

## Barry Louis Singer



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<b>BIRTH</b>	18 Feb 1936 Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, USA
<b>DEATH</b>	14 Jun 1998 (aged 62) Duluth, St. Louis County, Minnesota, USA
<b>BURIAL</b>	Temple Emanuel Cemetery Duluth, St. Louis County, Minnesota, USA
<b>MEMORIAL ID</b>	89251340

Barry Singer, 62, a local historian and scholar, died Sunday, June 14, 1998, in St. Luke's Hospital.

For years, Mr. Singer was a librarian at the Superior Public Library, in charge of adult services and the state archives. He was able to combine his interests and longtime involvement with the Douglas County Historical Society with his library work, to benefit both.

Mr. Singer, of Cumming Avenue, was born in Detroit, Mich., and had lived in Superior since 1979. He taught English literature at the University of Tel-Aviv, Israel from 1966 to 1969 where he met his wife, Sarah. He served in the Army during the Korean War, stationed in Germany. He was active in and associated with many organizations including the Chavurah, board of directors with the Fairlawn Museum, and the Melville Society of the Laurel and Hardy Club. He loved movies, sports, classic books, philosophy and the arts.

Barry was a writer, humorist, poet, actor, historian, and English professor. He was the Employee of the Year in 1991 of the city of Superior and was a public servant who enriched the community with his knowledge. He was dedicated to the study of history and used it to better the community in which he lived. His passion for books and his gift of speech touched the people of the Twin Ports area in many ways.

Mr. Singer was active in the returning of the Pembina ship that was built in the Globe Shipyards of Superior.

For that project, Mr. Singer created a moving, three-part video on World War II shipbuilding. He gathered original photos, artifacts, interviewed shipworkers from that era who were still living.

Rachel Martin, Douglas County Historical Society executive director, recalled recruiting Mr. Singer in the 1980s for the "Back in Time Players" that recreated moments in history. He took his role very seriously. He researched it very thoroughly, as he did with everything. He was a scholar."

He was on the historical society's board of trustees and was an active committee member until a few weeks ago. He often was an actor in murder mystery dinners at

Fairlawn and portrayed Martin T. Pattison, the mansion's original owner and builder, many times.

Surviving are his wife, Sarah; a daughter, Muriel; two sons: Jonathan, and Daniel.

Burial in Temple Emanuel Cemetery.

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