



Mr. Robert W. Baskerville Jr.

January 12, 1934 - February 3, 2021

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Robert Wilkins Baskerville, Jr. was born to Robert Sr. and Josephine Baskerville on January 12, 1934 in Brooklyn, New York. Robert, known as “Bobby” to his family and friends, enjoyed a happy and structured upbringing, enriched by close relationships with his older sister Jean (deceased), his many aunts, a beloved uncle, and scores of first and second cousins. Quiet by nature, he was reared to be God-fearing, gentlemanly, of integrity, and dedicated to his family. He also loved to tease, had a wicked sense of humor, and could talk for hours about issues that intrigued him. All these traits could still be used to describe him up to his final day.

Robert was educated in the New York City public school system, where he displayed his exceptional athleticism in track and field from an early age. He attended Boys High School, then one of the most prestigious educational institutions for young men in Brooklyn. There, his prowess as a track star flourished. He was fast and he was disciplined, which made him a consistent champion sprinter, and a valued member of medal-winning relay teams at his schools and the Police Athletic League. His exceptional ability and passion for the sport was one shared by a young girl named Mildred Wilson, also a track and field phenomenon, whom he knew since grade school and who became his childhood sweetheart and ultimately his wife in 1955. From this union, which lasted 27 years before Mildred’s untimely death in 1982, were born two daughters: Shelley Diane (deceased) and Dawn Marie. Always a staunch family man and role model, “Uncle Bobby” was a favorite among his many nieces and nephews, and “Mr. Baskerville” was a respected voice of wisdom to scores of young men who valued his intelligence and non-imposing advice.

Prior to marriage, Robert attended North Carolina Central University on an athletic scholarship, but left school to enlist in the United States Air Force in 1954, where he served as a radar specialist stationed in Utah and Alaska, and where he attained the status of staff sergeant before he was honorably discharged in 1957. After a series of meager jobs taken to support his young family, Robert’s skill in radar and forecasting earned him employment wit

h the National Weather Service. There he honed his skills in meteorology, rising from the position of technician, to that of weather forecaster, accredited meteorologist, and ultimately, to being the City of New York's sole Port Meteorological Officer, before retiring in 1989, after 34 years of government service.

His inspiration for retirement came largely in the form of a lovely widow named Pansy Richardson, with whom he became reacquainted in 1988, after having met her decades before, through mutual friends. Robert, now a widower himself, was smitten from the start, and soon he and Pansy became an inseparable pair. A love affair ensued, resulting in their marriage on June 11, 1989, forming a blended family that now included Pansy's three daughters: Marie, Brenda (deceased), and Laura. Shortly after, grandsons Earl Jesse (EJ), Christopher, and Henry (deceased) completed the family, allowing Robert, nicknamed "Bob" by his loving bride, to relish his new role as a grandfather. The couple retired to Nashville, TN, with the dream of spending their golden years together, enjoying the tranquility of southern life. Together, they became a part of a new community of friends, coworkers at the Nashville Police Department,

and part of the church family at Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church, where Robert's reputation for organization and precision earned him an appointment as a church trustee.

For the past 10 years, Bob and Pansy were residents of the Windlands East Retirement Residence, where their charming personalities and obvious devotion to each other made them a popular couple among both residents and staff. Although Bob was not as outgoing as his gregarious wife, he was a steady, captivating presence by her side at all events, attending to her safety, and observing the daily goings-on, for discussion during their private conversations later. They did everything together over the course of their 32-year union, even until the last, when, after his beloved Pansy preceded him in death on January 19, 2021, Bob soon followed, when he transitioned from this life on February 3, 2021. Bob was the embodiment of a special breed of man who always put family, duty, and honor above himself. In the lives of the many whom he positively impacted, he will never be replaced or forgotten. He leaves to mourn his passing daughters Dawn, Marie, and Laura; grandsons EJ and Christopher; first cousins Jocelyn Emery, Phyllis Hulen, and Stephen Booth; and a host of other cousins, beloved nieces and nephews, extended family, and treasured friends

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - February 11 at 05:21 PM



“ Soror Dawn, I am continuing to hold you and your family up in prayer. I hope your Father rests in peace and love...
Sisterly,
Marvelie Tribie

Marvelie Tribie - February 20 at 02:03 PM



“ Christine Richards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert W. Baskerville Jr.



Christine Richards - February 17 at 06:22 PM



“ Denise Bruce lit a candle in Memory of Mr Robert Baskerville. Prayers and love to the family.



