



Richard Thomas Baggs

January 31, 1952 - May 18, 2020

Retired Police Lieutenant Richard Thomas Baggs, age 68, passed away on Monday May 18, 2020. He was born on January 31, 1952 to Richard James Baggs and Mary Agnes Baggs (née Kalish) in Rockville Centre, New York. Richard is survived by his loving wife Linda, four children, Richard, Elizabeth (Scott), Christina (RJ), and James (Amanda), his granddaughter Alexandria, and his brother George (Maryann). He is predeceased by his brother Robert Paul and his two grandchildren John Thomas and Emerson Francis.

Richie, as he was known to the ones who loved him, joined the New York City Transit Police Department on May 20, 1974 and later became a member of the New York City Police Department during the “Hostile Takeover,” where he served the City of New York for a total of 26 years. While on patrol at the Ave J subway station on February 5, 1982, he met the love of his life Linda and they married on June 9, 1984. They spent 36 loving years of marriage together raising their children. Richie’s children were the pride and joy of his life and his legacy of care and service to others will live on through each of them. Richie was a graduate of the 199th session of The Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy. He retired from the New York City Police Department’s revered Street Crime Unit in June of 2000. He moved his family to Florida where he was able to foster not only his love for his family, but also his love for the game of baseball. He was a devoted Yankee fan, which was instilled in him from childhood where he would go and watch some of

baseball's greats in the bleacher seats of Yankee stadium with his father. Richie was described by those who knew him as a man of great integrity, a mentor, and someone who could pull others out of the abyss. He truly embodied what it meant to be a devoted public servant, coach, friend, husband, and father. He will be missed, but never forgotten.

A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 11:00 am at St. Christopher's Church located at 12001 SE Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound, FL 33455. Interment will take place following the services at 1:00 pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Cemetery located at 10941 Southern Boulevard, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a charitable donation in remembrance of Richie to The Wounded Officer's Initiative or The Brotherhood for the Fallen NYC Chapter.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher Catholic Church
12001 SE Federal Hwy.
Hobe Sound, FL 33455

Entombment

MAY **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady Queen of Peace
10941 Southern Blvd.
Royal Palm Beach, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Thomas Baggs*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *I'm sorry to hear that Richie passed away. I was his roommate at the FBI National Academy in 1999. He was a character, and we shared many laughs.*

Michael Brosnan - July 10, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ *Richie was a true leader and a very funny person. I had the honor to work with him in Transit PD and the NYPD Street Crime Unit. He was never a "I am your Boss type " and was fair with everyone he worked with. I remember when he wore the Choker coat and the TPD Chief of Dept told him it was not authorized. He found the Interim order for Lieutenants and above being authorized from like the 1970s. He always carried the order and drove around Jay Street hoping to be challenged. He was a character and will be sorely missed. If the Job had more leaders like him, a lot of people would stay past 20 years.. To the Baggs Family, I am sorry for your loss... Rest in peace Richie.....Anthony Russo*

Anthony Russo - May 24, 2020 at 10:47 PM



“ *Richie and I entered the police academy on May 20th, 1974. Both Richie and I were in the same company. Richie was a great friend to have and he will be truly missed! Rest In Peace my Brother.
Alan Berkowitz
Retired Detective*

Alan Berkowitz - May 22, 2020 at 02:53 PM



Richie was a great leader and wonderful man. As a rookie officer he taught me how to survive in Transit District 30. I am truly heartbroken to hear this. There are no more lieutenant's built like Richie in this new generation. RIP brother 🙏

Willie Wheeler - October 26, 2020 at 04:20 AM