



Robert Harlan Bagley

May 22, 1967 - April 26, 2017

Robert Harlan Bagley - husband, father, son, brother, nephew, soldier and friend -unexpectedly passed away early Wednesday morning.

Robert (Rob) was a passionate patriot who joined the Army National Guard at the age of 38. He was the second in the nation to join past the age of 35 since WWII. Showing true grit and determination, Sergeant Bagley climbed the ranks quickly, becoming NCO of the Year in 2010. In addition, Sergeant Bagley and his family were awarded SC Army National Guard Family of the Year in 2015.

He was a proud member of the 351st Aviation Support (ASB) Battalion from Sumter, SC. He was their "go-to guy," always putting others above himself. SGT Bagley deployed with the 351st ASB in support of Operations Spartan Shield and Inherent Resolve to Kuwait for 8 months in 2015.

Rob may have been little, but he had a big heart. Whether he knew you for 30 minutes or even 30 years, Rob passionately cared for and loved everyone he met. He leaves behind his loving wife of 32 years, Laurie Bagley; his two daughters, Kim and Krista, along with their husbands, Anthony and Taylor; his two grandsons, Knox and Walker; his adoring parents, Linda and Johnny Cockrell; his brother, John Cockrell; brother and sister in-laws; and many nieces and nephews.

A gathering of family and friends will begin Saturday, April 29 at 2:00 p.m. at the James A. Dyal Funeral Home in Summerville. A memorial service for SGT Bagley will be held afterwards, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Flowers are appreciated. Donations can be made in SGT Bagley's name to the Wounded Warrior Project. If you or someone you know is suffering from PTSD, please call the Veteran Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends & Family

APR **29**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4040
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Service

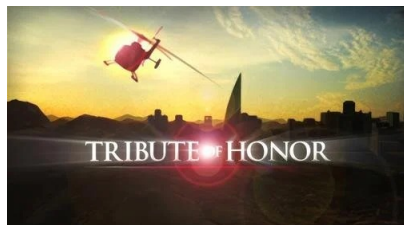
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James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483

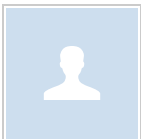
Tribute Wall



“ *James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Harlan Bagley*



James A Dyal Funeral Home - April 28, 2017 at 02:45 PM



“ *Robert Harlan Bagley*

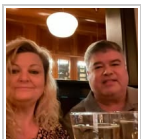
September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *The Clouse Family lit a candle in memory of Robert Harlan Bagley*



The Clouse Family - May 01, 2017 at 02:05 PM



“ *Tina Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of Robert Harlan Bagley*



Tina Zimmerman - May 01, 2017 at 10:51 AM

CF

“*Krista and family, I am so so sorry for your loss. I remember sleepovers at your house and cheerleading trips...your dad was always so much fun. I am sending all of my love and positive vibes your way. Stay strong love.*

♥ Cheryl

cheryl frasher - April 29, 2017 at 10:52 PM



“*My thoughts and heart are with you today. I'm so sorry for your loss. Lots of love and prayers.*



Heather Reynolds - April 29, 2017 at 01:01 PM

MC

“*My thoughts and prayers are with you Laurie, the girls and the Rob's entire family during this most terrible time. I wish peace for everyone. Rest now, soldier, and thank you for your faithful and unwavering service to our country.*

*-Melissa Clarke, Deputy Coroner
Dorchester County Coroners Office*

Melissa Clarke - April 29, 2017 at 10:54 AM



“*Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Harlan Bagley.*



April 29, 2017 at 08:47 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Harlan Bagley.*



April 28, 2017 at 10:19 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Harlan Bagley.*



April 28, 2017 at 09:41 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Harlan Bagley.*



April 28, 2017 at 06:26 PM



“ *Tracey Shepard lit a candle in memory of Robert Harlan Bagley*



Tracey Shepard - April 28, 2017 at 05:30 PM

TS

You were always my favorite cousin. We had many good times growing up. Had alot of fun at Aunt Bett's pool! I didn't get to see you alot over the last several years living in different states, but our families remained close. You have a beautiful awesome family that continues to grow. I'm glad we had some recent visits. I've always loved you to pieces. You will be terribly missed sweet Robbie.

