



George W. "Barney" Schultz

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George Warren "Barney" Schultz, 89, died Sunday, September 6, 2015, at Lourdes Medical Center, Willingboro, with his daughter Barbara in attendance. He had lived in Edgewater Park for 50 years before moving to Mt. Laurel in 2010. He was currently residing in Cinnaminson. His nickname "Barney" had been given to him by an uncle and it stuck through his life.

Mr. Schultz was born in Beverly in 1926. He was predeceased by his parents Leo Philip Schultz and Madeline Rose (Ashton) Schultz, and his brothers Leo and John.

After graduating from Burlington High School in 1944, he began a long career in baseball as a pitcher, beginning with the Wilmington Blue Rocks of the Philadelphia Phillies organization. He later played for the Detroit Tigers and Chicago Cubs. As a reliever he became known for his knuckleball. He had his best year in 1964 and was instrumental in the St. Louis Cardinals' drive to the National League pennant, pitching the final out against the New York Mets to win the pennant. He ended the 1964 season with an ERA of 1.64 and 14 saves. He appeared in four games of the 1964 World Series as the Cardinals defeated the New York Yankees.

After his playing career ended, he served as Minor League Pitching Instructor and Major League Pitching Coach for the Cardinals. In the early 1980s he served two years in Japan as pitching coach for the Nankai Hawks. Until his death he was still receiving many requests for autographs. In 1988 he was inducted into the South Jersey Baseball Hall of Fame and has been mentioned in several books on baseball.

He had enjoyed golf, Atlantic City casinos, playing cards, watching the Phillies on TV and spending time with his large extended family. He had been a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Beverly, all of his life.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Frances (nee Elder), his sons George W. Jr. (Miki) of Cinnaminson, Paul A. (Terry) of Wilmington, DE and his daughter Barbara of

Westampton. He is also survived by 6 grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Life Tribute Service will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at 10:30am in St. Joseph's RC Church. 524 Warren St., Beverly, NJ 08010.

Memorial contributions may be made to the parish of Jesus, the Good Shepherd (formerly St. Joseph's, Beverly), 101 Middleton St., Riverside, NJ 08075.

Comments



“ To all of you who have posted wonderful memories of my father, I thank you. Unfortunately I cannot thank you personally since I don't have email or phone numbers for you, but your sentiments are appreciated.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 3, 2015, 10:30 am at St. Joseph's Church, 805 Warren St., Beverly, NJ (now called Jesus, the Good Shepherd).

Barbara Schultz - 2 hours ago



“ I lived next door to Barney's mother in 1972. She was a very sweet lady, and it afforded me the privilege of meeting Barney. He would give Cardinal tee shirts to all the kids in the neighborhood. Unfortunately, my son was too young to receive on since he was only one. Rest in Peace, Barney. You truly loved the sport of baseball, and Beverly in particular.

Ginny Hummell

Virginia Hummell - September 18 at 01:08 PM



“ I heard about Barney's passing on WBBM radio in Chicago. They now carry the Cub games so, being the die hard fan that I am, naturally the station was on as I drove home from work the other day. One of the big reasons I am such a die hard Cub/baseball fan has to do with Barney. When he pitched for the Cubs from 1961 - 1963 I was 7,8 and 9 yrs. old and just getting into baseball. Barney would leave us tickets at the will call window for many games. One time I remember spending the night at the house he and Frannie rented West of Wrigley off of Addison. I even think it was on St. Louis Ave...maybe a portent of things to come. Anyway, imagine how cool it was to wake up and have breakfast with a major league ballplayer and then drive to the game with him. Needless to say the memories are forever. I still have the autographed team balls of the 1962 Cubs and the 1963 Cardinals (Stan Musial's last season). After he was traded to the Cardinals the end of the '63 season and when they played in Chicago, I remember going to a game and then back to the Executive House Hotel on Wacker Drive where the team stayed. I remember how high up the room was and how windy it was with the window cracked open. Even later when I was going to law school in San Diego and the Cardinals were in town Barney, then the pitching coach, would arrange for tickets for me and a friend and would always come over to the seats to say hello and chat awhile. What a nice gentlemen he was. Fran, my Mom always referred to you as her best friend from Camden High. I'm glad you were able to stay in touch all those many years. Maybe Mom and Dad and Barney are playing a little 3 handed pinochle right now. Thank you for the memories and know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Greg Catrambone and family
Riverside, Illinois

Gregory Catrambone - September 17 at 08:30 PM



“ Mr. Catrambone, you captured the essence of Barney's spirit in this wonderful tribute. Thank you for sharing your stories.