Denise Bruce - February 13 at 12:37 PM



“ A Successful Man
By Bessie Anderson Stanley

That man is a success —
who has lived well, laughed often and loved much;
who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of children;
who has filled his niche and accomplished his task;
who leaves the world better than he found it;
who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it;
who looked for the best in others and gave the best he had.

Dawn Baskerville - February 13 at 07:50 AM



“ I only met Mr Baskerville a few times but was impressed by his gentle nature and the love he had for his wife Pansy. My condolences to his daughter Dawn and other family members. He and Pansy are together once again. God bless



Pearl Pointer - February 12 at 02:37 PM



“ Fern Alexander - Ebanks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert W. Baskerville Jr.



Fern Alexander - Ebanks - February 12 at 02:30 PM



“ My condolences to the family

Hugh Jensen - February 12 at 01:09 PM



“ A Letter for Bob, my buddy.

Today I write with a heavy heart. I am at a loss as to where to start. Therefore, I will write my thoughts, comparably to how we talk.

I keenly remember, when you and mom met, and then married and moved to Tennessee. You, the kind, caring and loving person that you are became an integral part of my life. Suddenly I am at a loss, left only to cherish the moments, the memories, of our time together.

Bob, my buddy, when you and mom set your sights on pursuing an unknown journey by moving to Tennessee, I was impressed. Your pursuit of a new life together at that time represented a blank canvass for only you two to create. That journey, now complete, provided years of fun, love, and support enjoyed by many friends, but especially our family.

I remember, the times you picked me up from the airport. We would stop at a fast food joint, (your choice) break bread and talk. You shared your life, the good, the bad, and the ugly; I listened and I learned. Your wisdom provided a roadmap of guidance for even me to follow.

Bob, my buddy,

I admired how you shared your own accomplishments in life, and how you encouraged our young family members to do the same. You mentored, and instructed the young ones. I am not sure if I ever told you, by listening to you, I chose to seek further education, and become an educator.

You and mom, as I refer to as “You Two” were amazing role models. Decade after decade, you both unselfishly provided love, support, and care for our family and anyone else in need.

When it became apparent that you and mom would require ongoing healthcare, I was, prepared to give back to you, that what I observed you two gave, for so many years.

Bob, my buddy – I hope you are listening, and that you know I will be okay.

During the past few years, you endured extraordinary health challenges. At times, the pain and fear in your face would show, however you rarely complained. You demonstrated immense love and trust that we shared each time I arrived and walked through the door. You jumped out of your chair, greeted me with a hug and kiss, and uttered these words; “I’m so glad to see you.” You persevered with immense courage and strength. Together with your doctors, we managed overcome many hurdles. You are my hero.

I know you two were excited about moving back to New York. Unfortunately, that plan now squandered. Watching you and Mom struggle, in your battle with COVID, I knew, as God knew, with Him would be a better place for “You Two.” Together, and still in love, you are in Heaven. R.I.P – my buddy. You and mom.

The love and memory of you shall never pass away.

I Love You – Your daughter and buddy Marie



“ My deepest condolences to the entire Baskerville family. Love, The Alexis Family and The Hayes Family.

Melinda Alexis Hayes - February 12 at 12:09 PM



“ Sending prayers to your family. Love, Tonya L. Cantlo

Tonya Cantlo - February 12 at 11:25 AM



“ I am overcome with emotion, because even though I hadn't seen Bobby in years, he was family. His daughters Shelley and Dawn were considered little sisters. My memories of him stand out for his ready smile and laugh. He was a quiet presence, yet deeply felt. Dawnie (yes I said it) he will be deeply missed. Please keep the good memories close.

Cheryll Wright (daughter of Dorothy Wright aka Ditto)

Cheryll - February 12 at 11:20 AM



“ Laura be comforted to know that your dad and your mom are still together and with our Heavenly Father praying for you EJ and the rest of your family



Billie Brooks - February 12 at 10:48 AM



“ To the Baskerville Family,

I pray for your continued strength and God's blessings as you deal with so much at this time. I send condolences on behalf of my family. If there is anything that we can do, please do not hesitate to ask. While I did not know Mr. Baskerville, I got to know Dawn, who always spoke of her father's love. I hope you find comfort in one another and knowing that he is in heaven with his wife looking down on the family watching and guiding you still. While gone from here on earth, he and Mrs. Baskerville live on eternally together in Heaven with our God.

With love,
Malik Goodson

Malik Goodson - February 12 at 10:38 AM



“ Dear Dawn and the entire Baskerville Family:

I, along with Deputy Borough President Lewis-Martin, and the entire Brooklyn Borough Hall staff, are heartbroken to have learned of the tragic and untimely passing of your beloved father, United States Air Force veteran Robert (Bob) W. Baskerville, Jr. who has gone on to his heavenly reward. On behalf of all 2.6 million Brooklynites, as well as your Brooklyn Borough Hall family, we extend our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to you, your sisters Maria and Laura, your father's grandsons EJ and Christopher, your entire family, and to all who knew and loved your father.