Tracey Shepard - April 28, 2017 at 05:42 PM

DF

“ *Darren and Amy Evers Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Harlan Bagley.*



Darren and Amy Evers Family - April 28, 2017 at 03:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Harlan Bagley.*



April 28, 2017 at 03:22 PM

KF

“ *Katharine Fox lit a candle in memory of Robert Harlan Bagley*



Katharine Fox - April 28, 2017 at 03:17 PM



“ *Bagley family; While I didn't know Robert personally, I felt like I knew him from every amazing memory Krista shared with me. I'm so sorry for your loss and I'm praying for you all.*
-Heather Olinger ”



Heather Olinger - April 28, 2017 at 02:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Harlan Bagley.* ”



April 28, 2017 at 12:25 PM



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Larry Gale - April 28, 2017 at 12:13 PM



Proud and happy father.

John Adams - April 28, 2017 at 02:36 PM



Oh Larry thank you!

Laurie Bagley - April 29, 2017 at 05:49 AM



“ *With Distinction* was purchased for the family of Robert Harlan Bagley.



April 28, 2017 at 11:20 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Robert Harlan Bagley.



April 28, 2017 at 10:42 AM



“ *Your Oakbrook Child Development Family* purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of Robert Harlan Bagley.



Your Oakbrook Child Development Family - April 28, 2017 at 09:02 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert Harlan Bagley.



April 28, 2017 at 09:01 AM

BT

“ *IN REMEMBERANCE : A donation is being to The Lake Leisure Project at Carl Vinson VA Hospital in Dublin,GA. 'Holding your family in prayer and christian love.*

Barbara Taylor-Knight - April 28, 2017 at 08:45 AM

SL

“ *Laurie was by my side as I brought my first child into the world. She patiently waited for more than 15 hours and filmed that glorious moment. I didn't expect her to show up at the hospital the next day and I especially didn't expect Rob to come with her. Rob walked in and made me feel like a rockstar! He seemed like he wanted to be there and not because Laurie forced him. :) He was so genuine and caring toward me in that hospital room. Every time I was around him he put me at ease and made me feel like I was amazing. I enjoyed his sense of humor and his straightforward ways. I appreciated that about him. Laurie, my heart hurts for you and Kim and Krista. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*



Shawn Lalliss - April 28, 2017 at 08:38 AM

LB

I forgot about that. Thanks Shawn. He loved everyone!

Laurie Bagley - April 30, 2017 at 03:09 AM

“ My love muffin; my little shit for 34 years. My partner, my protector, the person who found joy in aggravating the hell out of me. You made me laugh harder than anyone else. You were my best friend. You took care of me when I needed it. You told me about my ass when you were prepared for my unacceptance of my shortcomings. You tried to build my self esteem and you loved me and told me I was beautiful even when you knew I'd say "no I'm not!" And you thought I was beautiful through all sizes that have been in and out of my closet.

You WERE a great, fun Dad/Daddy who our girls went to first with happy news or something exciting in life. You WERE a wonderful Grampa and PaPa Rob. You knew no in-laws; your daughter's husband's are your sons and their families were and are your family. You loved blessed all my siblings and their children and grandchildren with your fun spirit. Sometimes they were a tad more grown up than you. But that means they have great stories and memories of Uncle Rob. You had one and only one sibling in your eyes not by blood but by bond. You were so happy when he married and made you and Uncle again. I know you loved his girls and wife.

You had a heart of gold. How many times would you just have to have the latest greatest, most expensive toy or accessory that caught your fancy at the moment only to bore of it and give it away to someone you loved. You'd share your life experiences trying to help others in the same boat you were in and out of.

