



## Mr. Marvin Marable Bass

February 12, 1949 - November 27, 2023

With heavy hearts, the Bass family announces the passing of Marvin Marable Bass. Marvin Marable Bass passed away November 27, 2023, and is finally at rest. We are still not prepared for the emotional toll this has taken. Loved by all, cherished by many, Marvin, a devoted husband, loving father, warmhearted son, caring brother, adoring uncle, affectionate grandfather and compassionate friend will be dearly missed. He will be forever loved and remembered.

Marvin Marable Bass leaves to cherish his fond remembrances, his wife, Gloria Johnson Bass; one daughter, Tonya Colleena Bass (the Apple of his Eye) and her mother, Queen Marable Bass Scarborough; mother-in-law, Retha T. Marable; two grandchildren, Terrell Bass and Tiaira Bass-Yellock; two great-grandsons, Tyler and Teigen Bass; brother, James Bass (Ida), Oxford, North Carolina; aunt, Kate Marable, Henderson, North Carolina; sisters-in-law, Odessa J. Buckrham, Jamaica, New York, Verna J. Carrington, Bronx, New York and Elder Aletha F. Johnson, Durham, North Carolina, Anna Gee (Willis), Richmond, Virginia, and Aretha Cunningham (Curtis), Springfield, Virginia; brothers-in-law, O'Neil Johnson (Michelle), Port St Lucie, Florida, Mandel F. Johnson (Juanita), Jamaica, New York, Franklin Pickett, Dudley, North Carolina, and Floyd Marable (Linda), Henrico, Virginia; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends.

To honor Marvin's life, services are as follows:

Lie In State:

Saturday, December 2, 2023 at Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., 309 N Queen Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701, from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.,

Celebration of Life Ceremony:

Sunday, December 3, 2023 at the St. Joseph AME Church, 2521 Fayetteville Street in Durham, North Carolina 27707; Visitation is at 3:00 p.m., with a Period of Reflections beginning at 3:30 p.m. followed by the Homegoing Celebration at 4:00 p.m.

Interment:

Monday, December 4, 2023 at Beechwood Cemetery, 3300 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina 27707, at 10:00 a.m.

The Celebration of Life Service will be streamed live via:

- YouTube St Joseph AME Church
- Facebook St Joseph AME Church

Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

# Cemetery Details

## Beechwood Cemetery

3300 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 560-4154

# Previous Events

## Lie In State

DEC 2. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.  
309 N Queen St  
Durham, NC 27701  
(919) 682-1171  
scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com  
<https://scarboroughandhargettfh.com/>

## Visitation

DEC 3. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph AME Church  
2521 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 683-1379

## **Celebration of Life**

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**DEC 3.** 4:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph AME Church  
2521 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 683-1379

## **Interment**

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**DEC 4.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Beechwood Cemetery  
3300 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707  
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# Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Sheila L Stone lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass*



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**Sheila L Stone** - December 18, 2023 at 12:19 PM

GC

“ *Gloria Cherry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass*



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**Gloria Cherry** - December 03, 2023 at 07:09 PM

EC

“ *May the Marable Bass family find solaceful comfort in remembrances of Marvin. His community spirited contributions and iconic Eagleland will bear his face forever. Rest In Peace Marvin with uplifting appreciation.*



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**Elaine Cardin** - December 03, 2023 at 02:15 PM

PS

“ *Condolences to the family of Mr. Marvin Bass. Marvin was in my Golden Eagle NCCU Classmate 1971. I visited Eagleland often. Marvin was a caring and kind person Rest in heavenly peace*



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**Patricia Edwards Sutton** - December 03, 2023 at 11:09 AM

MD

“ Praying for my Society of Golden Eagle Classmate 1972, Queen Marable Bass Scarborough, he will truly will be missed.

Marva Davis - December 03, 2023 at 09:26 AM

MD

“ Praying for his lovely daughter, grandson and all family members. Marvin was loved not only by North Carolina Central University but the entire Durham, North Carolina Community.  
Marva D. Davis and Gary L. Stephens



Marva Davis - December 03, 2023 at 09:18 AM

SA

“ Sarah Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass



Sarah Anderson - December 02, 2023 at 04:54 PM

DH

“ Heaven received another Angel on November 27. Marvin will be missed, but the memories we made with him (at Eagleland) will be cherished forever. He was dedicated to his career/business and to NCCU. Thank God for the life of Mr. Marvin M. Bass. During this time of sorrow and grief may God comfort the hearts of his wife, Tonya, Tiara, Terrell, and great-grandsons, and the lovely Queen Scarborough.