Robert Baskerville, a gentleman of deeply abiding faith and humility, whose family meant everything to him, was equal parts “cool dude” and “quiet storm,” a man whom you always regarded as your first love. He fully epitomized, with intrinsic class and grace, what it means to be a great, loving, and real father. For these things I hope you can reflect, while studying the mysterious cloud formations in the sky, upon how blessed you are and always will be to have had, in the life we are given, such a praiseworthy man for a father. May you take comfort from knowing that he is free from pain and has reunited with his beloved Pansy, daughter Shelley, and grandson Henry, in the hereafter.

It is, indeed, a blessing to have had a father such as Robert Baskerville who I know you adored and cherished beyond measure, but the pain of this permanent farewell hurts more than any physical wound. During this period of acute grief for you and your family, I hope the words of King David can offer words of hope while you mourn: “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. (Psalms 34:18).” Indeed, as John 16:22 states: “So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.”

Dawn, we are all here for you, and during this unimaginable time for you and your family, your entire Brooklyn Borough Hall family holds you close and in our prayers. It is our most fervent prayer that in time, the dark clouds of mourning will dissipate, and that, in time, you can once again bask in the sunshine of smiles and warm memories.

We are deeply sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,

Eric Adams

Brooklyn Borough President

Chaplain Ingrid P. Lewis-Martin

Deputy Brooklyn Borough President



“ To Dawn Baskerville and Family:

We are praying for your strength and God's continued covering and blessings over you during this difficult time.

Love,
Victoria Thomas and family

Victoria Thomas - February 12 at 08:46 AM



“ Dawn, I'm sorry to hear about the loss of your Father. Just remember the times spent with him. It will always brighten your day.

John Ashe

John Ashe - February 12 at 07:44 AM



“ BeBe was of tremendous influence and love in my life. It was my father-in-law for 15 years. As a young man and father i was still trying to find my way and become the man i wanted to be, he was one of my strongest examples. he was that father i wanted to be. A greater guy you couldn't meet. Soft spoken but when he spoke words had strength and meaning. Intelligent, i still see him working on his NYT crossword puzzles. Funny with a sharp wit with that hearty chest laugh. A family man, who you knew was there for you through it all. When he disapproved he didn't beat you up with words, it was that stern look of disapproval and then advice worthy of any sage. A man of pride and tradition. My son carries his name and went to Boys High largely because he went there. i will miss him so much. This family has another hole that we can't or won't fill but we will be okay because he has left us so many incredible memories and a legacy of family and love.

randolph harris - February 12 at 07:33 AM

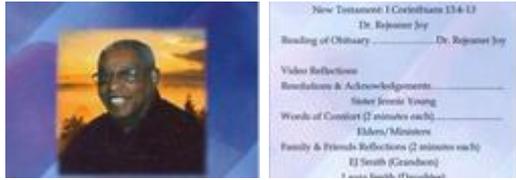


“ My love and prayers are always with you. I thank God for the wonderful memories that he allowed you to cherish and carry throughout your lifetime. ~ Love N. Smith

Nikki Smith - February 12 at 06:46 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - February 11 at 05:58 PM



“ Dawn,

I'm sending my deepest sympathies to you and your family.

That you all would suffer two such profound losses back-to-back is almost unimaginable. I struggled for a while trying to find the words to comfort you. But I finally realized there are no magic words or phrases that can ease your pain. I hope you know your friends are here for you, though. Know that the way we know you loved your father deeply and that he loved you right back. There must be immeasurable comfort in that. And, because you were such a wonderful a daughter, I'm sure you have no regrets. There must be great comfort in that too. So think about those things and lean on sweet memories of your dad to get you through. Above all, be kind to yourself. Mourning tremendous loss is not easy. Allow yourself to feel sad when you do, because there will sad days ahead. Cry when you must. It's a natural expression of human emotion. And be happy when you feel it. There will be those days too. Your father wouldn't want it any other way.

Lorna G.

Lorna G - February 11 at 05:55 PM



“ Soror Dawn,

Condolences to you and your family. I know how close you were to your father and that he will be missed by so many. Cherish the memories of time spent and the wonderful conversations you shared. May God bless and keep all of you all.

Carole Brinkley - February 11 at 03:55 PM



“ The Evans Family (Skip and Greg) purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Robert W. Baskerville Jr..



