



## Baxter Greer Farthing

December 2, 1926 - January 12, 2021

Baxter Farthing, longtime resident of Manassas, Virginia, died peacefully on Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

Baxter was born on December 2, 1926 in the Sugar Grove Community of Watauga County, North Carolina. He was the son of the late Dixie Glenn and Benjamin W. Farthing.

Shortly after graduating from Cove Creek High School in 1944, Baxter moved to Cleveland, Ohio where he spent six months working at a defense plant making materials for use in WWII. While in Cleveland, he learned several trade skills including welding.

Upon turning 18 in December 1944, Baxter followed in his older brothers' footsteps by enlisting in the U.S. Navy. His ship, the light cruiser U.S.S. Amsterdam (CL-101), was about to deploy to the western Pacific when Japan surrendered in 1945. He worked as a welder aboard the ship doing repairs and other duties. After being honorably discharged in July 1946, he returned to Watauga County and assisted his father on the family farm, where again he used his welding skills to design and build metal gates and wagons, some of which he sold to other farmers in the community.

He met his wife Reba Cook in 1957, and the couple married in January 1958. Soon thereafter, they moved from North Carolina to northern Virginia where he worked in construction for about the next ten years. After starting his career as a realtor in the late 1960s, he co-founded and ran a successful real estate business where he specialized in land sales primarily in Prince William and

Fauquier counties.

Baxter and Reba had three lovely daughters, one of whom tragically died at the age of five. By 2003, they had been blessed with two beautiful granddaughters, whom they cherished.

He was always an avid NASCAR race fan, attending many races all along the East Coast over the years. In addition, he enjoyed listening to traditional Bluegrass and Western Swing music and dancing to Country Music.

Beginning in the late 1980s after Baxter's retirement, he and Reba spent their time traveling across North America in their RV. He loved filming his travels, editing the videos, and sharing them with family and friends. As a family historian, he took pride in researching and documenting family history which he shared at family reunions. Together Baxter and Reba also volunteered their time by helping others in the Manassas area through delivering Meals on Wheels for eleven years.

Baxter is survived by two daughters, Rachel Farthing and Patricia Farthing Frisby, her husband Robert, and granddaughters Laura and Caroline Frisby, all of Bristow, Virginia. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Agnes Farthing of Colfax, North Carolina, along with a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Reba in 2019, their daughter Glenda Carole Farthing in 1968, and seven siblings: Frances Farthing, Laura Farthing Church, Raymond, Wheeler, Louis, and twins Benjamin and Dixie Farthing Huff.

A graveside funeral service will be held outside of the Rose Chapel at Mount Lawn Cemetery in Boone, North Carolina on Tuesday, January 19 at 11:00 a.m. A Celebration of Life will be planned at a later date due to the pandemic. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Baxter's memory to his family church- Valle Crucis United Methodist Church (2945 Broadstone Road, Banner Elk, NC 28604), Samaritan's Purse at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org>, or to the charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ I had the pleasure of being able to work with and take care of Mr. Farthing for a few months. I always admired his daughters for their constant devotion to make their dad feel at home. He was always wondering if his family was okay and talked to me about Boone north Carolina. He would always ask my name and then repeat it with joy, "Jasmine!" :) I'm praying for his family and friends. He will be missed.

jasmine robinson - February 02, 2021 at 08:29 PM

RF

Hi Jasmine. Thank you for posting your comments. It's great to hear from you. I was sad to learn that you had moved on after the pandemic started. You are such a caring person. I knew Dad was in good hands when you were his QLS. Thank you so much for befriending him. He is at peace in Heaven with Mom and is interred next to her in Boone. Take care. Hope you are doing well.

Rachel Farthing - February 28, 2021 at 10:13 PM

VT

“ Baxter was a wonderful neighbor. Carl Nikki and I were fortunate to know Him Baxter was kind, when my husband passed He bought breakfast for all my family members . I missed him when his house sold.. One good thing is I can look out my window and have fond memories



Veronica Tanks - January 17, 2021 at 05:04 PM

RF

*Thank you for your kind comments, Veronica. Both Dad and Mom thought so much of you, Carl, and Nikki. We all enjoyed having you as our neighbors. Thank you for looking out for Mom and Dad over the years. Patti and I also appreciated you keeping an eye on their house when it was vacant. You've been a big help to all of us over the years, and especially during these past few years when Mom's and Dad's health situations were declining.*

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**RACHEL FARTHING** - January 30, 2021 at 12:15 PM



“ *Godiva Gold Ballotin (36 pc) was purchased for the family of Baxter Greer Farthing.*



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January 16, 2021 at 10:23 AM

JG

“ *Have been a friend of Mr Farthing for many years. Always a perfect gentleman and a great person. Special prayers for his children that he dearly loved. The lord knows best, rest easy my friend.*

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**J. Gilbert** - January 15, 2021 at 09:01 PM

RF

*Thank you so much for the kind words. He was a great dad and grandfather. We miss him so much but are comforted that he is with Mom, our sister Glenda, and so many other family members in Heaven.*

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**Rachel Farthing** - January 16, 2021 at 03:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Baxter Greer Farthing.



January 15, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Baxter Farthing



Patricia Frisby - January 15, 2021 at 12:42 AM



Thank you for sharing those wonderful pictures of Baxter and his family in a life well lived. Love, Owen and Dee

Delores Frisby - January 15, 2021 at 10:17 AM



Absolutely love this video. Thank you so much for sharing.

Glenda Henegar - January 15, 2021 at 12:01 PM



That was a beautiful tribute to a wonderful dad. Truly a full life.

Catherine Martini - January 15, 2021 at 09:21 PM



Baxter would be very proud of this video, it was definitely all about the wonderful life he lived. I send my thoughts and prayers to the family 🙏💕  
🙏. Vickie

VickieRatliff - January 16, 2021 at 07:30 AM

SF

*Many more of Baxter's photos and commentaries are at <https://www.stevefarthing.com/baxterfarthing/> (if the link is allowed)*

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**Steve Farthing** - January 21, 2021 at 04:32 PM

CS

*A wonderful life. Thank you for sharing his life line in photos. My thoughts, love and peace to the family.*

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**Clyde Tester McMillan Strickling** - January 24, 2025 at 08:37 PM