



Barry Joe Bass

September 19, 1954 - November 20, 2019

Barry Joe Bass, age 65 of Pulaski, TN passed away on November 20, 2019. He was born on September 19, 1954 in Fort Meade, Maryland. Barry was a retired teacher of 38 years in the Giles County and Maury County school districts. He obtained degrees from Martin College, Belmont College, and Middle Tennessee State University with a Masters and plus 45 in Education Administration and Supervision.

Barry loved his family, his church, his students and lived his life with great enthusiasm for all. He was a member of and Deacon at First Baptist Church of Pulaski. He was a football, basketball, and soccer coach at both Bridgeforth Middle School and Giles County High School. He was a member of the Pulaski Exchange Club, and sang with various family and church musical ensembles including The Bass Townsend Singers, First Family, and Homeland Harmony.

Visitation will be 4:00 until 8:00 Friday, November 22, 2019, at Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory.

The funeral service will be 11:00am Saturday, November 23, 2019, at the First Baptist Church in Pulaski with Tony Gomillion and Rodney Hawkins officiating. Burial will follow in the Maplewood Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to the First Baptist Church

c/o 407 S. 1st. Street Pulaski, TN 38478 or the Giles County High School Boys and Girls soccer programs. c/o 200 Sheila Frost Dr, Pulaski, TN 38478.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Claude and Ella Lea Cathcart, paternal grandparents Grady and Omie Bass, and his father Joe H. Bass. Aunt & uncles, Dolores Cathcart Hardin, Dr. Bobby Norwood, and Bill Gooch.

He is survived by his;

Wife of 46 years, Janet C. Bass.

Daughter, Julianna Bass (Renato) Brea of Brooklyn, NY.

Son, Jonathan Murphey (Megumi Gejima) Bass of Lexington, KY.

Granddaughters Audri and Omi Bass of Lexington, KY.

Mother, Peggy Cathcart Bass of Pulaski.

Brother, Keith Bass of Pulaski.

Niece Haley Bass (Bryan) Johnson and daughter Ella Johnson of Thompson Station, TN.

Brother-in-law Steve (Pam) Cole of Hendersonville, TN.

Sister-in-law, Emily Cole (Mark) Pegg of Murfreesboro, TN.

Aunts and uncles, Faye Cathcart Norwood, Joe Hardin, Murph (Betty) Cathcart, Faye Bass (Johnny) Tate and Alice Bass Gooch.

Several cousins, nieces, nephews, and great nieces and Nephews also survive.

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Coach Bass THANK YOU! for making a difference in the in my life and the life of others. "Boom Boom" I will be playing like Walmart till we meet again. 🥹❤️❤️❤️ RIP...Love always Lazane

Lazan Black - February 09, 2019 at 01:42 PM

KD

“ Simply the best DJ ever...school dances were just better when he was playing the hits! You will be missed!

Kane D. - February 09, 2019 at 01:42 PM

CR

“ I will never forget the time that we went to Pigeon Forge with the youth group at First Baptist; and i had him as my chaperone! He snored in my ear so loud! However, his pipes always sang glory to God with First Family! I will also never forget the time they came to Hartselle and me and John jumped off the roof of our house, pretty sure the Middlestead boys did too!. When i did play by play for basketball he made me a disc for the year Tyler Smith and Giles County played at Vanderbilt and i have it to this day. RIP Coach! I was always Brother Rose to you!

Cody Rose - February 09, 2019 at 01:42 PM

AC

“ One of the best people I've ever known. Barry was a kind and caring person. Wishing peace for Jan and the children.

Andy Chunn - February 09, 2019 at 01:42 PM

AH

“ *Mr Bass was the most compassionate teacher I ever had,he never looked at me differently because of as a child the neighborhood I grew up in,He was my 5 grade teacher at West Hill, I will always love and miss you Mr Bass,Alicia Coffey Hosendove*

Alicia Coffey Hosendove - February 09, 2019 at 01:42 PM

WD

“ *Janet, I am so sorry for your loss. Barry was a good man and i loved hearing him sing and you could see that love of singing on his face and in his eyes. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Wes Depew - February 09, 2019 at 01:42 PM

PC

“ *Keith, I am so so sorry to hear this news of Barry's passing. Praying for peace, strength and comfort for you and all the family*

Parker Carole - February 09, 2019 at 01:42 PM

RS

“ *Mr. Barry Bass was a great soul ! He was my 6th grade teacher (I'm 47) and was my basketball coach and Hunter Safety course teacher. Every time I saw him he was so nice and was just an overall loving, sweet person-- as was his wife Jan. I hate that he left this earth bit I know he is SINGING upstairs!!!! He had a great voice. He has touched SO MANY KIDS AND PARENTS LIVES!!! HE WILL TRULY BE MISSED! My heart breaks for the family.*

Rhonda (Stafford) Strickland - February 09, 2019 at 01:42 PM

BT

“ Jan and Family, I was very sorry to hear about Barry BIFF death. we had some good times back when we were in those plays. he was always so nice and funny and could sing so good. you Jan and him both could perform so good. you just never know who you will read about. that picture don't even look like him but I haven't seen Barry in several years probably after we were in all those plays and I lived in Pulaski then. if he was very sick I hope he didn't have to suffer too bad. I had 2 strokes in 08 and had to retire from nursing so i'm not able to work now and I have Dementia now. I was diagnosed in August of this year. I will make the best of it. but you all will be remembered in my thoughts and prayers. take good care of yourself and try to eat. I love you. Barbara Sandridge

Barbara Sandridge Winchester, tn - February 09, 2019 at 01:42 PM

LC

“ Barry was awesome man any knowing him was bless my heart goes out to the family lindafry compton

linda compton - February 09, 2019 at 01:42 PM

IS

“ Lit a candle in memory of Barry Joe Bass

Iris Stacey - February 09, 2019 at 01:42 PM

TB

“ Loved Mr. Bass dearly. I remember when I was a freshman in his chorus class we would go around at Christmas and sing different places. I had a small case of laryngitis and didn't want to sing. He said come on and sing your heart out have fun and enjoy spreading the Christmas cheer. So I went and it was like I didn't even have laryngitis anymore and sang clearer than ever. What a great man he was..

Teresa Beddingfield - February 09, 2019 at 01:42 PM