

**Statement from nephew DJ Carey on behalf of Sacks' family:**

**Barry was a lot of things to a lot of people throughout his life. A co-worker, a friend, a professor, a mentor and so much more. To us, he was the bedrock of our family and the center of our universe. He was always the first to call and check-in or offer a word of advice. Whether it was your career, a problem at home or just to see how you were doing - he never didn't make time to talk.**

**Barry loved life and threw himself into everything he did.**

**Aside from sports, he loved to travel. There were few places in the world where he couldn't give you a rundown of what the town was like, where to eat and what to order. His stories of driving from his dorm at Ithaca College to Montreal to watch the Rangers play the Canadiens were some of his favorites to tell.**

**He loved TV and film. The Odd Couple and Rocky 5 were some of his most frequently quoted, sometimes much to the chagrin of others at the Thanksgiving Dinner table who had heard them on repeat every year before.**

**He loved the outdoors and spent countless afternoons fishing or kayaking on Lake Quassapaug. Lake Tahoe was one of his favorite places in the world and he had plans to travel to Iceland to see the Northern Lights.**

**He loved music. He saw Bruce Springsteen in his prime more than 30 times and knew all the words to Bob Dylan's "Lily, Rosemary and the Jack of Hearts" which he'd often sing aloud on lazy days summer days at his pool.**

**He loved animals. He always loved to come after a hard day at the office and cuddle up on the couch with his cat Oscar or his dogs Puck, Oreo and Bailliee.**

**More than anything, he loved his family. He was a dutiful son to his parents, Maxine and Jerry, who he made sure were always taken care of.**

**A proud father to his son Jesse, who he always made sure had the best path to success and a happy life.**

**And finally, he was a loving husband to his wife, Joann, who he spent 36 happy years with. Together they went on countless trips, always had the perfect Christmas gifts for one another and shared endless laughs.**

**Even though Barry is no longer with us, he's left a mark on us all. His tenacity, passion and kindness are now a little part of us all. And for those of you who were lucky to have known him he's a part of you now, too.**