



Perry Jackson Bailey

August 29, 1968 - February 9, 2026

Perry Jackson Bailey, 57, of Manassas, Virginia, passed away on February 9, 2026. Born on August 29, 1968, in Clarksburg, West Virginia, Perry's life was marked by resilience, faith, and a deep commitment to both his family and his calling.

Perry faced profound loss early in life. He was orphaned at the age of 14 following the deaths of his father, Jack Bailey, on June 5, 1981, and his mother, Virginia Carson Bailey, on August 28, 1983. In the wake of this tragedy, he was adopted into the loving home of Beverly Atchison—a turning point that provided him with stability and support during his formative years. A gifted student from a young age, Perry excelled academically throughout high school and carried that dedication into higher education.

In 1991, Perry graduated from West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science degree. His academic achievements laid the foundation for a distinguished career in engineering. He went on to work for SES Americom for many years, where he earned numerous engineering awards in recognition of his expertise and contributions to the field.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Perry was a devoted Christ follower and Bible scholar. His faith was not only central to his personal life but also guided his mission to reach and teach others about the love of Jesus and

His Word. Throughout his adult life, he sought out opportunities to share this message with sincerity and conviction.

Perry shared more than three decades of marriage with Julie Siemens Bailey. Their union of 33 years was blessed with three children: Madeleine Bailey Cooke and her husband Wesley Cooke; their son Jack Bailey; and their youngest daughter Susannah Bailey. Perry's devotion to his family was unwavering—he took great pride in their lives and supported them with steadfast love.

Those who knew Perry will remember him as a man of integrity whose strength came from both intellect and faith. His legacy lives on through the lives he touched—at home, at work, and within his community of faith.

May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him and continue to inspire all who were blessed by his presence. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the American Cancer Society.

A Celebration of Life will be held on February 21, 2026, from 01:00 PM to 03:00 PM at St. Thomas UMC 8899 Sudley Road, Manassas, VA. In keeping with Perry's style, casual attire and vintage band shirts are welcome.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 21. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Thomas United Methodist Church
8899 Sudley Road
Manassas, VA 20110

Tribute Wall

MH

“ *Very sad news to hear. Perry was definitely one of the best. Always a smile and positive attitude, even when things were tough. Perry was a great friend and was always a joy to be around. Many years of conversation, much focused around our families and stories of our growing children. Perry was very proud of his family and will be missed by us all. My thoughts continue on with his family and friends during this tough time. Love you bud.*

Mike Hawkins - February 20 at 03:50 PM

CW

“ *Perry was one of the kindest souls I met at SES and in general. Having just lost my father last weekend, I deeply connect with the loss and grief his family is living through and want to offer my most sincere and heartfelt condolences.*



Christian Wahweiler - February 20 at 10:13 AM

AP

“ I met Perry at SES when I was in the NOC, I had never intended to work in satcom it was just meant to be a holdover job until I could get something else. He saw I was spending long hours and time, Perry, Boamah and Scott all helped train me and build me up from the very beginning, like their little work brother. Perry used to be one of the first people in the office every day and coming on or off shift he'd often coach me through emails I sent to give me tips and teach me how to grow. I was still pursuing something else when I found out there was an opening on his team, satcom wasn't something I wanted but the way I saw Perry with his team and the way he was with me wasn't something I thought I could find somewhere else. I interviewed he said "I could ask you some technical questions, at this point I'm sure you'll know the answers, so why do you want this position". I answered "I just really want to work with you guys" he replied "we want to work with you too". As a young engineer he helped my confidence, gave me access to knowledge, and gave me challenging work that was sometimes daunting and I questioned it, but every time it ended up being good for me in the long run. When I eventually left his team and had new challenges leading my own team he congratulated me I told him I was nervous he said call me when you're free, he gave me some advice, some confidence and calmed me down. We met in person a couple times after that and he'd give me a hug every time we saw each other, I saw him when he lost his hair, saw him when he got it back but I never heard him complain, but he was always willing to listen to my troubles and give some advice despite everything he was going through. If the family reads this I'm sorry for what you're going through, I hope you find some comfort in knowing that when he was at work he was admired and beloved by a lot of people

Andrew Peterson - February 18 at 09:37 PM

AC

“ It is with a heavy heart that I learned of Perry's passing. I worked with him for many years at SES and always looked forward to swinging by his office to chat. We shared a similar approach to our jobs; work ethic, kindness, and an urge to make a difference. He made a difference every day. My heart goes out to his family and colleagues.

