

Commemorative report of Barry Gordon Sargent.

2nd July 1970-6th April 2010

Our dear Brother/Son/Father/Grandad/Uncle/Nephew/Cousin/Friend



Barry was born on the 2nd July 1970 and was a very wanted adopted baby and precious addition to our family.

Our parents had already adopted Tracey in 1965 and Della in 1967.

Barry was a red head with lots of freckles and we recall him fondly loving his Raleigh Chopper bicycle from a very early age.



We have so many wonderful childhood memories of Barry growing up, it is impossible to mention them all.

Barry was a happy child and Della and Barry spent many long summers off out on bicycles (THE CHOPPER). We took picnics with us and enjoyed the local country side where we grew up

Tracey recalls fun times on our triple swing set in our garden and our Mum taking us to Wrabness shore to swim with the jelly fish.

Our Dad kept vintage tractors and we spent many years as children attending tractor rallies and country shows throughout the summer months.

Dad always referred to Barry as 'Barry bo bo fly' and Tracey and I always felt he was the favourite! But the reality was he was at that point he was the only son. Our parents adored us all and we grew up in a working class home with strict but very loving parents.

We believe Barry felt as thankful as Tracey and I have at being adopted by such special people.

We all felt that it took very special parents to nurture, guide and love other people's children in the way that our parents have. Barry adored our wonderful parents.

We had wonderful summer holidays in Devon, Wales, Great Yarmouth throughout our childhood and Barry dressed up and entered competitions on the holiday camps.

Christmas was a special family time, spent with our Grandparents, Aunt, Uncle and cousins with lots of party games and Barry always had a good appetite for all the delicious food.

We also had special times with our grandparents every Sunday afternoon when then they came for tea, which Barry always enjoyed.

In December 1980, our parents were blessed with the arrival of their first biological son Andrew, a very welcome addition to our family. We were all very excited to have a baby brother.





As a teenager Barry loved the TA (Territorial Army) which was held in our local village and had some good friends locally on our estate that he used to play with.

Barry always enjoyed family time, and eagerly joined in at family gatherings, whether these were, christenings, birthday parties, and Della and Barry celebrated their 18th and 21st together with a joint party in our village

We have very fond memories of the closeness we shared as children and this continued for us all into adulthood.



Barry left the family home at the age of 20 and moved to Colchester and shortly after met the mother of his two lovely daughters who he adored from the minute they were born.



Sadly the relationship broke down and contact with his daughters at that time became difficult, But when he was able to see his daughters he would take them out and bring the girls to our parents home, he always remained a very devoted Dad and adored his girls, they were his world.

Barry loved his girls spending time with their grandparents and especially their cousins and it gave him great pleasure to see them all playing together as we did ourselves as children.

At the end of 2009, as a family we had a wonderful day celebrating Tracey's wedding. Barry was so proud to be able to give a wonderful speech for his eldest Sister. Tracey thankfully has video footage of the speech as it's the last really happy memories we have of Barry as sadly his mental health rapidly deteriorated shortly after.

Barry was admitted to Colchester General Hospital on 19th March 2010 following a tragic attempt on his own life. Barry was assessed by a Mental Health professional on the 22nd March and deemed fit to be discharged. Later that same evening the Duty Doctor advised the medical ward at the Hospital that Barry was 'at risk' and needed to be picked up by Police on a 136 of the mental health act. Barry was subsequently admitted Lakes Mental Health Hospital on 22nd March 2010 as an informal patient. According to the investigation into our darling Barry's death he was let off the ward by a student Nurse with consent of the Nurse in charge at approximately 13:30 On 6th April 2010. Barry tragically took his own life approximately an hour after he left the hospital. Just after midnight a concern for welfare was raised to the Police as no contact with Barry had been made.

No goodbyes, no warnings, no letters, Barry was clearly very unwell. To end his life at the age of 39 in the tragic way he did will, always haunt our family.

Barry was failed by services that should have been able to help and protect him while he was suffering with such poor mental health. Barry was after all in the care of an acute hospital, where it appears to us he was able to freely walk and tragically end his life. This should never of been allowed to happen!! Barry was the life and soul of any party, adored his daughters, parents, siblings and extended family.

Barry lives on in his beautiful daughter Hannah, who not only looks so much like him, but has so many of his characteristics. But it breaks our hearts that he sadly never got to meet his grandsons.

We will always be your voice darling Barry, and you will always be in our hearts.

Remembering Someone Special



*In Loving Memory of
Barry Sargent
2nd July 1970 - 6th April 2010*