Dr. Sherlene Hankins - December 02, 2023 at 01:29 PM

SJ

“ *Sandra Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass*



Sandra Johnson - December 02, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass.*



December 01, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass.*



December 01, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass.*



December 01, 2023 at 08:44 AM

JB

“ Joseph Marable, Bermuda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass.

Joseph Marable, Bermuda - December 01, 2023 at 08:44 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass.



November 30, 2023 at 08:00 PM

TF

“ The Extended Marable Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass.

The Extended Marable Family - November 30, 2023 at 08:00 PM

SH

“ Sallyann Marable Hobson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass



Sallyann Marable Hobson - November 30, 2023 at 07:48 PM

DA

“ Dr. A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass.

Dr. A. - November 30, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass.



November 30, 2023 at 10:29 AM

PF

“ Pastor Derrick Oates and Church Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass.

Pastor Derrick Oates and Church Family - November 30, 2023 at 10:29 AM

SE

“ Our condolences to Gloria and the Bass family. His contribution to the community and the Eagle family will be honored and missed.

Michael and Sharon Evans

Sharon Watson Evans - November 30, 2023 at 10:09 AM

JP

“ *My sincere condolences and sympathy to the Bass Family. I enjoyed my conversations with Mr. Bass while shopping at Eagland. May God comfort you at this time.,*



Janet Parhams - November 30, 2023 at 09:52 AM

VB

“ *Vanessa Broadhurst lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass*



Vanessa Broadhurst - November 29, 2023 at 09:24 PM

BQ

“ *My sincere prayers and condolences to the family.*



Benita Quick - November 29, 2023 at 05:52 PM

CR

“ *Cynthia Raines lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass*



Cynthia Raines - November 29, 2023 at 11:32 AM

JA

*My Deepest Condolences Goes Out To The Family And Friends God's Grace And Mercy! Love, Love, Love! Janet & Mrs. Emma Pate - Wall*

**Janet** - December 03, 2023 at 04:46 PM

KC

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family.*

**Karen Turner Cheston** - November 28, 2023 at 05:14 PM

VM

“ *My Condolences to you and your Family.*



**Verlanda Mitchell** - November 28, 2023 at 04:22 PM

JM

“ *Joan & Victor Morrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass*



**Joan & Victor Morrison** - November 28, 2023 at 01:00 PM

JM

*Marvin was such a kind man. He wasn't much for words, but I always knew he cared about NCCU❤️. He will be truly missed 🙏❤️*

**Joan and Victor Morrison** - November 28, 2023 at 01:05 PM

SB

“ *Marvin and I met in high school at Baltimore City College and remained friends through the years. It is such a compliment to Marvin to see that the way those who knew him later in life describe him the way I knew Marvin, Personable great dry sense of humor and compassionate. Marvin was extremely proud of his basketball prowess in high school. No one in Baltimore could take an offensive foul better than Marvin. While we didn't see each other often we would talk about once a year, and he never forgot my birthday. Marvin enriched so many and my deepest condolences to Gloria and Marvin's entire family. May his memory be a blessing to all who knew him.*

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**Steve Baron** - November 28, 2023 at 12:58 PM

CW

“ *Cynthia Bailey Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass*



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**Cynthia Bailey Wilkerson** - November 28, 2023 at 11:59 AM

AV

“ *In sympathy with the Bass Family during your loss in the passing of a proud Eagle Mr. Marvin Bass.*



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**Andre Vann** - November 28, 2023 at 11:49 AM

ML

“ *Markeetia Lamb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass*



Markeetia Lamb - November 28, 2023 at 10:16 AM

EC

“ *Our former classmate was beloved! We will always cherish the memories that his family and my family shared! I am also thankful for having the opportunity of becoming a Golden Eagle with him (Class of '71). May the Comforter bring his family peace during this time of bereavement. Blessings, Ernest ('71) and Ingrid ('72) Casterlow*

Ernest and Ingrid Casterlow - November 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM

RF

“ *I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your loved one.*  
*Robin Mitchell Fields*