The Evans Family (Skip and Greg) - February 11 at 02:17 PM



“ To the family of Mr. Robert W Baskerville, the Ricketts family would like to express our deepest condolences in the passing of your Father, uncle & Trustee (Mt Vernon MBC). We mourn with you and Pray God will give you Comfort & Peace at this time. Bob didn't want to be without his Dear Pansy so he wanted to continue their Love Story together with GOD. I don't know of any Love story like theirs, only GOD had to be in the midst of it.

We will truly miss them (Bob & Pansy) but our PEACE comes from knowing that they're with the FATHER together, not until death do them part, but even in death they're together.

Dwayne/Angela Ricketts & family



ANGELA L RICKETTS - February 11 at 01:08 PM



“ Condolences and sympathy to the Baskerville family. Special love and hugs to Dawn, Laura, and Marie. Our visits with Miss Pansy and Mr. Baskerville were always a great time to see what they were up to. Of particular interest was the detailed and intricate layout of Mr. Baskerville's family tree. He took great joy in sharing stories that accompanied his research in making his ancestry connections. We are so saddened by Mr. Baskerville's passing and regret that COVID19 precludes us sharing in traditional homegoing rituals. We know memories of better times will provide comfort and strength in the days to come.

With love and prayers,
Alton & Phyllis Baskerville

Phyllis A Baskerville - February 11 at 12:55 PM



“ Phyllis, Michael, Steve, Desiree, Jocelyn & Skip purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Robert W. Baskerville Jr..



Phyllis, Michael, Steve, Desiree, Jocelyn & Skip - February 11 at 12:52 PM



“ Dear Soror Dawn and Family, my prayers are with you. May the Lord strengthen and comfort you. May you seek your care and courage through His grace and mercy. Heartfelt sympathy, Love and Blessings.
Soror Cheryl Pegues, Hamden, CT

Cheryl Pegues - February 11 at 04:27 AM



“ Lu-Shawn Thompson and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Robert W. Baskerville Jr..



Lu-Shawn M. Thompson - February 10 at 11:07 PM



“ Dear Soror Dawn,

Condolences to you and your family on the passing of your Dad. We will continue to lift you up in prayer. Big virtual, hard squeeze hug.

Sisterly love,
Soror Elicia Pegues Spearman



ELICIA Pegues SPEARMAN - February 10 at 07:15 PM



“ Soror Dawn and the Baskerville Family,

The Return by Alora Knight

At a time of sorrow, it is hard to believe
That the sun will once again shine.
That's when it seems you do nothing but grieve,
With all joy being left far behind.

Still, life has a way of starting anew,
A gradual moving away
From heartaches that linger, as heartaches will do,
If you will allow them to stay.

As spring returns to the Earth every year,
Bringing all of its beauty in view,
So merciful time will heal everything,
Bringing peace of mind back to you.

Know in your heart that love never dies,
No matter whatever befalls.
The only ones who never have tears in their eyes
Are those who loved no one at all.

The greater the love, the greater the loss.
Still, it's love that makes life worth living.
Few are the ones who will not bear the cost
To have shared in the joy of its giving.

Keeping your family lifted in prayer.
Soror Dawn J. McClary - DRO

Dawn J. McClary - February 10 at 03:25 PM



“ To the Baskerville Family.....
Our thoughts and condolences go out to the family....
The Reid's and Hanley's



Helena Hanley - February 10 at 02:35 PM



“ Dearest Dawn and the Baskerville Family,

Words cannot express my deepest condolences to you and the Baskerville family.
My Prayer is that GOD Bless you all with strength during this time to overcome your
loss and grief, and to soon be able to rejoice in knowing that death is not final but the
beginning to everlasting life.

Sincerely,
Michelle Crutchfield

Michelle Crutchfield - February 10 at 07:12 AM



“ My Dearest Soror Dawn,

My deepest condolences to you and the family during this time of grief. I will keep
you in my thoughts and prayers.
Soror Felicia Thomas

Felicia Thomas - February 09 at 04:51 PM



“ To my Dearest Soror Dawn,
I am so sorry to hear of this devastating loss. May the Lord cover you in the Spirit of
peace.

