



Barry Keith Young

May 20, 1952 - October 28, 2021

Dr. Barry Keith Young, an educator in the Baltimore City Public Schools transitioned on October 28, 2021 at Sinai Hospital due to Covid-19. He was 69 years old. Dr. Barry Keith Young was the sixth of seven children born to Lucine Anita and Donald Kenneth Young, Sr. on May 20, 1952 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Barry attended Baltimore City Public Schools and graduated from Forest Park High School in 1969. After which he attended Baltimore City Community College. However, he received a scholarship to The University of Maryland, College Park where he majored in Communications and Broadcasting. While there he practiced his craft as a DJ for Maryland's radio station where he emceed the top concerts such as Isaac Hayes, during his stay.

Barry was one of the founding line members of Omega Psi Phi at College Park. He has always been proud of being an Omega Man; as well as being proud of his fellow brothers. Barry volunteered at WEAA as an on-air personality for a period of time and later became the General Manager (1986-1989).

In 1979 Barry met his soon to be wife, Margo Lee Jackson-Villanova while they both worked at the Mayor's office of Manpower Resources. They married on July 5, 1981. With this union Barry joined his wife Margo and became a member of The Beth-El Temple Church of Christ (formerly, The Highway Church of Christ) under the leadership of the late Apostle Robert Evans, Jr. He and his wife Margo were loyal members who raised their five children

there, and headed the Marriage and Family Enrichment Committee.

As life shifts and changes, so did Barry; he became an educator like his wife Margo who had been an educator since 1973, with the exception of the one year when she met Mr. Young! Teaching is not easy, but Barry took whole heartedly embraced every moment! He earned his MA in Educational Leadership at Notre Dame of Maryland University and his Ed.D in Christian Education at The North Carolina College of Theology. During Dr. Young's 29 Years of working for Baltimore City Public Schools, he served as an English Teacher, Director of Abacus, Technology Administrator, Business Manager and Educational Associate. When he served as a teacher, he generally preferred seniors and didn't quite realize that he had a tremendous affect on Freshmen! One of his co-workers who teaches seniors shared that he instilled self-esteem in his students back in the 8th grade and the students did not forget the mantra that they practiced daily.

Barry always had a smile and kind word for everyone. He was a people person who could bring light into a room.

Barry loved family and extended that love and smile to friends of the family. His grandchildren knew that granddad, grandfather, Papah would always "bend". He enjoyed watching their shows with them and sharing snacks (cookies)! Whenever he went fishing, biking or golfing it was always the fellowship that he enjoyed the most. Football, football was an opportunity to get excited, yell etc.; whether he was alone, or the room was packed! He enjoyed hosting family gatherings; it was just going to be FUN! Oh, until the Taboo game came out!

Barry was preceded in death by his parents Lucine and Donald K. Young, Sr. two brothers Donald and Arthur and his sister Norma Young-Wyatt.

Barry Keith Young leaves to cherish great memories; his beloved wife Margo J. Young; his sons, Bolivia "Bo" Villanova, CPT, USA, Ret. (Riina), Minister Damien "Omar" Villanova, Gunnery Sergeant, USMC, Ret. (Tannis, USMC Veteran) and Lawrence F. Ace Young; two loving daughters, Carita L. Young-Chinonn and Margaret Theresa Young, SPC, U.S. Army Veteran;

Grandchildren Dakwon Menefee, SSG, U.S. Army (Miranda), Cameron Villanova, Olivia Villanova, Lauryn Villanova, Isaiah Villanova, Lydia Villanova, Charlotte (Charlie) Chinonn, Xavier Chinonn. Great grandchildren Dakwon Menefee Jr. and Isabella Menefee. A sister Theresa Smith (Melvin), two brothers, Roger Young (Gwen) and Frederick Young (Rose) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

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NOV **12.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown
5616 Old Court Road
Windsor Mill, MD

Wake

NOV **13.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Barry Keith Young, Please Click the Link below.



March Life Tribute Centers - November 08, 2021 at 09:21 AM

TR

My cool 9th English Teacher from Southwestern ...Me. Young was Always smiling ...He was a great teacher...He was a wonderful teacher.I can't believe he passed snd I missed his home going service wow ...GO SABERS

Travis J Robertson - November 13, 2021 at 11:32 PM

TR

My 9th Grade English Teacher...He was a cool guy...I can't believe He is gone...I didn't when his service was ...I am sorry I missed it wow

Travis J Robertson - November 13, 2021 at 11:33 PM

LR

“ It is with a heavy heart that I read of the earthly loss of my old colleague Barry. We met in 1971 at WBJC radio at the old Community College of Baltimore. He was bright, thoughtful and kind. More than fifteen years later he hired me to help him rebuild WEAA. Barry was a generous and innovative manager who could "see around the corner" to spot opportunities for our station despite a lack of material resources. It is no surprise that he became a well-respected full time educator; he taught me much during the short time we worked together. May God bless Ms. Margo, the children and the rest of the family.

