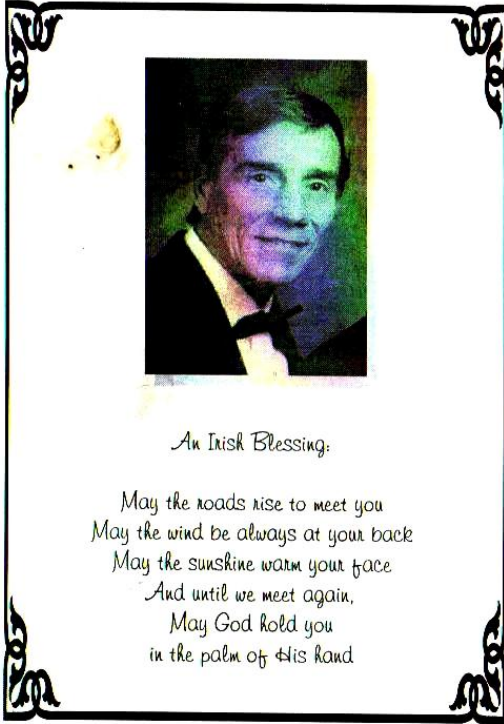


David Barrington
September 3, 1947 – April 4, 2000



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
David 'Fluf' Barrington

BORN TO LIFE
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New London, Wisconsin

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FUNERAL SERVICE
Friday, April 7, 2000 at 10:00 A.M.
Most Precious Blood Catholic Church
New London, Wisconsin

CLERGYMAN
Rev. Tito Sammut

PLACE OF INTERMENT
Most Precious Blood Parish Cemetery
New London, Wisconsin

CASKET BEARERS
Stephen Snyder Todd Barrington
Michael Snyder Shane Fields
Peter Snyder Troy Fields
William Snyder Lincoln Barrington
Patrick Kloehn Andy Laczniak

Cline & Hanson Funeral Home * New London, WI

REFLECTIONS OF A LIFE

Kids always came first for 'Fluf'

By Myrna Collins
Post-Crescent staff writer

NEW LONDON - David Barrington knew he didn't have long to live. Eight days earlier he had undergone surgery to remove a portion of his spine, but on March 18 "Fluf" Barrington took his place as "Irishman of the Year" in the St. Patrick's Day parade in "New Dublin."

Barrington's involvement with the festivities goes way back to the beginning, according to his wife, Connie.

"One St. Patrick's Day a bunch of guys got a casket, put a dummy they named 'Finnegan' inside, and carried it from Coyle's Tire store to Sommer's Midtown.

"Every year more people joined in. They added fake widows and pretend mourners," she said. "Somewhere along the line Mike Coyle got a green hearse. They had a great time."

Finally the Shamrock Club was formed and Barrington was one of those who put in a tremendous amount of work on the yearly parade.

Today the parade is the highlight of a week-long festival when the city is

renamed "New Dublin" and all things are Irish.

Proud as he was of his Irish heritage, there was a lot more in life that interested Barrington.

"He really loved kids," Mrs. Barrington said.

"The reason he got involved with the Jaycees was because they did so much for children."

Barrington coached the little ones in T-Ball and fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade girls in bas-

ketball at Most Precious Blood School.

"He continued long after our four girls were beyond that. It was fun for him. Sometimes he'd come home laughing and say, 'I had to start by showing them a basketball.' He really enjoyed working with them."

"Fluf" liked a lot of sports, according to his brother Tom, better known as "Moochie," also of New London. The two were on the same bowling team and they fished and golfed together. They also teamed up for Fantasy Football.

"One time he put in the wrong player and we got zero. He tried to pretend he hadn't made the mistake. 'I was wr - , wr - , wrong' was just something he couldn't say," Tom Barrington said.

"Fluf" loved to argue about all kinds of things, but he never let it get so serious it would lead to a fight or anything like that.

"He hated violence and guns. He loved playing with all the nieces and nephews - there must be at least 30 of them - but he would never let them have even a water pistol," Tom Barrington said.

"Fluf" got his nickname when he started working at Curwood," Mrs. Barrington said. "It was in the '60s and he was one of the few people there who had long hair.

"One day he was driving a tow motor and someone said, 'Look at his hair fluff out.' After that he was 'Fluf,'" she said.

"Fluf" took a lot of pride in his work and his family, his wife said.

Mrs. Barrington said her husband adored their daughters, "and they had him wound around their little fingers."

"He would try, he really would, but he'd wind up just throwing his hands up in the air and letting them get their way."

She said he was always good at keeping other people's spirits up. Even during his final illness, he worried about others, but wouldn't let them worry about him.

"Our youngest girl is still in high school and has a class trip to New York planned just after Easter," Mrs. Barrington said. "He was so concerned that he would die while she was gone and she'd have to fly back here by herself. He said he wished he would die before that so she could go on her trip without having to worry about him."

On Tuesday, "Fluf" Barrington got his wish.

