

Jess Willard Beazer

October 12, 1951 - May 25, 2020

Jess Willard Beazer was born on October 12, 1951 in Codrington Village, Barbuda W.I. to Thelma and Burnstell. Jess' childhood in Barbuda was filled with activities. He was an Alter boy, a Sexton, and a Drill Master for the Boys Brigade. As a member of the Boys Brigade, Jess traveled to Jamaica and Dominica. Jess was known to be stern the other boys, which birthed his nickname Corporal Dool Dool. He was known for telling the young boys, "Lift your duckettes, the government can afford it!" Another one of his childhood nicknames was "Powell" to which we have not been able to trace the origin. Jess was an avid swimmer it was often said the he was one of Barbuda's best swimmers if not the best among boys his age. In his later years on the island Jess worked for the Post Office, delivering mail to the different villagers. Though Jess did not become a Pastor as many people thought he would (he used to play Bishop and Baptize the other children) his faith stayed with him and guided his heart throughout his life.

Jess moved to the States in February 1972; this was not a planned move but was in fact a medical mission. Family and doctors hoped that he could prolong or even save the life of his older brother, Livingston, but that was not meant to be. The hope that Jess was the bone marrow match his brother needed was never made, and his brother died months later.

Jess remained in the States and proceeded to carve out his own path in his new home. His first job in the United States was as a shipping clerk at

Accurate Gold Stamping in Manhattan where he worked until the company closed. Jess went onto attend a trade school and find employment at LCS in Manhattan working in computer operations. Jess would visit his sister, Zelda, At Woolworths in the Bronx where she worked. In visiting he met Jennifer “Jenny” Vanterpool and they started dating. Jess continued to work towards bettering himself and positioning himself in the growing computers job market. He took classes in the evening to gain his United States High School Diploma from ICS Newport Pacific High School. He also took additional classes for specific certifications all while continuing to work. Eventually LCS expanded and Jess was transferred to New Jersey where he would commute to work daily.

On July 16, 1983 Jess and Jenny wed and within the next five years they had their two daughters, Jillian, and Jessica. With the addition of their two girls, the family moved to Co-op City in the north Bronx. On weekends they would take girls to get sunshine and fresh air as they played Tennis in Cortona Park and to ride ponies in Van Courtland Park. Because of Jess and Jenny’s work schedules, Jess spent evenings and weekends with the girls. During these times he helped them develop a sense of wonder, adventure, and sense of self. This time frequently involved watching movies and television that allowed them each to develop their own eclectic sense of pop culture, outings to places that filled them with a sense of marvel and awe (FAO Schwartz at Christmas time was a big favorite), and attending church to develop their spiritual selves.

The family moved to Stone Mountain, Georgia, a suburb outside Atlanta. Jess took a job as a Computer Operator at Equifax, later Pomeroy, in Alpharetta. Not a stranger to a long commute, Jess never let his drive interfere with his outings with his girls. He took his daughters to their extracurricular activities such as Science Olympiad, Soccer practice and games, Saturday school at Georgia State University, Girl Scouts, driving lessons, Braves games, and

helped both girls move into their college dorms. No matter how old the girls got, he was there to help them discover who they wanted to be. He also taught them about his native Barbuda and proudly represented his homeland alongside them on a regular basis, namely during the church's annual International Day celebration for Pentecost.

Jess retired from Pomeroy in 2013 which opened new doors for him. He became the house favorite to the family's cats as he would spoil them by sneaking them pieces of his BBQ chicken and salami whenever possible. He now had time to swim at the YMCA, watch sports and call his siblings and friends to have long talks about all the games he watched throughout the week. He was able to attend graduations of his nephews from High School and College and even went to New York to enjoy the U.S. Open live in 2018. Jess loved his Lord and savior and his church. Retirement gave him a chance to become a more active member at his home church St. Michael's and All Angels. He had been serving in the Altar Guild and was a directing member for the Acolytes long before his retirement. He now had more time to focus on setting their weekly schedules, training Acolytes, and overseeing the Acolyte ministry. He volunteered with church events and participated in the annual Hunger Walk/Run for as long as he was able. Though he could not attend Hunger Walk 2019 he made sure Jessica took his envelope of donations with her and brought a T-shirt back for him. He remained an active member of Men of Michael, attending their meetings, pancake suppers and outreach activities. Even in passing, we know that Jess' unshakable faith continued to guide him in his belief that God's love is eternal.

Jess is survived by his daughters, Jillian and Jessica, his siblings Bernice, Eustace, Camella, Ivor, Rose, Zelda, Marival, Velgon, Lilian, Elvin and Joslyn, his former spouse Jenny, many nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins, church family, and friends who love and miss him dearly.

Jess, thank you for all the memories, laughter, and love. We will continue to

carry your spirit with us as you rest peacefully.
Until we meet again...

Please express your condolences here on our website. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Avondale-Scottsdale Chapel. 351 N. Clarendon Ave. Scottsdale, GA 30079. (404)294-5500.

Tribute Wall



“ Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Jess Willard Beazer



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - June 10, 2020 at 08:42 PM



“ Uncle Jess, you welcomed me into your home in Atlanta and made treated me like a True Beazer. I will always remember the conversations we had about sports and tech on the couch. I'm glad I had the time to meet you.



To the family, I'll always be there for you during these times of grief. Jess and Jillian, I'm very proud and fortunate to have cousins like you. I'll continue to pray for the family. Love you all - Dyer

Mark Dyer - June 13, 2020 at 02:20 PM



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Leticia Guevara-Cuence - June 12, 2020 at 07:34 PM

EP

“ Jess, you always stood out among all the members of our church. You are a very humble person and I will miss seeing you in church rain or shine. Thanks for mentoring my two grandsons while they were staying with me. I am saddened by your sudden departure, but God knows best. If you happen to meet my granddaughter Kameal, take good care of her.. Rest in Peace my friend.

