



Richard James Basmajian

January 21, 1928 - September 21, 2017

Duncan: Richard James Basmajian, 89, passed away Thursday, September 21, 2017 at the Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. Mr. Basmajian was the widower of Phyllis Campbell Basmajian and the son of the late Sam and Katherine Schmidt Basmajian.

A native of Philly, PA., Mr. Basmajian was an Army Veteran of the Korean War and enjoyed singing karaoke at nursing homes with his son. He was a member of the Duncan First Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son, Michael David Basmajian, Sr. and his wife, Rita; four grandchildren: Michael Jr., Richard and Christopher Basmajian and Shannon Hunter; six great-grandchildren: Alexi, Annalisa, Anthony, and Andrea Basmajian and Logan and Faith Hunter; and six brothers and sisters: Florence (K.C.) Cieri, Janet O'Brien, Delores Houston, George, Donald and Dennis Basmajian.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date at Duncan First Baptist Church, S.C.; with inurnment at M. J. "Dolly" Cooper Veterans Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

RB

“ From the second time I met him, and Mike said he wanted to marry me, in less than six months; He was officially known as dad to me. And that has never changed. He made it very clear how much he loved me and was always bringing me little gifts to tell me so. My daughter Shannon, new him as Grandpop, and they became the shopping dream team. She loved clothes, and Dad had the patience to match.

When Dad moved in with us 12 years ago, none of us knew the challenges we would be facing. But Dad never stopped loving me, and I never stopped loving him.

We had deep conversations about God, Angels , and dying, and about his job prospects in Heaven. I can't begin to imagine, how he will make Jesus smile.

When Dad discovered a company called Windsor jewelry, there was not a single female in his life, child or adult, that he did not make smile, and that in turn, made him very happy.

He was very proud of his military service to his country, and when people here in SC, began thanking him for his service, it added special meaning to the sacrifices he made, and brought back his respect for flag and country. He enjoyed being recognized as a veteran and gave me a new personal reminder for remembering and thanking all veterans!

He will be greatly missed, in our lives, and in the lives of all who knew him! Our loss is Heavens gain.

I LOVE YOU DAD!! I WILL SEE YOU AGAIN, AND WE WILL TALK TO JESUS TOGETHER!!!

Rita Basmajian - October 23, 2017 at 01:09 AM

MB

“ For my Dad:

*Dad, you were always there for me, right from the very start,
Watching over; and loving me, with a Father's heart.
And now that heaven is your home, Dad, I miss you so,
But memories of you will stay with me, no matter where I go.*

*Until then, I'll remember our songs and making people smile
Helping them laugh, and have some fun, for at least a little while.
Please tell Jesus I love Him, Dad, when you see Him there
And one day when He calls me home, oh, what joy we'll share!*

*Maybe, Jesus will ask us to sing for Him, I think we'll make Him
smile,
After all, He gave us the voices, I think He'll like our style!
We'll sing our hearts out, all for Him, and oh, how happy we'll be,
Until then, I love you Dad, thanks for loving me.*

*I LOVE YOU!!!!
Your son, Mike*

Mike Basmajian - October 19, 2017 at 10:03 PM

BL

“ *Rita and Mike, we were so surprised to hear of Richards death. Saw him in church on Sunday then the next week we learned of his death. Its really a blessing he didn't suffer a long illness. Its a comfort to know he is with Jesus.*

Bill and Cathey Little

Bill and Cathey Little - October 16, 2017 at 07:17 PM

MS

“ Mike and Rita, Just know that you are in my prayers. Mr. B. was a kind and loving man. I will miss seeing him at church. How wonderful it is to know that he is rejoicing at the feet of Jesus! God bless you and your family. Much Love, Melanie Starnes

Melanie Starnes - October 16, 2017 at 05:51 PM



“ It is with much sorrow & also happiness that I write this, my Uncle Rich meant the world to me. He was my Fathers brother, friend and business associate and he was always close by and a big part of my life growing up.



Some of the memories I have of him, are our Englishtown Flea market days, when Uncle Rich would work a 40 + hour week at the A&P (which he did for 30 years) and then enlist his son Mike & I to get up at 4am on the weekends and work a full day with him at the flea market selling shoes.

The best part of the day was watching Uncle Rich interact with everyone he met, from the waitresses at his favorite rest stop restaurant on the NJ turnpike, to the other vendors at Englishtown and his regular customers. People loved him, he had a very infectious personality!

I could go on & on about my Uncle because I truly love him, he was thoughtful, kind, compassionate, funny, energetic and most of all loving!

You will be missed but NEVER forgotten Uncle Rich!
Love,
Robert Basmajian

Bob Basmajian - September 29, 2017 at 01:19 PM



I remember working with him and your father in the early eighties at Englishtown he was a fun-loving caring guy we had some great times together I always loved him God Rest his soul.

John Basmajian - September 30, 2017 at 09:49 PM

JM

“ *Dear Mike, Rita and Basmajian Family,*

It is with a breaking heart that I have to be writing this. I have known Richard for 20 years and he was such a wonderful man that was loved by all. He was the happiest when he was singing and would give him so much pleasure when he would hand out his cassettes he recorded.

His face would light up when he would hand out jewelry to all his favorite girls and everyone who knew him couldn't help but fall in love with him. I always told him he needed to write a book as he had so many stories from his past that were so interesting.

I am going to miss him so much and know that anyone who knew him will do the same.

My love and prayers are with you all and know that he is heaven in God's Loving Arms.

Love,

Judy

Judy Meadows - September 25, 2017 at 08:11 PM