



Bernard "Barney" Unrast

September 21, 1959 - August 26, 2022

Bernard "Barney" Unrast of Pearce passed away on August 26, 2022, at the age of 62. He was born in Coldwater, Ohio on September 21, 1959, to Leroy Bernard Unrast and Susan Phyllis Mary (Moeller) Unrast. Barney was a graduate of Willcox High School Class of 1978, had been a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He started out in 1972 with a 4-H project in the hog business and with the combined effort of his father produce thousands of market hogs annually. In 1986 Barney through the National Pork Producers Council was awarded Pork All American. He had been heavenly involved in 4-H as a youth and as an adult. Barney served on the executive board for the Cochise County Fair Association, and served as President of the Cochise County Fair, he was very involved with the Sunsites Beautification Committee. Since 2016 until current he worked for Ed Curry at Curry Farms. He is survived by his dad Leroy of Willcox, his children Nichole (Keith) Cherry of Tolar, Texas, Erin (Brandon) Gilbreth of Double Adobe and Cody (Allie) Unrast of Fruita, Colorado and his wife Laurie of Pearce. Also surviving are his grandchildren Carson Cherry, Cole Cherry, Kolby Gilbreth, Kylee Gilbreth, Kanon Gilbreth, Chipper Unrast and Olivia Unrast. Barney's surviving siblings are Paul (Debbie) Unrast, Daniel (Boone) Unrast and Ann Unrast and his stepchildren Noah, Chelsea, and Jordan along with numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death was his mother Susan on May 18, 2022. A Gathering of Family and Friends will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2022, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Robbs Barn, 4995 E. Arzberger Road, Willcox,

Arizona 85643. A Memorial with potluck to follow be held at the Chapel of the Rise Ministries, 1090 N. Slope Along Way, Cochise, Arizona 85606 on Friday, September 16, 2022, beginning at 11:00 am. A private right of committal of his cremains will be held at Sunset Cemetery in Willcox.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Cemetery

N. Sunset Strip Road
Willcox, AZ 85643

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

SEP **15.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Robbs Barn
4995 E. Arzberger Road
Willcox, AZ 85643

Memorial Service & Potluck

SEP **16.** 11:00 AM (MT)

Chapel of the Rise Ministries
1090 N. Slope Along Way
Cochise, AZ 85606

Tribute Wall



“ Bernard "Barney" Unrast

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ Barney and I were friends when my family lived in Willcox 45 years ago. When Leroy was short handed I worked with them on the hog farm. I had a hard time keeping up with Barney. He could outwork just about anybody. And he was so easy going about everything. No matter what the task.

I remember when he got a thumb cut off in the grain auger. When his Dad ran up to find out what was going on, he found Barney calmly watching the auger work. His parents wanted to take him to the hospital, but Barney calmly waited until his thumb came out of the top of the auger. Such nerve!

Even though we moved to Yuma the Rademachers and Unrasts are still best of friends.

Peace be with you Barney.

Rick Rademacher - September 15, 2022 at 12:14 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bernard "Barney" Unrast.



September 14, 2022 at 11:20 PM

FG

“ Our deepest condolences to the family. Love and prayers for all.



Frank Susie Gonzales - September 14, 2022 at 12:23 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernard "Barney" Unrast.



September 12, 2022 at 05:46 PM

MB

“ When our sons, Billy and Eddie Foster began 4-H, we went to the Unrast place to pick out a pig. Barney was so helpful to us. The show ring with Barney in it separating fighting pigs or scooting them through a gate is a memory I cherish. Great guy and wonderful family. Our thoughts and prayers to Nicole, Erin and Cody and all the family. Margaret & Ron Bemis

Margaret Bemis - September 10, 2022 at 06:06 PM



“ Rest in Peace my friend. God bless your Family.

Hector Salas - September 10, 2022 at 12:31 AM

MA

“ I have never ever met a person who was so generously giving. He had given his last shirt away if somebody had needed it. I have met Barney in 2009 and he has been a great friend. He will stay in my heart in a special place. His smile is unbelievable. And even when shit hit the fan, he tried to make the best out of it and kept going. What I consider to be his downfall: he forgot about himself, to treat himself well. I hope we will meet again . so long, Barney, keep punching along..... you are missed. marion

marion - September 08, 2022 at 06:03 PM

JW

We had the honor of knowing both Laurie and Barney. Our thoughts are with this family . Barney was and will remain a legend for this community .
Laurie and Barney had the life that most dream of..RIP Barney Unrast

Jayjerry Woehlck - September 17, 2022 at 11:15 AM

JA

“ John&Susan Arbuthnot lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Barney" Unrast



John&Susan Arbuthnot - September 03, 2022 at 12:10 PM

RH

“ Richard and Dorothy Hoyler purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Bernard "Barney" Unrast.



