



Alex "Bobby" Parham

January 23, 1948 - July 1, 2025

Alex (Bobby) Randolph Parham entered the world with a spirit full of life, faith, and fire on January 23, 1948, in Dinwiddie County, Virginia. He grew up in a close-knit family and professed his faith in Christ at an early age, becoming a member of Shiloh Baptist Church in Dinwiddie, Virginia. Bobby graduated from Southside High School, in Dinwiddie, Virginia, and worked at Phillip Morris for over 30 years. Bobby loved sports, especially basketball and baseball and he put his heart into both watching and playing. He was an outstanding pitcher for the Darville Clippers and could really strike 'em out! He played basketball for the Country Team in Darville, VA (yes, the team was called Country) and led them to many victories. He also loved bowling and enjoyed a few rounds of golf.

Bobby was a fierce competitor with confidence as bold as his smile. He felt like he could win in any game he played, and had no problem letting you know he was the best! His mental game was as formidable as his physical one, and Bobby was an excellent Bid Whist player. He talked a whole lot of smack, but you'd better believe he backed it up! He could get into his opponents' head like a psychiatrist and confuse them to his team's advantage. Bobby loved to joke and laugh about everything and could find the silver lining in a bad situation. He brought joy and lightness to those around him, and you could always expect a good laugh in his presence.

Bobby had a passion for family history and served as the Wynn and Parham family historian for decades, preserving stories and memories with dedication and love. Bobby started his own family, bringing his sons Christopher and Derrick into the world with his wife of 46 years, Barbara Ann Morgan Parham. Bobby lived a full and vibrant life, adored by family and friends. He found love again and married Dorothy Hicks Parham, who was by his side until he departed this earthly life on July 1, 2025.

Bobby was preceded in death by his son Christopher Ray Parham, his wife, Barbara Morgan Parham, and his parents, Alex and Fannie Parham. He leaves to cherish his memory, a devoted wife, Dorothy H. Parham, of Richmond, Virginia; a loving son, Derrick Rondel Parham (Michelle) of Richmond, Virginia; two stepsons, James Crawley III (Haruka) of Tokyo, Japan, Jeremy Crawley (Alicia) of Decatur, GA; and eight grandchildren, Christopher Ray Parham Jr, of Richmond, Virginia, Christyna Ford of Smyrna, Georgia, Derrick Christopher Ellis Parham of Richmond, Virginia, Cyrus Ford of Smyrna, Georgia, Joi Crawley of Tokya, Japan, Jasmine Crawley, Jordan Crawley, and Jaida Crawley, all of Decatur, GA; four sisters, Rachel Cole of Deptford, NJ, Nancy Abdullah (Wali) of McKenney, Virginia, Gwen Chancellor (Jay) of Pittsburgh, PA, Bonita Anderson (Randall) of Greensboro, NC Virginia; two brothers, Chester Parham (Cynthia) of Warrenton, VA, Luther (Jerry) Parham of DeWitt, VA; one sister-in-law, Annie Crowder of McKenney, VA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who will miss Bobby dearly.

His legacy is written in the hearts of his children, grandchildren, family, and friends, all touched by his steadfastness, his smile, and his smack talk that will forever echo in the hearts of those he loved. Rest in peace, Alex (Bobby) Parham, your life was a job well done.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes
2110 E. Laburnum Ave
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

JUL 17. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Funeral Service

JUL 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Avenue
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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Alex "Bobby" Parham*



March Funeral Homes - July 07, 2025 at 04:19 PM

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“ *Lydia Davis lit a candle in memory of Alex "Bobby" Parham*



Lydia Davis - July 19, 2025 at 12:16 PM

LC

“ *LMF CARSON lit a candle in memory of Alex "Bobby" Parham*



LMF CARSON - July 15, 2025 at 09:20 PM

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“ *The Lewis family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Alex "Bobby" Parham.*



The Lewis family - July 14, 2025 at 11:06 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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