



Richard Bassett

December 8, 1947 - March 16, 2025

Richard Copeland Bassett (Uncle)

Age 77, of Pittsburgh Pennsylvania passed away on March 16, 2025 after battling a long illness. He was preceded in death by his parents, William J. Bassett Jr. and Myrtle E Bassett (Copeland), as well as a sister, Doris A. Brown. He leaves behind his beloved sister Norma J. Bassett. He was the proud Uncle of Daryl T. Brown (Jamie), Daniel F. Walzer Jr. (Christine) and Jennifer J. Walzer, Great Uncle of Daryl Brown, Angie Platos, Brandi Arndt, Mackenzie Matlack, and Owen Walzer, as well as many Great-Great nieces and nephews.

Rich served in Thailand during the Vietnam War, returned home and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh. He would continue on and earn a Masters in Education. A retiree, he spent his career as a teacher for Pittsburgh Public Schools, where he was beloved by students and staff alike. Rich had a passion for both streetcars and animals, and he volunteered much of his time with Animal Friends and the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum. He will be dearly missed by his family and his friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Animal Friends and the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum.

Visitation will be held on Friday, March 21, 2025 from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm at

the D'Alessandro Funeral Home & Crematory Ltd; 4522 Butler Street
Pittsburgh, PA, 15201. Interment is private

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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4522 Butler St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Tribute Wall

DD

“ I am so sorry to hear of Richie's passing. He was a wonderful loving neighbor and friend. Prayers and treasured thoughts to all the family

Debbie Pekich Demchek

Debbie Pekich Demchek - March 28, 2025 at 12:53 PM



“ Mr. Bassett was a great teacher. He truly cared about each of his students and worked to make a personal connection with each of us. I can honestly say that his kindness encouraged me to work harder and to be a better person just so that I would not disappoint him. He made a lasting impact on my life personally. The world is a better place because of Richard Bassett.

Chris Dulavitch - March 23, 2025 at 12:57 AM

VC

“ Richard was a positive influence working to see that the PghASR newsletter was nicely formatted and derived in a timely manner. He exemplified what a top notch teacher should be. May he rest in peace.

Vince Carr - March 21, 2025 at 02:44 PM

RF

“ I lost one of my best buds. Richard and I have been friends for 60 years from the first day I started working at the Board of Education. We shared so much with our families, losing our parents, births of our children who grew up knowing him all their lives and then grandchildren and a now a great grandchild. We went to many Pirate games at Forbes Field, hockey games, the casino, lunches, many parties, picnics, celebrations and bus trips to NY. Hardly a day went by that we didn't converse on FB or via e-mail. When I called him on Thursday we could not have a conversation because he couldn't breathe. I'm glad he's no longer suffering, but I will certainly miss our friendship. Our deepest sympathy to his entire family. May all your wonderful memories of him get you thru this difficult time.
Rosemarie & Bob Glaser and family

Rosemarie & Bob Glaser & Family - March 18, 2025 at 10:30 PM

AG

“ On behalf of the Pittsburgh Association of School Retirees we extend our sincere condolences and warmest sympathy to the family of Rich Bassett. Rich was a LIFE member of the Pittsburgh Association since his retirement from the Pittsburgh Public Schools. Rich served the Association as Membership Secretary/Treasurer for many years and also served as a valued member of the Newsletter Committee. He will surely be missed!
A. Jay Gross

AJay Gross - March 18, 2025 at 06:05 PM

VS

“ My parents, Scats and Norma Scatena, enjoyed many breakfasts with Rich at the Dog n Burger in Bloomfield. When my dad passed, he continued to be a great friend to my mother, who I lost 10 months ago. I like to think they are together again. My condolences to the family. Sincerely, Valerie Sullivan.

V Sullivan - March 18, 2025 at 02:05 PM

DS

“ On behalf of the Slater Family, we would like to send our deepest and heartfelt condolences. Richard worked with our mother, Dolores, at the Board of Education prior to becoming a teacher at PPS. While working at the Board of Education, Richard would have lunch with our mom, Dorothy Behm and Jan Turkovich on a daily basis sharing interesting stories and a lot of laughter. Richard also became friends with our family enjoying times at the Crawford Grill in the Hill District listening to jazz. He and our brother Tony also shared their experiences of serving our country during the Vietnam War in Thailand. Long after retirement Richard remained friends with our mom, Dorothy Behm and the late Jan Turkovich aka "The Crew" with frequent calls, catching up on family, much laughter and remembering their good times together. Richard had such a kind and beautiful soul and will be deeply missed - May you find comfort in knowing others sympathize and care - Sending God's blessings.

Dr. Kimberly Slater-Wood - March 18, 2025 at 11:53 AM