Richard and Dorothy Hoyler - September 02, 2022 at 11:49 PM

TH

“ Tamera and I send our love and prayers to Nichole, Erin and Cody. Barney was a key member of that community of families we called Kansas Settlement as we tried to raise kids better than ourselves. God Bless.



Tom Hunt - September 01, 2022 at 05:52 PM

KS

“ Barney was one of a kind. He was a great 4-H leader among other things. Always smiling and willing to help a neighbor out.

katie skaarer - September 01, 2022 at 12:39 AM

DW

“ I worked with Barney for a few summers when he was still running the hog farm. I have always looked to him as a standard of hard work and kindness, and his smile was contagious - Such a good man!

Dee Wilkins - August 31, 2022 at 11:31 PM

CS

“ Chris Sandt lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Barney" Unrast



chris sandt - August 31, 2022 at 06:32 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bernard "Barney" Unrast.*



August 30, 2022 at 09:16 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Unrast family. We do not have a memory of the County Fair that does not include Barney. He was instrumental in our 4-H journey. We will be praying for Nichole, Erin & Cody.*

Roy & Shellie Walker - August 30, 2022 at 09:58 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers to the Unrast family! I'm sorry for your loss!*

LaDonna Burgess - August 30, 2022 at 12:52 AM



“ *Laurie. You know how precious Barney was to us, and you still are! We are here for you when ever you need us. We know Barney is OK and in good hands with his Father in Heaven. God Bless you Always and peace be with you in this time of grief. Barney was a wonderful friend, husband and a bright light in many lives. He will be missed, but remembered with love.*
Steve and Nita

Nita - August 30, 2022 at 12:44 AM

TW

“ *The Wortman's lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Barney" Unrast*



The Wortman's - August 29, 2022 at 10:33 PM

TW

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you*

The Wortman's - August 29, 2022 at 10:32 PM

JW

“ *We are so sorry to hear the loss of Barney. He was a great guy and a good friend. Sending prayers and love to his family. He will be missed! Joe and Kim Webb*



Joe and Kim Webb - August 29, 2022 at 09:06 PM

JT

“ *Barney was a good and kind man. Love and prayers to the family. Jack and Cathie Thompson*



Jack and Cathie Thompson - August 29, 2022 at 08:21 PM

CF

“ *Cinda L. Flanders lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Barney" Unrast*



Cinda L. Flanders - August 29, 2022 at 08:12 PM

TM

“ *The Family Of Tom And Mary Moeller. lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Barney" Unrast*



The family of Tom and Mary Moeller. - August 29, 2022 at 07:51 PM

JC

“ *All our love and prayers
Danny and Judy Chastain*



Judy Chastain - August 29, 2022 at 05:59 PM

JB

“ *Johnny & Donna Brown lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Barney" Unrast*



Johnny & Donna Brown - August 29, 2022 at 05:57 PM

JF

“ Jim and Esther Moeller’s family purchased the Garden Accent - "Perhaps the stars..." for the family of Bernard "Barney" Unrast.



Jim and Esther Moeller’s family - August 29, 2022 at 05:27 PM

KG

“ My heart is breaking. The world has lost a wonderful man. Barney was always so quick to offer a smile, a hug, an offer of help. Our thoughts and prayers are with Laurie and the family.

Kris and Kevin Gates - August 29, 2022 at 05:16 PM

FM

“ From The Family Of Al & Velma Moeller purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Bernard "Barney" Unrast.



From The Family Of Al & Velma Moeller - August 29, 2022 at 05:10 PM

CW

“ Barney always took time to stop and visit as we passed each other on the road. That's a rare trait these days and so appreciated.

cassalona wilkin - August 29, 2022 at 04:42 PM

JM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, Laurie.
Condolences to you and the family. You are in
our prayers.



Jodi Middlebrook - August 29, 2022 at 04:07 PM

KR

“ I think Barney was one of the friendliest people I met after moving to Willcox 32 years ago! He seemed to always have a smile and we enjoyed whenever we ran into him and chatted. Alan and I were so sad and shocked to hear of his passing, but realize that he had found a relationship with Jesus and provided a wonderful home for Laurie! We pray for a peace to engulf his family as they share their many memories!❤️
Kathy and Alan Robbs

Kathy Robbs - August 29, 2022 at 04:06 PM

LW

“ I am so very sorry for your unexpected loss.
You remain in my prayers.