Tim Pletkovich - September 18 at 03:05 PM



“ To the Schultz family,
I was sorry to hear the news of Barney's passing and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sharing Barney with us all these years. I grew up in Edgewater Park and have been a member of St. Joseph's Church (now Jesus The Good Sheppard Parish) all of my life. We would see Barney weekly at mass where he always had a smile, a hand shake and a kind word for us. This extended to around town as well when he would pop up somewhere during a chance encounter. The fact that we would see Barney (and Sam Calderone) each week in Church, we often did not think much of them as celebrities but fellow parishioners until one year when Richie Ashburn was the guest speaker at the annual communion breakfast. Richie called out Barney (and Sam) by name and had a quick story about them. I remember looking around and seeing Barney's face with his usual smile. It was nice that Richie recognized them and afterwards I asked for an autograph from all three gentlemen.

Back in the early 1960's our local little league from the (Bever-Edge/Lauranger Field times) took a trip to Connie Mack Stadium to see our Phillies play the St. Louis Cardinals. Someone must have tipped Barney off that we were there as I remember him throwing a few baseballs our way in the stands. What a time for a little guy to have a big-leaguer throw baseballs our way. Although I did not catch one, I still remember it to this day and smile when I think about it.

I know Barney is now watching over us all from Heaven and I just want to tell him thanks for always being the nice guy that he was. I will remain a fan of his until I leave this earth. After all, how can you not love a guy that struck out Mantle and beat the Yankees in the World Series? Thanks for all the memories Barney and rest in peace.

Tim Scassero
Edgewater Park, NJ

Tim Scassero - September 17 at 05:45 AM



“ To Barbara and Family,

I am sorry to here of the loss of your father. No words can express the lost of a parent but Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not heal. You and your family our in my prayers.

Rebecca Dickerson-Johnson

Rebecca Dickerson-Johnson - September 15 at 09:53 PM



“ Barney was one terrific person. He extended so many courtesies to my family and me over the years. When Barney was the pitching coach for the Cubs, my mom, dad, brother, and I drove from our home in Illinois to Pittsburgh for a three-game series. Barney had met my dad and me a couple months earlier at a game at Wrigley Field. During the August series in Pittsburgh, Barney arranged to have breakfast every morning with our family as we were staying with the Cubs at the Pittsburgh Hilton. On two occasions, he invited my brother and me to his room to go over pitching logs he had created for the relievers. He gave me an "assignment" as a sixteen year-old to record each of Dave Giusti's outings for the remainder of that season. That fall, I sent my log of Giusti's outings to Barney. He compared my analysis of each of Giusti's appearances with his own personal notes, ie. location of Giusti's palm ball in each game, location and velocity of all pitches, etc. Barney then wrote to me and evaluated my observations. Our family stayed in touch with him for the next several years. He always took the time to respond to my letters and answer my questions. One of his longest letters came from Japan in January or early February of 1982. It was the day he and Frances were moving into their new living accommodations after he'd taken a position as pitching coach for Don Blassingame's team . My mom always said jokingly that Barney was avoiding the task of helping to unpack while he was writing to me and leaving that assignment to Frances!! After college, I pursued scouting positions with various ball clubs. Barney knew I was doing this, and he encouraged me to always use him as a reference. I ended up going to work for the Cubs after Dallas Green and Gordon Goldsberry were hired. The last time I spoke with Barney was in 1988. He had long since retired when I called him. He was on his way to a golf engagement, but we were able to visit for about forty-five minutes. I never seemed to reach Barney or write to him at a bad time. He was such a kind man. He was so genuine. I feel badly that I hadn't written to him during these past several years. It would have been fun to have reconnected and thanked him for all the encouragement he gave me. Please know, Mrs. Schultz, that Barney greatly impacted my life. He made me feel ten feet tall that season when he was the Cubs pitching coach. He was an inspiring man....a Hall of Fame person. How many major league coaches would have done for someone what Barney did for my family and me? I've saved all the letters Barney wrote to us during those years. They will always be treasured. Please know that I am thinking of you and your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren at this time. Incidentally, I remember during the '77 season that Barney told us about your two year-old grandson. He was so proud of him and the fact that the family called him Barney. :) I also remember Barney talking with

pride about what a good hitter your son Paul was. Barney is probably talking in heaven right now about his wonderful family.

Tim Pletkovich
Peoria, Illinois

Tim Pletkovich - September 14 at 11:52 PM



“ To Fran & Family,
So sorry to hear about Barney's sudden passing. He & Fran were such good friends to our family, especially to our Aunt Gloria Catrambone, who went to school with Fran & attended many Camden High Reunions with our uncle George & Barney. We remember fondly a holiday dinner at my dear sister, Gloria's house, when Barney graciously answered question after question about his wonderful baseball career & let our boys try on his Worlds Series ring, which was a treasured moment for our whole family. So sorry, too, that we've lost touch, Fran, but please know we keep you in our thoughts & prayers. We know our family members who have gone before us have welcomed Barney into Heaven. May God Bless you & your family & keep you in His tender care.