Robin Fields - November 28, 2023 at 07:45 AM

AA

“ *Annie Hilliard Arrington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass*



Annie Hilliard Arrington - November 28, 2023 at 03:14 AM

SW

“ *STEPHANIE E WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass*



STEPHANIE E WILLIAMS - November 27, 2023 at 10:34 PM

EL

“ *Elaine Laws lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass*



Elaine Laws - November 27, 2023 at 10:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass.*



November 27, 2023 at 08:22 PM

SR

“ *Sandra M. Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass*



Sandra M. Rogers - November 27, 2023 at 06:49 PM

SR

*Marvin, I will miss your compassion, kindness, and willingness to serve everyone who solicited your support. You were a foundational pillar in the NCCU community. Thank you for being my 1971 Golden Eagle classmate. My prayers of comfort go out to the Bass Family during this season of sorrow.*

*Sandra Mangum Rogers*

**Sandra M. Rogers** - November 27, 2023 at 07:04 PM

MF

“ *Mark Fisher lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass*



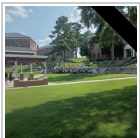
**Mark Fisher** - November 27, 2023 at 06:08 PM

JW

“ *Jackie Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass*



**Jackie Wooten** - November 27, 2023 at 05:14 PM



“ *Channel Chance lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass*



**Channel Chance** - November 27, 2023 at 04:54 PM

TJ

“ My deepest condolences to the Bass family. Mr. Bass loved our alma mater and visiting Eagle Land was an agenda item whenever I returned to NC to visit. I still have a bunch of those wooden coins in my car ashtray. Rest well fellow Eagle, your work here on Earth has come to an end.

Timothy Johnson - November 27, 2023 at 04:45 PM

RJ

“ Marvin was more than a friend he was a buddy. It seems I've known him forever but it actually started as students at NCCU. He treated everyone with respect and his dignity and honor were hallmarks of the man he always was. I am honored to have known him and will miss him greatly. May God bless and keep him always!

Rev. Leavie J. Davis, Jr.  
NCCU Class of 1971



Rev. Leavie J. Davis, Jr. - November 27, 2023 at 03:34 PM

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Rev. Leavie J. Davis, Jr. - November 27, 2023 at 03:36 PM

VD

*Marvin was an exemplary Eagle! His Devotion to NCCU could be seen in his promotion of NCCU through his Eagleland where he shamelessly promoted NCCU and encouraged people to stay in touch. When we relocated from Ohio, Marvin needled us about leaving behind our dear friend "all alone" who was in his 1971 Class. Best regards to Marvin's family. Ronnie and Verlene DeWitt*

**Verlene DeWitt** - November 27, 2023 at 09:12 PM

JF

“ *Perry, Janet(Foster) and Jonathan Faulk*



**Janet Faulk** - November 27, 2023 at 03:01 PM

GH

“ *I am sorry to learn of Marvin's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I knew Marvin from his Baltimore days when we played a City College together. He was a terrific player and even a better person. I enjoyed the time that he and I spent together. He will be missed.*

**Gary Handleman** - November 27, 2023 at 02:47 PM

LC

“ *My Heart is Very Heavy. I received a call this morning from my Daughter who worked at Eagleland when she was a student @ NCCU. I visited the store often with my Grandson who Loved Mr. Marvin Dearly. Marvin you fought a GOOD FIGHT, You will ALWAYS BE LOVED. Take your Rest*



*EAGLE PRIDE, AMPLIFIED* 🕊️❤️🕊️❤️🕊️

**Linda Marlene Cammack** - November 27, 2023 at 01:52 PM

JR

“ Mr. Bass, I am so glad that my fraternity was able to give you your flowers while you were with us by giving you our community Sapphire award. I will miss the times where I would come in your shop and make jokes and you would give me the fake laugh and wooden nickels. I still have a few nickels. Rest in Power!

Jason Rutherford - November 27, 2023 at 01:48 PM

TJ

Well said Bro. Rutherford

Timothy Johnson - November 27, 2023 at 04:43 PM

BM

Our hearts are heavy as we reflect on the numerous services rendered by Mr. Marvin Bass. He was "no ordinary barnyard bird" but a true soaring EAGLE! May he rest in peace.

Bessye McGhee

Bessye L. McGhee - December 01, 2023 at 12:15 PM

AM

“ Mr. Marvin B will be greatly missed. I send sympathy to the Bass family and all connected to our beloved "Eagleland" Family.



