



Mark Kingen Baxter

November 5, 1980 - December 23, 2019

Loretto, Ky. – Mark Kingen Baxter, age 39, formerly of Richmond, Indiana, died unexpectedly Monday, December 23, 2019, in Kentucky.

Born November 5, 1980, in Crawfordsville, Indiana, to Jeffrey L. and Kathleen Brown Baxter, Mark lived in Richmond most of his life. He was a 1999 graduate of Richmond High School and attended Emory & Henry College in Emory, Virginia. Mark worked at Star Hill Provisions at Maker's Mark Distillery in Loretto. He formerly attended St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where he served as an acolyte. Mark was passionate about Kentucky history, especially the history of bourbon and the creation of bourbon recipes. He also enjoyed writing.

Survivors include his mother, Kathleen (Lawrence M.) Simkin of Richmond; father, Jeff (Melissa) Baxter of Richmond; stepsisters, Meredith and Hannah Wambo, both of Richmond; paternal grandmother, Berneil Baxter of Richmond; aunts, Carol (Jim) McKey and Karen (Greg) Riner Buchheit, both of Louisville, Kentucky, Martha Jane (Marshall) Akers of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Connie (Greg Moschetti) Baxter of Dummerston, Vermont; uncle, Kent (Dori) Baxter of Greens Fork, Indiana; cousins; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Jack Kingen and Barbara Joan Brown and paternal grandfather, Merrill William Baxter.

Memorial visitation for Mark Kingen Baxter will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday, December 30, 2019, at First Friends Meeting, 2010 Chester Blvd., Richmond. A Celebration of Life will follow at 1:00 p.m. Monday, December 30, 2019, at First Friends Meeting with Barry MacDowell officiating. Arrangements are being handled by Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Oscar Getz Museum of Whiskey at the Bardstown Historical Museum, 114 North Fifth Street, Bardstown, KY 40004 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Friends Meeting
2010 Chester Boulevard
Richmond, IN

Celebration of Life

DEC **30**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Friends Meeting
2010 Chester Boulevard
Richmond, IN

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Jeff, Kathleen and family, So very sorry for this unexpected and untimely loss! Thoughts and prayers turn your way as you go through today's celebration of his life and the days, weeks and years ahead! Blessings,

Rod Mason - December 30, 2019 at 07:01 AM

JT

“ Jeff Baxter & Kathy Simkin & families, there could be no greater pain than the loss of your beloved son. Please know my prayers & thoughts are with you & your families as you face this tragic time. May your son rest in eternal peace. Juanita Tyler LPN



Juanita R. Tyler - December 29, 2019 at 11:54 PM

CW

“ Jeff and family,
I am so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time. May God give you peace and comfort in the days ahead.
Christy Bullock Williams

Christy Bullock Williams - December 29, 2019 at 04:10 PM

MM

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss and sorrow. I will always remember Mark from when I attended church with him at St Paul's here in Richmond, Indiana, along with him being in marching band at Richmond High School. I'm so sorry to hear of his loss, may God bless you and, be with your family during this hard time and sorrow.
Marcie (Amsler) McCall

Marcie McCall - December 28, 2019 at 12:14 PM

TM

“ Teresa Mogle sent a virtual gift in memory of Mark Kingen Baxter



Teresa Mogle - December 28, 2019 at 10:14 AM

KK

“ We can't imagine the sorrow to loose a son. What pain you all must feel. We did not know Mark, but appreciate his parentage and extend to them our deepest sympathy.
Keith & Judy Kendall - Friends Fellow Community

Keith Kendall - December 28, 2019 at 09:46 AM

HM

“Mark Baxter was a great guy, and I am glad to have had the pleasure of knowing him! When he first moved to Loretto, he used to come down to the restaurant, order lunch and sit at the bar for hours just to talk bourbon. After a few weeks of this we asked if he wanted to be paid while he was here and started work the next day. You could tell history and bourbon were his passions, he was an encyclopedia of knowledge on many subjects, but he always got super excited when speaking/teaching about bourbon and its history. I am in shock that he is gone, and from myself and the entire crew at Star Hill Provisions we extend our deepest sympathies to not only his family but also the "bourbon world" who have lost a great contributor. Rest easy my friend.

Harrison Miller - December 28, 2019 at 09:08 AM

KA

You, your brother and families were so wonderful to our son, Mark. He respected you and your appreciated your support. We are forever grateful for the part you played in his life.

Kathy Simkin, Mark's mom

kathy - December 28, 2019 at 04:54 PM

BA

“Our hearts break for you, Kathy. Thank you so very much for introducing us to your dear son. I can picture him standing in my kitchen telling me about the Bourbon he brought for us to share. I treasure the memory.
Barbara Gittleman

barbara - December 28, 2019 at 08:48 AM

ML

“ I've known Mark for twenty years. We started college together and have remained friends the entire time. I remember my trips to visit him in Richmond and our road trips to KY. One of my favorite memories is an impromptu trip to Louisville when I was living in Chicago. We met up, found a random hotel, and spent the weekend cruising around downtown Louisville. I will miss Mark, his endless love for all things Bourbon, his wonderful cooking skills, and the energy he had for everything he loved. RIP dear brother. You will be missed.