*To laugh often and much;
to win the respect of the
intelligent people and
the affection of children;
to earn the appreciation of
honest critics and endure
the betrayal of false friends;
to appreciate beauty;
to find the beauty in others;
to leave the world a bit better
whether by a healthy child,
a garden patch, or a redeemed
social condition; to know that
one life has breathed easier
because you lived here.
This is to have succeeded.*

*by
Ralph Waldo Emerson*



Lori Williford - August 29, 2022 at 03:18 PM

JH

“ Jeannie Harris lit a candle in memory of
Bernard "Barney" Unrast



Jeannie Harris - August 29, 2022 at 02:46 PM

SH

“ *Scott & Jeannie Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernard "Barney" Unrast*



Scott & Jeannie Harris - August 29, 2022 at 02:43 PM

CD

“ *Connie Morris Diggs lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Barney" Unrast*



Connie Morris Diggs - August 29, 2022 at 01:56 PM

JJ

“ *My Prayers & thoughts are with you Lourie & the Family. Barny was such a Good soul with a Heart of gold. He will be missed by many.*



Jeannie Johnson - August 29, 2022 at 01:43 PM

FA

“ *From The Hemming Family, Cave Creek, AZ purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bernard "Barney" Unrast.*



From The Hemming Family, Cave Creek, AZ - August 29, 2022 at 01:10 PM

RN

“ Russ And Hannah Nofziger lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Barney" Unrast



Russ and Hannah Nofziger - August 29, 2022 at 11:42 AM

GM

“ Gus & Rita Morales sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernard "Barney" Unrast



Gus & Rita Morales - August 28, 2022 at 06:16 PM

MP

“ My deepest sympathy to the Unrast family. Barney will be missed. We shared so many great 4-H memories from when we were in 4-H, then with his kids and beyond. I will always remember his generous spirit.



Mark & Susan Pater - August 28, 2022 at 04:15 PM



Thank you Susan, the best memories- Nichole

Nichole Cherry - August 29, 2022 at 10:25 AM

TM

“ *Trey Moses lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Barney" Unrast*



Trey Moses - August 28, 2022 at 03:38 PM

CM

“ *Christine Maxwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernard "Barney" Unrast*



Christine Maxwell - August 28, 2022 at 03:26 PM

CM

“ *I have never known a kinder Gentleman then Barney. He will be missed.*

Christine Maxwell - August 28, 2022 at 03:21 PM

CR

“ *A very nice thoughtful man, he will be missed.*

Cindy Rae - August 28, 2022 at 01:01 PM

CD

“ *Carol Dickson lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Barney" Unrast*



Carol Dickson - August 28, 2022 at 10:35 AM

JA

“ *John & Susan Arbuthnot lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Barney" Unrast*



John & Susan Arbuthnot - August 28, 2022 at 10:35 AM

EV

“ *Erlinda Valenzuela lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Barney" Unrast*



Erlinda Valenzuela - August 28, 2022 at 09:55 AM

MV

“ *Michael Valenzuela lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Barney" Unrast*



Michael Valenzuela - August 28, 2022 at 09:52 AM



“ *Betsy Ajeman lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Barney" Unrast*



Betsy Ajeman - August 28, 2022 at 08:07 AM

PJ

“ *Peggy Jackson lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Barney" Unrast*



peggy jackson - August 28, 2022 at 01:58 AM

GI

“ *Gloria Ibarra-Zazueta lit a candle in memory of Bernard "Barney" Unrast*



Gloria Ibarra-Zazueta - August 28, 2022 at 12:04 AM

CM

“ *I am so sorry to here this. Prayers to the family for healing.*



Candy Morgan - August 27, 2022 at 11:14 PM

SA

“ *Sharon Arzberger sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernard "Barney" Unrast*



Sharon Arzberger - August 27, 2022 at 10:29 PM

CC

“ So sorry to hear this. Our condolences to the family. We sure had some good times years ago in 4-H. Rest in peace Barney.
Chad, Carol and Dylan Case



Carol Case - August 27, 2022 at 10:27 PM

AT

“ Our deepest condolences to the family!! Hugs & prayers to all. 🙏❤️
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Anselmo & Bertha Torres - August 27, 2022 at 10:25 PM

AT

“ Anselmo & Bertha Torres sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernard "Barney" Unrast



Anselmo & Bertha Torres - August 27, 2022 at 10:23 PM

BD

Barney was a dear soul. He introduced 4H to my girls, oldest daughter worked with him on hog farm. Always went the extra mile for a 4H kid. He was an awesome neighbor n friend. Nichole, Erin n Cody I am sorry for your loss.

Bonnie n Bill Diehl - August 28, 2022 at 08:34 AM



For sure helping 4H kids was his favorite- Nichole

Nichole Cherry - August 29, 2022 at 10:28 AM

JR

“ *Juan & Shirley Rubio sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernard "Barney" Unrast*



Juan & Shirley Rubio - August 27, 2022 at 10:13 PM

SA

“ *Gussie & Sharon Arzberger*

Sharon Arzberger - August 27, 2022 at 09:28 PM