reach out to Pastor Sheldon. He always responded with a joyful tone and found a way to remind me of the promises of our God. He was instrumental in renewing my vows with my wife, baptizing my children and grandchildren, and presiding over the funeral of my father and other family members, along with so many other life events. Yet his most impactful influence on my life was leading me to accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior—to be born again of the Spirit. Pastor Sheldon accepted me as a deeply flawed young man, and his love for me eventually led me to hunger for knowing Jesus, just as he hungered to know Him and spent his life sharing the Good News to the congregation at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, the

Lexington community and beyond.

Pastor Sheldon, I will always remember how you love the Lord and your faithfulness. I will surely miss you, my friend, but I know I will see you again one day. Until then, I will carry on sharing the Good News of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ with you in mind as an example of a faithful servant.

-Michael Carson

Michael Arthur Carson - January 15 at 01:48 AM

LF

“ *Love, Phil and Ravena Hoffman and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Pastor Barry Craig Sheldon.*

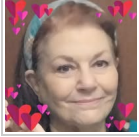


Love, Phil and Ravena Hoffman and family - January 14 at 02:11 PM

RB

“ *Pastor Sheldon was the minister while I was a member there years ago. I found myself in a very dark place once. I went to Pastor and he talked and prayed with me and got me back on the right path. Very loving; never judgmental. He officiated my dad's funeral. It was a beautiful service. Kathy and Paul I am praying for your family.*

Rosemary Bieniek Borbolla - January 13 at 10:51 PM



“ *The Steiner Cousins from Michigan have purchased two trees in remembrance of our cousin Barry. We treasure the memories we share of growing up together in Detroit and St. Clair Shores. Rest in Peace, Barry. 🙏
Karla Dooley, Karen Steiner, Kevin Steiner, Kathy Steiner, Kristin Possehl, and Kenton Steiner.*

Karla Dooley - January 13 at 03:38 PM

TC

“ *The Steiner Cousins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pastor Barry Craig Sheldon.*

The Steiner Cousins - January 13 at 03:10 PM

TC

“ *The Steiner Cousins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pastor Barry Craig Sheldon.*

The Steiner Cousins - January 13 at 02:41 PM

JW

“ *We were summer people in Lexington but my parents insisted that we attend church on Sunday. Pastor Sheldon was always very welcoming. Several of the families from the Sandpiper Estates trailer park attended his church and were active there. My nieces even attended a couple of VBS programs in the summer. We always considered St. Matthew our 'other' church. I know Pastor Sheldon will be missed by all who knew him.*

Joan Wagner - January 13 at 10:48 AM

RG

“ *Robin Grounds lit a candle in memory of Pastor Barry Craig Sheldon*



Robin Grounds - January 12 at 05:32 PM

RG

“ *In the 90's, I lived close to St. Matthews, so I would walk over to the Sheldon's every now and then and mooch coffee from Kathy while Pastor was out supporting his congregation and community. My favorite memory of Barry is of him floating on an inner tube in Lake Huron on the prettiest summer day there probably ever was. I think the kids were with grandparents, since it was just us and Barry and Kathy. Getting both of them out at the same time to have some fun was rare - but getting Barry out on an inner tube on a beautiful summer day was even rarer! That was because Pastor preferred to attend to us than himself. And what a work horse he was! He taught us. He married us. He baptized us. He confirmed us. He supported us. He loved us. He came when we called and he even came when we didn't call. He was always thinking about US. And he did this gladly, willingly, for decades and decades. I don't know about the other Pastor's out there, but I am certain nobody was like ours. He had it hard, with his own sick children, yet he never once even waived. How blessed we all were for knowing him like we did. Barry - I will miss you. Let's meet at the lake when it's my time - bring the kids this time. Love, Robin*

Robin Grounds - January 12 at 05:32 PM

RL

“ We thank God for the ministry of Pastor Sheldon. When Betty’s dad was deathly ill, we took a chance and stopped at Pastor Sheldon’s home very late at night. He and his dear wife were so kind. He comforted us with the pure Gospel, listened, and took the time to visit dad and gave him comfort, too. He is a hero of faith and God’s grace to us and we will hold his memory dear to our hearts. Praying for all the family I. Their grief time. Pastor Timothy and Betty Loewe

Rev. Timothy Loewe - January 12 at 01:07 PM

JW

“ Pastor Sheldon cared for my parents, John and Peggy Wright, at Lexington for many years. He was so good to them and brought them the good news of Jesus until they died. We are grateful for Pastor Barry Sheldon and Kathy.

