

BARRY M. SAX
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Barry Marshall Sax was born April 15, 1939 in Philadelphia, PA. He and his family lived in the Strawberry Mansion neighborhood and he was fortunate enough to attend and graduate from Central High School. A few years after graduating, he took a road trip with friends to California, and loved it. Not long after, Barry left home and traveled by train to Los Angeles, where he rented a room at a boarding house, got a student body card from L.A. City College, and found a part-time job. He soon applied for and received a scholarship to UCLA, where he majored in International Relations. Barry then applied and was accepted to study law at Berkeley's Boalt Hall, which always remained dear to his heart. He graduated with his J.D. in 1967.

His legal career began in the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office in 1968. He worked in the Major Frauds Division, and helped create the California Medi-Cal Fraud Unit.

In 1979, with his first wife and two children, Barry moved to the Washington DC area. He began his career with the Federal Government at the Department of Health and Human Services, again working on health fraud matters.

During his years at HHS, Barry went through a difficult period, going through a painful divorce. He briefly tried private practice, but soon returned to work for the Federal Government at the Defense Logistics Agency. Around that time, he also met Carolyn. Carolyn and Barry were married in 1987 in Falls Church, VA.

Barry continued his career at the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals, where he was Department Counsel, Chief, Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution, and finally, Administrative Judge. In 1997, he and Carolyn were able to transfer to the Southern California office, where he remained until his retirement in January 2008.

Barry had many interests, but most of them centered on Military History. In the last dozen years, his passion was sharing the story of the Immortal Four Chaplains, heroes in the sinking of the Dorchester during a World War II battle in the North Atlantic. This interest extended to every aspect of the story, including the Chaplains, the casualties, and the rescuers from other ships. He flew to Greenland several times to see the area where the Dorchester was headed, and the remains of the hospital and cemetery there. He was proud to be a member of the Board of the Chapel of Four Chaplains in Philadelphia. Barry had written a number of articles and was in the process of writing a book.

Barry and Carolyn loved to travel, and took many wonderful trips all over the world, visiting all seven continents.

Along with Carolyn, Barry is survived by his sister, Diane Shneer, and his children, Michael Sax, Stephanie Sax, Christin Webb, and Kerry Robinson. Barry and Carolyn have three grandchildren, Natalie and Timothy Webb, and Joe Robinson.