Leonard Rome Roberts - November 13, 2021 at 11:21 AM

PT

“ My sincerest condolences to the Young family. I have not seen or talked to Barry in over 30 years but I have many great memories of Barry and family since childhood and as a college roommate, that will endure with me the rest of my life.
God bless and rest in peace.
Paul Turner

Paul Turner - November 13, 2021 at 10:42 AM

CH

“ Bonjour Margo, my sisters and brothers of the heart forever,
Barry Bear this is how I like to call you for your kindness and warmth heart. Realizing you are gone is so tuff and yet you are. You have welcomed me with all the family as one of yours and raised up my self esteem, you have brought hope and smiles when things were difficult, you have shared your garden and so much more. My souvenir of you is always the same a bright smiley face with fun jokes and a wonderful spirit. Forever in our hearts and minds. Forever by our sides in your new mission. From where you are I know you can see and hear us. My prayers and thoughts are by your family side, Margo, your girls Carrie and Maggie, the boys Laurence, Damian, Beau and all husbands and wives and grandchildren and everyone who loves you so dearly. From my heart to yours forever and ever. One Love Big Dude! Safe travels. With LOVE from Paris (I know you like that one!).



Christine - November 12, 2021 at 02:38 AM

JP

“ I am reluctant to add my thoughts to all of the very kind, respectful memories of Barry. However, I would be grossly remiss if I don't. Barry was more than a friend to me; he filled the void in my life for a brother.
We started our careers in education at same time, same day, same place, and under the same circumstances. From that day until now we have been friends. Even when we disagreed, it never was belligerent. There was always peace between us. Truly, never and always! I love Barry Keith Young, he will always be my friend and brother.
I pray the peace, blessings, and courage of God Almighty upon Margo and his children.

J Richard Perkins - November 11, 2021 at 06:55 PM

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“ I remember how you Guys took me in when I lost Ray. I will Never foget How you helped me when I needed you Guys in my DARKEST hours. I love and miss you UNCLE Barry.

Terry Moore - November 09, 2021 at 10:28 PM



“ I worked with Barry Young at WEAA-FM from 1986 -1989 as Director of " On Air Programming" and Media Relations. He was smart, innovative, holistic in his vision of what public radio's role in the health, education, protection, education, and enlightenment of the community.

He introduced the first mayoral simulcasts, heard on WEAA-FM, and then (WJHU-FM), now WYPR, simultaneously using one number. He introduced remote broadcasting with live program " break- ins", and convinced the department of Commerce to pay off , or forgive over \$250,000.00 of debt.

He designed the station's Internship program for which I was responsible and charted the course for former White House Correspondent April Ryan, and playwright David Talbert both of whom were upperclassmen majoring in communication.

He was co-creator of WEAA-FM's " Radio in Schools" program which taught kids at schools like City Springs Elementary to create and produce daily broadcasts over their school's PA system with the permission, help, and support of their principal, teachers, and peers.

He lead the fight in 1989 asking the state legislature to pass laws funding radio at the same level it supports public radio.

And that was before he became a teacher. My condolences.

John Wesley - November 05, 2021 at 10:59 AM



Thanks so much for sharing.

Tracy Forrest - November 06, 2021 at 11:33 AM

DD

“ *On behalf of the Bluford Drew Jemison STEM Academy family we want to send our sincerest condolences to the Young family. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. If there is anything you need during this time please don't hesitate to reach out to us. 🙏*

Dr. Ryan Durr - November 04, 2021 at 03:12 PM

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“ *I extend my heartfelt condolences to the family of Brother & Sister Villanova.*



Cinderella Claggett (BWOTCC) - November 04, 2021 at 11:55 AM

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“ *Awwwww man when we were kids this man was our LIFEGOD , meaning he use to to save us at the pool and try to direct us on the right path in life and we appreciated him and his wife was my Spanish teacher , we had a blast in class , knowing that his mother was also one of my close friends mom, so we were all mixed up in there somewhere, he was a great man and will be missed , I would like everyone to write something about this good guy , because this can always be read by friends and family, time is something we can never get back, so let's remember the good times that we had*

maahari ingram - November 03, 2021 at 03:29 PM



Thanks for sharing.

Tracy Forrest - November 06, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ *To Margo and the Young Family:
I worked with Barry at Robert Poole and William C March Schools for too many years to count. Our staff was so close and had so much fun together. Barry was always the calming force whose personality never changed I am truly heartbroken. Carl and I send our prayers and condolences to the family, Barry will truly be missed.*

Angela Matthews

Angela Matthews - November 02, 2021 at 07:48 PM

TG

“ *It was just a week or two ago, the seniors in my English class were talking about something you used to have them memorize and repeat with all the confidence and pride in the world. They laughed that they still remembered what you taught them years ago and how you could pound your hands on a desk to make your point. All I could think was how awesome it was that they remembered and how I wish I could impact them in even a fraction of the way you did. It's a beautiful thing. I wanted to tell you when I saw you again. I wish I had the presence of mind to send, at the least, an email. Thank God, I still feel the warmth you left on my heart.*

Thanks for welcoming me to BDJ.

Love, Tuere Ganges (Ms. G)

Tuere Ganges - November 02, 2021 at 03:14 PM

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“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always

March Life Tribute Center (Randallstown) - November 01, 2021 at 11:24 AM

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RF

“ May the prayers, thoughts, and expressions of sympathy from family and friends be of comfort to you at this time. We will miss our neighbor. Peace and blessings.

The Boozer Family

Ronald & Sarah Boozer & Family - October 31, 2021 at 07:07 PM



“ I've never not seen him without a smile on his face. My condolences and prayers to the Young family.

Darryl Evans - October 31, 2021 at 03:58 PM

VA

“ Margaret. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to meet your Dad. Such a delightful man. I pray that you all will somehow find peace during this time. Blessings to you.all. Vanessa Chambers

Vanessa - October 31, 2021 at 11:09 AM

TA

“ May God bless you and your family during this time and always. I personally did not know Mr. Young, I work with his niece, Terry. With prayers.
Robert & Tami Russell



Tami - October 30, 2021 at 06:47 PM