



Barry Groce

February 27, 1945 - February 21, 2026

Barry L. Groce, 80, passed away February 21, 2026.

A native of Greer, a son of the late William Henry Groce, Jr. and Alvis Williams Groce; he was inducted into the Greer High School Athletic Hall of Fame, where he was a valued football player in the Class of 1963; 1967 graduate of Newberry College, where he played football all four years; a Veteran of the United States Army; and a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church, Greer, serving as Youth Leader, Deacon and Elder. Additionally, he was an Administrator for Greenville Technical College for 31 years. He last served as Director of Veterans Affairs and was President of SCAVA (South Carolina Association of Veterans Administration) 1983-84.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Diane Holmes Groce, of the home; a daughter, Carlen Groce of Nashville, Tennessee; a son, Jason Groce of Charleston, South Carolina; a brother, Bryan Groce (Cecilia) of Fountain Inn, South Carolina; a sister, Barbara Prichard (Rick) of St. George, Utah; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Bill Groce.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at First Presbyterian Church, Greer, conducted by Rev. Will Shelburne.

Visitation will be held 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 25, 2026, in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church, Greer.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, Greer, 100 School Street, Greer, SC 29651 or a charity of one's choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Greer
100 School Street
Greer, SC 29651

Fellowship Hall

Memorial Service

FEB **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Diane and family, I am so sorry to hear of Barry's transition from this life. Please accept my condolences and know that you are in my prayers. I was privileged to work with Barry at GTC for many years. He was always the same...gentle, sincere and a caring person who took his job to heart and worked diligently for the veteran students. He was a delight to work with and possessed a quiet, shy/sly sense of humor. I am sure he will be greatly missed by family and friends. I am equally sure that he is in the presence of our Lord. Blessings on all.*

Janie Reid - February 24 at 01:01 PM

PK

“ *Diane...I am so very sorry for this news. My memories of Barry are a gentle, thoughtful and devoted Christian, and a thoughtful and devoted man to you and his friends. I know Helen Holladay, AKA Mama, treasured your friendship. I didn't realize he and my husband, Rodney, were the same age. They are meeting again in heaven. You are in my prayers.*

Page Kight - February 23 at 07:28 PM

KJ

“ *Diane and Family: Debbie and I are so sad to hear of the loss of Barry. He is a great man and will make heaven a better place. We will always be there as friends for you to help as needed and help you heal. Do not hesitate to ask if you need anything. We are just three houses down the street.*
Deepest Condolences,

Ken and Debbie Jones

Ken Jones - February 23 at 03:52 PM

BD

“ *Diane and family. I was very saddened to hear of Barry’s passing. Many fond memories at GHS and Newberry College. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*
Ben Dillard

Ben Dillard - February 23 at 08:08 AM

BH

“ *So sorry for your loss.*



Bonnie Holmes - February 22 at 11:15 PM

DS

“ *I worked with Barry many years ago at Greenville Tech. He was a true southern gentleman. My prayers are with his family.*

Debbie Singleton

Debbie Singleton - February 22 at 10:44 PM

ND

“ *NHS English Department purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Barry Groce.*



NHS English Department - February 22 at 08:53 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Barry Groce.*



February 22 at 08:30 PM



“ *Diane and family, please accept my sincere sympathy. You're in my prayers for comfort and peace.*



Sarah McIntyre - February 22 at 06:00 PM



“ *Diane, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this sad time.*

Joanne M. Culvern

Joanne Culvern - February 22 at 05:31 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to you Diane, Carlen and Jason on the loss of your husband and father. Also to Barbara and Bryan, my deepest sympathy to you both. I won't be able to be with you all on Wednesday, but will be there in spirit. Prayers to all for strength and comfort during this difficult time.*

Joyce Brannon - February 22 at 03:33 PM

EH

“ *Diane, I am so sorry for the loss of your husband, Barry, and pray for you and your family. Ellen Boatwright Horn*

Ellen Boatwright Horn - February 22 at 03:05 PM

GM

Diane, Kevin, and I are so sorry for Barry's passing. We also give out sympathy to Jason and Carlen. May all of you have fond memories of Barry.

Gloria Minton - February 24 at 10:20 AM