



## Barry Michael Karleskint

May 25, 1941 - March 10, 2018

Barry Michael Karleskint Barry Michael Karleskint passed away on March 10, 2018, surrounded by family. He was 76 years old. Barry was born in Santa Maria, California and moved to San Luis Obispo, at an early age. Barry attended Old Mission Elementary and High School, as well as Cal Poly where he studied business. After Cal Poly, Barry joined the California National Guard and served for six years. He married the love of his life, Brenda Signorelli, in 1963. Barry joined his parents, John and Mary Karleskint, to run Karleskint's Florist and Nursery. Barry and Brenda later partnered with his sister Pamela and brother-in-law Jerry Crum to start Karleskint-Crum Inc. a landscape construction company. Barry loved working day to day with the public at the flower shop and nursery and enjoyed the fact that he was still in contact with many of his former customers and employees whom he always considered family. Karleskint's Flowers and Gifts closed in June 2001 after serving San Luis Obispo for 53 years. Barry was very active in the community giving numerous hours to many causes. He was involved with the Parks and Recreation Department, the Tree Committee and the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission for eight years, serving as chairman during part of that time. Barry served on the San Luis Swim Club Board, Mission Parents Club and was a member of the Knights of Columbus and California Nurseryman's Association. Barry was a member of Rotary de Tolosa and recently celebrated his 30th anniversary with the club. He was proud to serve as club president in 1993 and since then has served on the board of directors as club

parliamentarian. Barry enjoyed attending weekly meetings and considered Rotary his second family. Even though Barry suffered a serious stroke in March of 2000, leaving him paralyzed on his right side, he maintained a positive attitude, which inspired all of those around him. He was able to travel often, enjoying many trips and creating priceless memories with Brenda, his children and grandchildren. Barry is survived by his wife of 55 years, Brenda; his children: Ken (Sue) Karleskint, Rob (Amanda) Karleskint and Ann Marie (Dan) Poletti; his grand-children: Katie and Molly Karleskint and Ross and Caterina Poletti; his sister, Pamela Crum; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. Barry was preceded in death by his parents, John and Mary Karleskint; and brother-in-law, Jerry Crum. Visitation will be from 3:00 to 6:00 pm, Thursday, March 15, 2018, at Reis Chapel, with a vigil to follow. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10:00 am, Friday, March 16, 2018, at Old Mission San Luis Obispo. The family wishes to thank the many doctors and nurses who gave such loving care to Barry through the years. Flowers are appreciated. Contributions can be made in honor of Barry to Rotary de Tolosa Charities, Foundation for the Performing Arts Center, Jack's Helping Hand, or a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Old Mission Catholic Cemetery

101 Bridge St  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401  
(805) 541-0584  
<http://www.cfcsmonterey.org>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 15.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Reis Family Mortuary and Crematory  
991 Nipomo Street  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401  
(805) 544-7400  
[k.reis1958@gmail.com](mailto:k.reis1958@gmail.com)  
<https://www.reisfamilymortuary.net/>

## Vigil/Rosary

**MAR 15.** 6:00 PM (PT)

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## Mass

MAR 16. 10:00 AM (PT)

Old Mission Catholic Church  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barry Michael Karleskint.*



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March 15, 2018 at 07:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barry Michael Karleskint.*



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