You loved and had an unbreakable bond with your Mom and she you. She was your first Valentine, your protector, your world. You had more of her in you than "he who shall not be named." You gave your Mom away to your Dad when Kim was 2. You were so proud and happy your Mom had someone that finally made her happy. You loved your Grandparents so much that you looked for signs from them since they've been gone. I'm so glad they have you now if we can't. You've loved all of your Aunts and Uncles with the pure heart wanting to make them proud. You have cousins who adore

you

You have been a Patriot your entire life. When you told me you were going to join the Army National Guard and go through Ft Benning Infantry training at 38 I told you "umm Nope." But your daughters said "Mom it's been his lifelong dream to be in the Army. He supported your dream of college. You have to let him do it!" And you've served with honor and we're loved by so many Soldiers who've cried and are mourning because they can't see you for a while. Whether you were the grumpy BAGS or the hilarious, always prepared, bought the newest and cool toys and accessories so you were "sharp." And you were your Unit's Build a Bagley with accessories readily available. The Guard meant everything to you. I just think you couldn't imagine your life without it.

You were a master carpenter learned from the best, Tim. You helped build beautiful homes on Kiawah island with Jorge and Gabby speaking Spaglish. You enjoyed other cultivars and wanted to learn.

You amazed me with your knowledge of history. And the "Book of Secrets" is open to you now. I'm sure you're still reading it saying "I KNEW IT...I told you aliens were real. And you know who shot JFK and answers to a lot of your other conspiracy theories.

You inherited some demons from "he who shall not be named" that you spent your entire life trying to keep at bay. Love of my life, I'm sorry I couldn't fix you or help you see your "tomorrow." I'm sorry I didn't get you help and damn the consequences of you being mad. I just didn't know how to make the PTSD better. You WERE a good person. That was not you that brings us to this moment. I know you loved me and our children and grandsons. I will continue to be strong for you as much as I can. But especially around our grands and extended grands.

I will make sure your girls and your Mom are taken care of. And our grandsons will always know you. I feel you have already been visiting with them and me. I'm broken but I will patch myself up

somehow. But I will never, ever be whole again. We were truly soul mates.

Always and Forever, I carry your heart, I carry it in my heart. Love your girl. ~ Laurie

Laurie Bagley - April 28, 2017 at 12:59 AM

JB

Bless you my friend Laurie. What a beautiful tribute. Thank you for sharing. Jerry Buller

Jerry Buller - May 01, 2017 at 03:47 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Harlan Bagley.*



April 27, 2017 at 11:19 PM

KR

“ *Kristi lit a candle in memory of Robert Harlan Bagley*



Kristi - April 27, 2017 at 11:05 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Harlan Bagley.*



April 27, 2017 at 09:33 PM



“ *Lori,
Our prayers go to you and your family. I have always held a special spot in my heart for y'all. Robbie was quite high spirited and I am so proud of her service to our country. I only remember a lot of laughter when it comes to him. Even though over the years we lost touch, I have fond memories. He will be sadly missed. I hope your memories comfort you in your time of need.
We love you,
HMC Kim (Johns) Brown (USN)*

Kim Johns Brown - April 27, 2017 at 09:00 PM



“ *Krista: We are so very sorry for your loss. Randy and I will pray for you and your family.*

*Friends of Guy and Cile Woodliff,
Teresa and Randy Crawford*

teresa - April 27, 2017 at 08:33 PM

LF

“ Rob, I will never forget how you reached out to me after my daughters passing last August. How warm and encouraging you were and you didn't even know me except as your daughters future Aunt. I felt an instant bond with you and I'm so glad we met at Krista and Taylor's wedding. You were so handsome in your dress uniform and so proud to walk your daughter down the aisle. I wish we'd had time to know each other better. I will always remember you. God bless you and your precious family. Love, Lynn Barbour Ferguson

Lynn Barbour Ferguson - April 27, 2017 at 08:07 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Robert Harlan Bagley.



April 27, 2017 at 07:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Harlan Bagley.



April 27, 2017 at 07:20 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Robert Harlan Bagley.



April 27, 2017 at 06:59 PM

DI

“ My heart is broken...one of the last times I spoke with Rob, he told me that I was his sister...not "in-law", but his sister. He showed me that sentiment, too. He didn't just say it, he made sure I felt that love. He was that way with most everyone he knew. He also loved my boys, his nephews, and as adults, Rob treated them with respect, love & kindness, & welcomed them with open arms every time they visited SC. There will be a huge void in my life without him, but my heart will remain full with love & all of the many funny & happy memories we have shared for 34 years. I will see you again, my brother. So thankful that families ARE forever!!

Diana - April 27, 2017 at 06:44 PM