Matt Long - December 27, 2019 at 05:49 PM

BB

“ Kathy,
We are so very sorry for your loss of Mark. We remember all of us getting soaking wet during an amazing water slide ride at an amusement park. Mark was not a amused but recovered quickly to enjoy the day. May you find comfort in your memories of all the adventures you shared. We send our deepest sympathy. Peter and Brenda Bankart

Brenda Bankart - December 27, 2019 at 05:30 PM

MA

“ Kathy,
Mel and I are so sorry to hear of your loss and send our condolences to you and your family.

Marcia and Mel Hecht

Marcia - December 27, 2019 at 11:43 AM

JT

“ So sorry for your loss of Mark. I remember him as the cutest little boy. And so friendly to me. May God send his Angels to wrap their wings around you for peace and comfort during this difficult time. Sending my sincere sympathy. Janie Thompson

Jane Thompson - December 27, 2019 at 10:55 AM

 Barbie Sparks

“ I had fun working with Mark at warm glpw amd how he liked to debate certan subjects we had fun , so very sorry for your loss ,

Barbie Sparks - December 27, 2019 at 04:29 AM

KB

“ Kathy, I am so very sorry to hear of your horrible loss. I still see Mark in my mind's eye, running around Charles, such a happy, positive, upbeat little boy. You and your family have my deepest and most sincere sympathy. Karen Berry

Karen Berry - December 27, 2019 at 03:32 AM

CS

“ Kathy,
I am so sorry for your loss. May God's strong arms give you comfort in the days ahead.
Love,
Chris and Dave Straw

chris Straw - December 27, 2019 at 12:35 AM

ST

“ Kathy, Larry, and family. I know you will cherish all of the many memories you have. Please know that I am lifting you in love and light. —Stasia Veramallay

Stasia - December 27, 2019 at 12:34 AM

TR

“ Our deepest condolences to your family. We will be praying for you guys during this time. I will always remember Marks laugh and sense of humor.

Travis Rice - December 26, 2019 at 11:37 PM

JM

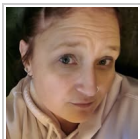
“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mark was an amazing guy who always knew how to make you smile. Praying for you.

Jill Minke - December 26, 2019 at 10:36 PM

PM

“ So very sorry to hear of Mark's passing. Please accept my sympathy.
—Patrick Mercier

Patrick Mercier - December 26, 2019 at 10:24 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about your tragic loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. From, Tammy Phelps

Tammy Phelps - December 26, 2019 at 08:16 PM

RS

“ I'm am so terribly sorry for your loss. I worked with him at friends Fellowship Mark sure did like to add his bourbon to his recipes. Again I am sincerely sorry Rosie Shank

Rosie Shank - December 26, 2019 at 07:26 PM

KL

“ *Kathy, we are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.
Kathy Lucid and Mike Devine.*

Kathy Lucid - December 26, 2019 at 07:22 PM

BC

“ *Kathy,
so very sorry for your loss...our thoughts and prayers are with you
and and your family.
Bonnie and Alan Cooper
Agudas Israel*

Bonnie Cooper - December 26, 2019 at 04:39 PM

BW

“ *Dear Cathy , Jeff and Spouses,
Behi and I hurt so much for you all. No parent
should see their child go before them. Our
love and our prayers are and will be with you.
Love Bob and behi*



Bob and Behi Wilson - December 26, 2019 at 04:33 PM

AC

“ *Thinking of you Kathy during this difficult time, we are so very sorry
for your sons passing. Praying for Gods Grace to hold you close.
The Riveras*

Ali Carter-Rivera - December 26, 2019 at 04:05 PM

MK

“ *I'm so very sorry, Kathy, for your loss. You are in my thoughts during
this very difficult time.*

Monica Koechlein - December 26, 2019 at 03:45 PM

JC

“ Prayers to you Jeff and Melissa. Prayers for his Mother and extended family.

Joyce Clarkston - December 26, 2019 at 03:26 PM

CM

“ Our hearts are broken. Mark was a passionate young man with amazing zeal for so many things in life. Peace to him and his family. Love, Aunt Carol & Uncle Jim

Carol McKey - December 26, 2019 at 02:41 PM

FW

I am so very sorry for your loss.

Fonda Wilds - December 26, 2019 at 09:03 PM

CM

My heart breaks for you, Kathy as well as for Jeff, Larry and Melissa ---
- and all who loved Mark as we do. The anguish and heart pain is like non other. Hugs, dear friend.

Carolyn Macdowell - December 27, 2019 at 01:04 AM

JH

There are no words to express how very very sorry I am for your loss!!
Praying God will hold you close and give you peace and comfort !!

jennifer hall - December 27, 2019 at 06:09 AM

DM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

David Lydick and the Staff of Doan & Mills - December 26, 2019 at 01:46 PM