James Wright - January 12 at 11:39 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pastor Barry Craig Sheldon.



January 12 at 10:19 AM

AF

“ Andrea & Dave, Kristin & David & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pastor Barry Craig Sheldon.

Andrea & Dave, Kristin & David & family - January 12 at 10:19 AM

CE

“ I always enjoyed being with this brother of mine as he loved the Lutheran hymns, Blues music, driving Camaros and Chargers, jumping off the porch and into the lake, running the bases with his son in this arms, checking out the trains with his boys, playing games at the kitchen table, throwing his arm around Kathy and just being there for the wonderful people in his life. He loved his family and had great faith in the Lord.
I love him and will miss him. Barry is now with his Savior.

carol sheldon engel - January 11 at 02:32 PM

DS

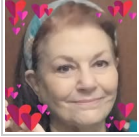
“ My condolences to Barry's family. He was my best friend when we all lived on Oldtown. Across the street was a field that we played in, and we couldn't get out of it until the Sheldon's dinner bell rang. I went to Bethany Lutheran School with him,(His Dad was the principal), and then we went to L.H.E. We had the usual fun, especially selling candy to raise money for L.H.E.'s gym fund and after three years we got enough to build it. I'm sorry to say that as we got older we both when our separate ways, He will be missed, Bless Barry and his family

David Schroeder - January 10 at 02:02 PM

CE

Thank you for this memory about my brother Barry.
Carol Sheldon Engel

Carol Engel - January 11 at 01:50 PM



“ Our family grew up near the Sheldon's in Michigan. Our mothers were sisters, and it was great to have cousins close by. There were seven siblings in our family (four girls and three boys), and six in theirs. They had a huge open field across from their house where we could play any type of sports we wanted. Great memories! We moved to Arizona years ago, so we lost that physical closeness. But those family ties never go away, we've always felt close in spirit. It's great to hear about Barry's wonderful life and dedication to Our Lord. Very saddening to learn of his struggles and passing, but it's so comforting to know we will all meet at Jesus' feet. 🙏 from the Steiner clan

Karla Dooley - January 10 at 06:58 AM

JF

“ Justin & The Powell Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Pastor Barry Craig Sheldon.



Justin & The Powell Family - January 08 at 07:59 PM

JF

“ Justin & The Powell Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pastor Barry Craig Sheldon.

Justin & The Powell Family - January 08 at 07:59 PM

LC

“ He meant so much to our family and what he has done for us.when God picked him for pastor he sure knew what he was doing.He will always be in our heart forever. Leota Chambers

Leota chambers - January 08 at 07:07 PM

JF

“ Pastor meant so much to our family, for so many reasons. His sense of humor and relatability made him truly special to all who were blessed to know him. When our 17year old son was born, Pastor came to our home to talk about his baptism with us one summer afternoon. We were doing some pretty big remodeling and had taken the wrap around porch and back deck off the house just a day or so before. He showed up and just yelled in our back door, “Well, that’s one way to keep the Pastor out of your house, just rip the whole dang deck off I guess?” Needless to say, he hoisted himself up into the back door and with his booming voice shouted, “IT DIDNT WORK, I’M COMING INNNN!” after our conversation, he even offered his help around the house if we needed it. He was the only guy we couldn’t stump with our car trivia too, not even with The Bricklin ☐ 😊!!! Thanks for all the love, friendship, and support you showed my dad and mom, pastor. Give my sweet friend Andrew the biggest hug and tell John I’m keeping Deputy Ed in line for him.



Jackie Jarosz Fontenot - January 08 at 05:36 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Barry Craig Sheldon.



January 08 at 05:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Pastor Barry Craig Sheldon.*



January 08 at 04:46 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



pomeroy funeral home - January 08 at 03:27 PM