Antoinette McLaughlin - November 27, 2023 at 01:34 PM

JH

“ Mr. Marvin will definitely be missed. Sending prayers to his family! Fly high!

Jacqueline Henson - November 27, 2023 at 01:32 PM

JP

“ *Mr. Marvin, you will be deeply missed 🕊️*



**Juanita Payton** - November 27, 2023 at 01:26 PM



“ *I will certainly miss my friend Mr. B. I ran to Marvin every homecoming season and my honey's birthday for something "NCCU". Marvin always gave me 2 prices and that smirky smile as he pased around the store. My deepest condolences.*

**Mary Scott** - November 27, 2023 at 01:10 PM

TB

“ *Sending prayers to Mr Marvin Bass family. He will be sorely missed. Definitely a remarkable man who left his mark in the NCCU and Durham community. A true legend.*

**Talika Buster** - November 27, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ *Rest in peace! My thoughts and prayers to the family of Mr. Bass. Mr. Bass was a wonderful person who touched the lives of many. He will be missed!*

**Melissa Lawrence** - November 27, 2023 at 12:41 PM

LS

“ Sending deepest condolences to Mr. Marvin Bass and family. I can remember going to Eagleland as a student, once I graduated from NCCU and the latter of taking "My Girls" there. They really enjoyed collecting the wooden dails to go towards your next purchase. He was gor sure embedded in the NCCU community and will be greatly missed!! ~Lawanda Sessoms~ NCCC c/o '97

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**Lawanda Sessoms** - November 27, 2023 at 12:08 PM

SK

“ My prayers and condolences goes out to the family of 50 plus years of friend and NCCU Golden Eagle Classmate Marvin. Didn't make A trip to Durham without going by Eagleland. He was A great guy and A better friend. You will be missed Marvin

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**Samuel King** - November 27, 2023 at 11:34 AM

AL

“ My condolences to the family. Mr. Bass was one of the nicest people I've known. I remember coming to Eagleland my freshman year and visiting throughout my time on campus. I was greeted with a smile each time and he made sure to carry conversation and always encouraged me coming back to shop soon. This is definitely a hit to the Eagle Family and he will definitely be missed!

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**Anquinnette Lewis** - November 27, 2023 at 11:27 AM

DF

“ Rest In Peace Teammate ❤️🙏

*Family on behalf of the 70's era NCCU Mens Basketball Hardwood Brothers, we send our sincere condolences and respect to you. May your fond memories being smiles and uplift to you today and in coming days.*

*Respectfully,*

*Fitts, Caldwell, Moore, Davis, Leggett, Little, Johnson, McIver, McFadden, Woods, Melvin, Monroe, Ellis, King, G. Bass, Reddish, Crump*

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**David L. Fitts** - November 27, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ Sending my deepest condolences to the Bass Family and the NCCU Eagle Family. This man was such a staple in many of our lives. Eagleland was always our 1st stop as soon as we touched down in Durham. It felt wild to not see him there this past HC but I know that his spirit was there. You will be missed Mr. Marvin...you and that big ole Eagle heart of yours. Take your rest with the Ancestors Sir!



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**Shunna Crockett** - November 27, 2023 at 10:48 AM

LM

“ I am so sorry to hear this!! My thoughts and prayers are with his family..



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**LaTasha Murray** - November 27, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ *Marvin Bass will be missed! He was the epitome of Eagle Pride Amplified. Many graduates that worked at NCCU will remember him recruiting us to be members of the Durham Chapter. We also remember Marvin walking the sloping hills and verdant green with his duffle bag selling NCCU clothing, signs, etc. Then he opened Eagleland, and Alumni were set. Rest in peace my friend.. ॐॐॐॐ*

**Chevella Thomas** - November 27, 2023 at 10:07 AM

MB

*I am deeply saddened by this news of the passing of my dear friend Marvin. He was indeed the epitome of Eagle Pride! Marvin was always supportive of my daughter Audrey Barbee when she was running for anything. He gave of his substance in seeing that she had a successful run during her competition. Free t-shirts, jackets the wooden coins to buy more of his products. He was such a cheerful giver. Each year I went to get a fresh shirt as I would say. He always greeted me with a smile. He will forever be missed. My continued prayers for the family and friends. Peaceful rest my dear friend Marvin.*