Tracey Mina - February 09 at 01:06 PM



“ I met David Baskerville in Brownsville Brooklyn 57 years ago. I was privileged to have his daughter ,Dawn,in my first Head Start class at P.S.59. I had lunch at his home and celebrated many occasions . He was an intelligent interesting kind man. He has left his mark on many. I send Dawn my love and condolences on this devastating loss. Renee Schnabel

renee f schnabel - February 09 at 11:51 AM



“ I inadvertently podted David ehen I knew itcwas Robert. Can't auto correct but the thoughtscare about the man I was lucky enough to know!

renee f schnabel - February 09 at 01:31 PM



“ Dear Soror Dawn and Family,
I am so sorry for your loss and will
Be praying for you.
Peace and Love
Soror Roxie

Roxie Mckoy - February 09 at 06:17 PM



“ To Dawn and Family
May God continue to give you the strength and perseverance to get through these difficult times. In sympathy. Loretta Patton-Greenidge



Loretta Greenidge - February 09 at 11:46 AM



“ Rests In Peace Uncle Bobby and Patsy. My condolences to Baskerville Family and Dawn, Chris sorry for your losses. I always had fun at the house Quincy St in brooklyn as kids.

Cousins Dwayne

Dwayne Jocelyn - February 09 at 11:00 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the family for your loss. May the peace of God rest upon you at this time. May God bless and cover you all.

Melissa Cisco - February 09 at 10:29 AM



“ Very sorry to learn of your losses. Words do not easily come to mind, though, Dawn, you are in my thoughts.

Richard Bearak - February 09 at 10:14 AM



“ Simply the best man I had the blessing in knowing & being a part of my life. Dawn look no further than your name & what is in your heart to know that while there is sadness it is also a new beginning. The dawn of a new day but he is always with you.

Stephen Wing - February 09 at 09:43 AM



“ Thinking of Dawn and the entire Baskerville family on the passing of Mr. Robert W. Baskerville, Jr., whom I have never met but have always heard such wonderful things. We send our love, prayers, and virtual hugs. Thinking of you all during this unimaginably sad time.



Erica and Dan Krodman - February 08 at 12:49 PM



“ My heart aches as I think of Bob and Pansy. I can't think of one without the other. We had so many meals and visits together at Windlands. Bob would always quiz me about the clouds. Bob you and your princess's spirit are floating among the clouds together. See you later friends

Mary - February 08 at 10:58 PM



“ I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. Every time I look to the sky and see the clouds I will remember Bobby "the weatherman".He has joined Uncle Robert, Aunt Josie and Jeannie.
Cousin Phyllis

Phyllis E Hulen - February 06 at 12:00 PM



“ IT IS WITH HEAVY AND SADDENED HEART, I PROCESS THE DEMISE OF MY BEST FRIEND, ROBERT WILKINS BASKERVILLE, JR AND HIS SPOUSE, PANSY.BOTH WERE VERY DEAR TO ME. IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW ENLIGHTENED ONE IS OR HOW MUCH EXPERIENCE ONE HAS WITH DEATH, WHEN A BEST FRIEND DIES, THE FEELING OF LOSS NEVER REALLY LEAVES. THDEFE ARE CONSTANT HAUNTING MEMORIES, LIKE SONGS, MUSIC,SPORTS, FRIENDSHIPS, BIRTHDAYS, CLUB MEMBERSHIPS, WEDDINGS, SOCIALIZATION, AND THE LIST GOES ON, "AD FINITUM", INDELIBLY IMPLEMENTED IN OUR HEARTS. BOBBY WAS ONE OF MHY OLDEST AND DEAREST FRIENDS. OUR FRIENDSHIP COMMENCED WITH THE SPECIAL OCCASION OF HIS 5TH BIRTHDAY. I WAS AN INVITED GUEST. THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF A LIFELONG FRIENDSHIP. INDEED, WE WERE "JOINED BYTHE HIP". BOB WAS ONE OF MY WEDDING GROOMSMEN.WE SHARED EACH OTHERS FAMILIES AND A MULTITUDE OF LIFE'S EXPERIENCES. WE ENJOYED LIFE TO THE FULLEST TOGETHER.I KNOW THERE IS A HEAVEN, AND BOB IS THERE, AND SOME DAY BOB, PANSY AND I WILL BE TOGETHER. REST IN HEAVENLY AND ETERNAL PEACE, DEAREST FRIENDS,

Robert Moss - February 06 at 12:12 AM



“ I was around 8 or 10 and I would go downstairs in the basement to check out my cousins trains. He was the first one I knew that had trains set up on a plywood table. Later on my friends and I did the same thing with racing cars. My cousin was always funny. Also probably one of the best weddings I had gone to back in the day will miss Pansy and Bobby but they are all together now. Rest In Peace

Cousin Steve

Stephen Booth - February 09 at 12:48 PM



“ Dear Soror Dawn, please know that you are not alone. At this most difficult time many are praying for you and your family. May GOD grant you peace, mercy, and HIS everlasting love. May He wrap you in his arms and grant you grace to go on. Soror Patricia Weston McNabb

Patricia Weston McNabb - February 11 at 12:18 PM