Joshua “Josh” Barry
Advertising Federation of Greater Hampton Roads
1978 Silver Medal Award Honoree

The 15th Silver Medal Award, presented by the Advertising Federation of Greater Hampton Roads, went to radio broadcaster Joshua “Josh” Barry in 1978.

A native of New York City, Barry was best known for sports broadcasting, particularly baseball. He covered the Piedmont League’s Norfolk Tars at Myers Field.

He joined WNOR radio as an announcer and engineer in 1950 and was appointed special events and sports director in 1952. He later was named an account executive and then headed the commercial department. He was appointed general sales manager and vice-president at WNOR in 1967.

Barry was a trustee for the Multiple Sclerosis Society for 20 years and was involved in the United Community Fund (now United Way) and the Azalea Festival. He assisted the Civitans in their work with mentally disabled children and was a board member of Friends of DePaul Hospital.

He also dabbled in the theater, playing Tevye in more than 200 performances of “Fiddler on the Roof” at Norfolk’s Cavalier Dinner Playhouse. He also performed at the Cherry Lane Theater in Greenwich Village. He was a lieutenant in the Army Air Corps in World War II and a member of Temple Israel.

He died at the age of 69 on February 11, 1989.