*Marlene Barbee*

**Marlene Barbee** - November 27, 2023 at 10:39 AM

PH

*Marvin and I were at NCCU during the same era. My first remembrance of him was as a basketball player. During that era, most male students lived in Chidley Hall so we shared that space. I knew him as a clean-cut respectable guy. So sorry to hear this. Condolences to his family.*

**Phil Henry** - November 27, 2023 at 11:11 AM

PL

*My prayers are with the Bass family at this time. I remembered and got to know Marvin when he was a student at NCCU and I worked in the Bursar office. He always had a smile and a joke. We became quick friends. Then he went to work at NC Mutual Life Insurance and continued to drop in. He gradually began his business and eventually opened Eagleland. We continued our friendship and were often caught in the store cutting up. I loved purchasing his merchandise and displaying it on my page and the stores page. I remember the wooden nickels. Marvin was a quiet gentle giant. My memories and times spent at the store will be forever in my heart. Take your rest dear friend you are so deserving. You will not find a more loyal NCCU Alum. 🙏🙏🙏🙏*

*Priscilla Lewis*

**Priscilla Lewis** - November 28, 2023 at 08:29 AM

VW

“ *My heart is deeply saddened to learn of Marvin's transition. May the Bass family be granted God's peace and comfort not only during this time of bereavement but in the days to come. RIP.*

**Velma Wilson** - November 27, 2023 at 09:58 AM

DH

“ *Dr. Sylvia Foster Haith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass*



**Dr. Sylvia Foster Haith** - November 27, 2023 at 09:56 AM

NH

“ Sending my condolences to the Bass family.  
Thinking of you and the family. ❤️



Nakia Hester - November 27, 2023 at 09:27 AM

CR

“ I light this candle in honor of a great man.



Cynthia Raines - November 27, 2023 at 08:58 AM

CR

“ So sorry for your loss. I was sadden upon learning of your father's passing. May God grant strength during this time 🙏

Cynthia Raines - November 27, 2023 at 08:56 AM

JM

“ Jamesha D Marshall/Carolyn Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass



Jamesha D Marshall/Carolyn Marshall - November 27, 2023 at 08:30 AM

TD

“ *Thaddeus Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin Marable Bass*



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**Thaddeus Daniels** - November 27, 2023 at 08:18 AM

PH

“ *Praying for comfort for the family during this difficult time. Alumnus Bass was a lifetime member and a former membership chair of the Durham Chapter for many years. He has been a staple in the Durham community and at NCCU.*

*Thank you for your contributions and building the foundation for so many of us. You truly exuded NCCU's Motto "Truth and Service." You will be missed by all.*

*In Truth and Service,*

*Pamela R. Hester '97  
NCCUAA Durham Chapter President*

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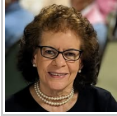
**Pamela Hester** - November 27, 2023 at 06:57 AM

AD

*I am deeply sorrowful for the passing of Marvin. He was truly a friend an inspiration to me when I was on staff at the School of Education at NCCU. Rest in peace and take your place with other EAGLES who have run their course.*

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**Agnes L. DeWitt** - November 27, 2023 at 07:04 AM



*My heartfelt and sincere condolences go to the family of Marvin Bass. I pray that you will find comfort and peace in the fond memories you have of him. Mr. Bass was a very congenial and humble man. He always made shopping at Eagle Land a pleasure. He truly will be missed! RIP Mr. Marvin Bass.*

*Claudine Daye Lewis*

**Claudine Lewis** - November 27, 2023 at 01:13 PM

LE

*I would like to express my sincere, and deepest condolences to the family of Marvin Bass. I had the privilege of being an Eagle with Marvin in the Golden Class of 71. He was a genuine person, teammate, and classmate. I hope that his loving family will be comforted by the Scriptures in their time of grief. (Romans 15:4).*

*Lewis Ellis*

**Lewis Ellis** - November 30, 2023 at 10:38 PM

WS

*I would like to offer my sincere condolences to the family of my Golden Eagle classmate and friend, Marvin Bass. I was probably like a lot of my classmates and friends - Every trip to Durham I had to stop by EAGLELAND to see my friend. Marvin was genuine. Over fifty years of knowing him he was always the same. I will always remember him. 🙏🙏*

**William Simmons** - December 02, 2023 at 07:12 PM