Mary (Long) & Bill Hultz
Burlington Twp., NJ

Mary & Bill Hultz - September 14 at 05:56 PM



“ Somewhere in the Burlington County Times archives there should be Barney Schultz columns I wrote with him during the 1964 World Series. I enjoyed working with Barney. Sorry we lost touch after he left baseball. RIP, Barney. Bill Fleischman,

Bill Fleischman - September 14 at 09:22 AM



“ I met Barney when I volunteered at Bright View in Mount Laurel. We took an instant liking to each other. I would play Texas Hold Em with Barney and my boys as I called them. I had a cat named Barney and he told everybody that I named my cat after him. When I went to Florida I brought him a Mickey Mouse key chain and he was so touched and brought it with him every time we played cards. He told me that Rita Hayworth had a crush on him and when the Yankees beat his team she sent a note to him saying she still loved him anyway. I am sure by now he has started a baseball team in Heaven. He was a wonderful man and I'm so blessed to have known him. My deepest sympathy goes out to you.

Peggy Cante



“ To Mrs Frances Schultz and family
Thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.
Barney will be missed by many.
Will always cherish many happy memories.
He was a dear friend of my husband Sammy Calderone Sr.
With deepest sympathy:
Mrs. Angeline Calderone and son Sammy Jr.

Louis Stachiotti Jr - September 12 at 01:44 PM



“ We have so many memories of this great man who we were fortunate enough to call "Uncle Barney".....great sense of humor, the best baseball stories, fun-loving and made all the women in his family feel so special when he would serenade us with the "Miss America" song.....we knew he loved us and we loved him! He certainly instilled the love baseball in me and I still to this day, so many years later, bore my family with baseball games! I wonder how he would feel about the Phillies finally moving on from Amaro.....I know he would tell us how he REALLY felt about it and we would hang on his every (baseball) word! Rest in Peace. You are greatly missed but no longer suffering and for that your family is grateful. Love to Barb & family!

Wendy Drotleff & family

Wendy Drotleff - September 11 at 04:49 PM



“ Barney was a wonderful guy. My mom and dad had more fun at Barney and Fran's house than anywhere. My mother loved going to spring training. She especially loved playing with Barbara and Paul during those formative years. If Barney had a good day at practice life was wonderful. Thankfully, he didn't have may "bad" practices. Winning the world series describes Barney's life not only on the field, but also in life. Our hearts go out to you during this sad time
Patty and Pete Colangelo

Patty Colangelo - September 11 at 12:44 PM



“ I got to know Barney when we served as ushers at St. Joseph's Church. I always enjoyed his stories and his sense of humor. One of my favorite stories involved the 1964 World Series. Barney always said the people remember Mickey Mantle hitting a home run off him, but they don't remember that he also struck out Mantle. He gave

me his baseball card and I treasure it. Barney was friendly to everyone and was a gentleman in every sense of the word. He earned the admiration and respect of all who knew him. My friend Harry and I visited him in the assisted living facility and Barney was a gracious host. He was so glad to see us. He asked about various people he knew from church. He told us many stories from his baseball days. That sums up the person Barney was. I regret that I didn't visit him more. Rest in peace, Barney.

Richard Zanoni
Edgewater Park

Richard Zanoni - September 11 at 08:53 AM



“ We met Barney at BrightView. Instantly likable, he was always a joy to be around. His sense of humor and good natured teasing with my mom was a refreshing change from so many others. We especially enjoyed times shared over baseball stories. Please accept our condolences.
Sincerely, Gary & June Dorworth

Gary & June Dorworth - September 11 at 04:22 AM



“ As a longtime Phillies fan, I can remember listening on the radio as the team went into a ten game tailspin in September of 1964.....as they lost to the Cardinals, Barney was pitching the best baseball of his life.....he was a huge reason that the Cards went to the World Series in 1964. His passing brought back a flood of memories for me and as I regard him as a tough opponent that rose to greatness in that September so long ago.....

Steven Whomsley - September 17 at 10:48 AM



“ Dear Fran, Barbara, and all of your family, Barney was an icon on my branch of the family tree, whose members, especially my grandfather, Fred, my Uncle Fred, and my father, Bob, deeply (and frequently) expressed admiration for him not only for his baseball achievements but also for being the down-to-earth, humble, kind, friendly man he was. My family members are distant relatives of Barney and Fran (on Fran's side) and their family, but my uncle and father talked about them with great love all the time. I send you deepest sympathy from my part of the family. Barney has left a lasting legacy as an athlete and one of the good guys of the world. Barbara Leap

Barbara Evans - September 17 at 07:17 PM