Elaine Primus - June 12, 2020 at 03:57 PM

CW

“ Jess was such a kind man. I will always remember him serving at the 8 o'clock service and the excellent job he did. He is now with the God he loved and served. I regret that I could not be there to celebrate his life due to the limited number allowed at the service.

Carl Winkler

Carol Winkler - June 12, 2020 at 09:09 AM

DC

Allison and I will miss Jess. He was such a kind, strong, and faithful servant of God. No matter how much pain he was in he still came to church. Rest In Peace Jess. We love you.

Dawn Charles - June 12, 2020 at 09:35 PM

JE

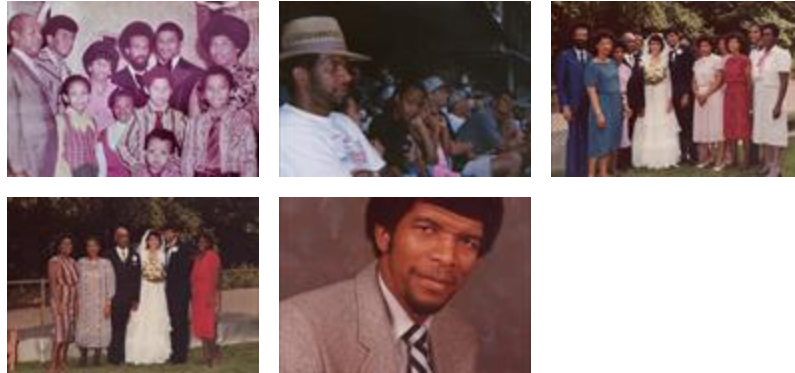
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Jessica - June 10, 2020 at 12:47 AM

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Jessica - June 07, 2020 at 11:46 PM

VB

“ Bill Withers wrote in his song, “If there is a load you have to bear, that you can’t carry I’m right up the road I’ll share your load”, that the person Jess Willard Beazer was. I do not think he would turn anyone down if they needed his help. I think “No” was a difficult word for him to say. If you said, “Jess can you...”, that all he needed to hear, and he will help you carry that load, whatsoever it maybe you can count on Jess.
Fair well my brother, the weight off of your shoulders.

Velgon Beazer - June 07, 2020 at 08:04 PM

TF

“ Jess, may you rest in peace and rise in glory. We will miss you on this side, but know that we will be reunited in the great beyond. Love you cous! Jen, Jessica, and Gillian sending you hugs and condolences.

The Friday Family - June 07, 2020 at 01:44 PM

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The Friday Family

The Friday Family - June 07, 2020 at 01:45 PM

AB

With Sincere Sympathy to the Beazer Family

I have known Jess Beazer since I have been at St. Michael and have seen his two daughters grow up in the church. He was always a pleasant, helpful, kind and courteous person bent on doing God's work and playing his part in the church. He touched many young lives, and brightened many days for us at church. I remember him attending my late mother's birthday parties and dancing the night away with a very serious face. My family and me share your sorrow and we deeply sympathize with Jess' family. We understand your sense of loss and we miss Jess too.

God and time will certainly heal the pain.

Adelia Bovell-Benjamin & Family

Adelia Bovell Benjamin - June 12, 2020 at 04:07 PM

EL

“ *I remember when Jenny and worked together at Woolworth and Jess came to pick her up. I told Jenny I was afraid to speak to him when she wasn't around because he looked so mean! Jenny told Jess in front of me and when he laughed I knew I had made a mistake! I knew that with that laugh he couldn't be mean. We haven't been in touch for awhile but my prayers are with you as you Rest In Peace ! My prayers are also with Jenny, Jillian and Jessica. Love, Erinetta*



Erinetta Long - June 06, 2020 at 04:00 PM

PB

“ *Jess was a wonderful constant at Saint Michael's, we will be missed tremendously. I was honored to take him to his doctor several times and enjoyed our Conversations. You are free from pain now, Jess, and with our Lord in Heaven - can't think of anyone who deserves to be in God's presence more than you. Rest in peace, my Friend.*

Peter Brook - June 06, 2020 at 01:58 PM

CJ

Uncle Jess Beazer, was like a dad (father) to me. He was my ministering angel indeed. Always there when I needed him for support. We related to each other like father & daughter. We laughed, talked politics, current events, religion. We attended conferences, funerals, did errands.

Uncle Jess was a kind hearted , caring soul, sacrificed and showed love through his acts of kindness.

I remember that time he accompanied me to a friend's funeral who had been taken from his family by a killer.

Uncle Jess was that role model of genuine goodness, humanitarianism, kindness, caring and loving.

God called home one of his own. He has earned his spiritual body without pain or blemish!

Rest in peace uncle Jess! 🙏

CJ James - June 12, 2020 at 07:52 PM

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Jessica - June 06, 2020 at 04:21 AM

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Jessica - June 06, 2020 at 12:50 AM

LP

“ My dear Jess, you have always been more like a brother to me than a cousin. I remember as a little girl when I visited my mother in the Bronx my siblings would leave me and you would watch over me, play with me and best of all make me the best fried bologna sandwich! Every time I see you you always had a big smile for me and always took an interest in me even though we didn't see each other often. and I got my love of tennis from you - Rest in peace - your work is done and you are now with our Creator.

Love your cousin

Lisa Punter-Dailey

Lisa Punter-Dailey - June 04, 2020 at 09:28 AM

JB

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Jessica Beazer - June 02, 2020 at 10:52 PM