Arnie Christianson

Arnie Christianson - February 17 at 02:54 PM

YB

“ Without even having met Perry in person, it was clear what a knowledgeable, generous and kind person he was: always willing to explain, always putting in that additional smart and funny comment. These exchanges have been going on over a decade and really made me value and appreciate Perry. It was a understated, magical super power. His loss is felt, so losing him must feel enormous for his family. I hope his memory and knowing that he has had an impact on many is a little comfort to his family and make them feel a little less alone....

Yvonne Bos (Netherlands)

Yvonne Bos - February 16 at 09:57 AM

ST

“ Perry was a wonderful person with a kind and caring nature. His leadership, dedication, and compassion had a lasting impact on everyone who had the honor and privilege to know and work with him.. He was and always will be the best manager I ever had. He will be missed very much by everyone who knew him. My sincerest condolences and sympathy to his family.

Scott Terry - February 16 at 09:44 AM

JG

“ Thank you Perry for over 20 years of friendship sharing side-by-side the journey together 🙏🙏... you were an awesome person, always humble and kind to all who had the privilege of knowing you 😔... from Verestar days and through an entire career at SES, you where a great teammate we could always count with. It was an honor to know you and you will be greatly missed. Thank you Lord for Perry's life and my heartfelt condolences to the family. God Bless 🙏

Julian Gonzalez - February 16 at 09:34 AM

GE

“ I was very saddened to hear this news and wished to offer my sincere condolences to his family. Tho I only knew Perry from my work years at SES he made me feel like a lifelong friend when speaking with him. I'm sure he was the smartest guy in the room in many meetings we were in but he had a way to make you feel like you were.

Gene Eames - February 15 at 08:07 PM

MP

“ I have been really upset by this and only just felt able to post something. I worked very closely with Perry and his team for a number of years. I can hear his voice in my head as I write this. I recall early in the working relationship I had decided I needed to make one of this close knit Manassas team a manager. While there were good candidates, I had decided Perry was the man and he fought this saying it was disruptive for a team that had worked well as a cohesive group of peers. He was right of course but organizationally

it needed to change. The fact he placed the collective welfare of the team ahead of his own advancement made me all the more certain he was the right man. And so often in life those best suited to real leadership are not the ones to push themselves forward.

Perry was one of the finest people I have worked with in my entire career. Perry exemplified the qualities I always most admire most. Technically he was first class and if Perry said something could / could not be done I never needed to hear any more. But much more than that he was a good man and a compassionate leader with a strong moral compass. Great humility, someone who quietly got on with his job and let his work speak for itself. Perry and people like him, quietly, capably working in the background always served as the main backbone of SES.

Years later a further reorganisation separated me from the team, but it always made me smile to cross paths with Perry. To his family and close friends my deepest deepest condolences and sympathies. Perrys impact on the world ran far and I know many people who feel the same as I do.

God bless, Matt Prange

Matt Prange - February 14 at 05:38 AM

AF

“ *Perry will always be part of some of my fondest memories from the Washington Media Port. My thoughts are with his family and with all of my fellow colleagues who were close to him.*

Aaron Fritz - February 13 at 05:31 PM

MD

“ *My deep condolences to the family. we first connected back in 2003 within Verestar and Perry was my manager at #SES for almost 3 years. As a manager, he trusted me the very first day, enhancing myself confidence and my performances as well! the kind of manager everyone would like to have. as a human being he was just a good person! Mirabeau D.*

Mirabeau D. - February 13 at 03:25 PM