



Basie Pass, Jr.

March 30, 1947 - August 10, 2013

Basie Pass Jr. knew how to build.

An automotive engineer by trade, Basie spent a lifetime raising up not just cars — but people, social organizations and, most important of all, his own loving family.

Born March 30, 1947, in Grenada County, Miss., Basie was the only child of Basie Pass Sr. and Judith (Green) Pass. After the family moved to East St. Louis, Ill., in 1952, Basie went on to graduate from Lincoln High School and later enrolled at Hampton Institute.

In 1970, he earned a bachelor's degree in manufacturing engineering from Hampton — becoming the first member of his family to graduate college.

Basie went on to start his professional career at General Motors, working in the Saginaw Steering Division. He later worked as an engineer in Tennessee, New York and Ohio before wrapping up his career at Delphi Steering (now known as Nexteer). For a short period he was also owner/operator of his own manufacturing company.

Along the way, Basie also became a devoted and loving husband and father. He also became a committed Christian in January 2011 and was baptized at

Greater Williams Temple.

Though Basie was the first in his family to receive a college degree, he spent much of his life making sure he wouldn't be the last. He helped guide all of his own children into higher education and professional careers.

But Basie's influence and desire to help others achieve reached beyond his own family. He served as an advisor for the Kappa League youth group, regularly volunteering to participate in leadership development activities for local youth. Through Delphi, Basie also helped create the Robotics team at Buena Vista High School.

In addition, Basie was an avid golfer, a member of the Epicurian Lodge #674 and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

On August 10, 2013, Basie Pass died peacefully.

He is remembered by his loving wife, Denise; his devoted mother, Mrs. Judy Pass; five affectionate children: Basie Pass (Tamburela) III, Bernadette Pass, Jason (Jenna) Daenzer, Bryon Pass and Benjamin Pass; grandchildren Darbee Pass, Basi'a Pass and Leila Daenzer; and a host of cousins and friends.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2013 at Greater Williams Temple C.O.G.I.C., 608 E. Remington. Bishop H. J. Williams, Pastor. Supt. Arthur Aikin, Sr. will officiate with entombment in Roselawn Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, on Wednesday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m., where the family will be present from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. for a family hour.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

950 North Center
Saginaw, MI 48603

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **14**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Family Hour

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Service

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Greater Williams Temple C.O.G.I.C.
608 E. Remington Street
Saginaw, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Basie Pass, Jr.*



Browne's Mortuary - August 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *To the family of Basie Pass:
I had just heard of the passing of Basie ; and I am so sorry to hear this sad news.*

Basie was in the 1965 graduating class from the East St. Louis Lincoln Senior High School in Illinois. Basie was a smart and quiet person who was very low keyed.

Blessings to his family!

Joan Chapman Smith

Joan C. Smith - October 06, 2013 at 07:19 PM

LI

“ Dear Pass Family and Friends,
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my sincere condolences. I too have lost several loved ones in death, and the pain is tremendous, even with the passage of time. Thankfully, I have found relief in knowing that "The Most High God" is the "Hearer of Prayer", and a source of tremendous comfort in times of grief and distress according to Psalms 83:18, and Psalms 65:2. Please be assured , death will soon be "swallowed up forever" and we will have the opportunity to see our dead loved ones again, as promised at John 5:28.29 and Isaiah 25:8. My family and I wish you and yours peace.

Lisa - August 22, 2013 at 06:13 PM

CT

“ Cal Talley lit a candle in memory of Basie Pass, Jr.



Cal Talley - August 20, 2013 at 02:43 PM

DE

“ Della lit a candle in memory of Basie Pass, Jr.



Della - August 16, 2013 at 04:45 PM

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“ *Narvel & Felicia Badger (neighbors) lit a candle in memory of Basie Pass, Jr.*



Narvel & Felicia Badger (neighbors) - August 16, 2013 at 01:17 PM

BJ

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Basie.. We called him Beboxed, back in the day.praying for u Mother Judy Pass,love always Missionary Brenda (James)Jenkins, Foundation of Truth COGIC.*

Brenda Jenkin - August 15, 2013 at 06:17 PM

DU

“ *To Dee, One of the "Silver Affair" ladies,*

You have truly been an inspiration in my life from the first time we met and when I met Basie, I could see the love and joy you shared in your lives together. God's strength is your strength and HE will comfort and keep you through it all. If there is anything you need from the Louisville "Silver Affair" ladies, please, please let us know. Love from all of my heart. Continue to walk with Christ and be guided by His Spirit.

*Love always,
The 'other' Denise, Denise Urrutia*

Denise Urrutia - August 15, 2013 at 07:50 AM

RW

“ *Rita Williams lit a candle in memory of Basie Pass, Jr.*



Rita Williams - August 14, 2013 at 11:02 PM

D.

“ *Cousin Dee,
I am with you in spirit. What a blessing you
two had together. Love means to Do and you
truly were a loving wife to a loving husband.
For your untiring love during his sickness, I'd
like to leave this thought as I shared in my card to you:
"Sorrow only has regrets of wish I hada, or wish I coulda,
May your heart be at peace, because you did what you shoulda"...
God give you and his family strength until the pain only leaves
precious memories...
Love you...
Denise Childs Thompson
Atlanta, Ga*



D.Thompson - August 14, 2013 at 09:35 PM

LH

“ *My Prayers goes out to the Basie Pass Family . I remember when
Basie started working at Steering Gear Plant#4 , He was one of the
few Black young Engineer back in the day .I would see him doing
Engineering work and Design on the KG Welders at Plant #4*

Luther Harrell - August 14, 2013 at 08:32 PM

TG

“ To the Pass family, my prayers go out to you and all of your family.



Thomas R, Gillespie - August 14, 2013 at 06:44 PM

RV

“ Robert And Linda Veasley lit a candle in memory of Basie Pass, Jr.



Robert and Linda Veasley - August 14, 2013 at 06:01 PM

PU

“ Denise and our dear cousins with a heavy heart we are confident in knowing that Basie's journey on earth is completed, we will miss his smile and sharing soooooo many good times together he was more than a cousin he was our brother and friend and he will be missed. love you all and hold on to those great memories! love, Jessie, Jackie Pullie & family

Pullie - August 14, 2013 at 05:50 PM

TF

“ The Pros Flight purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Basie Pass, Jr..



The Pros Flight - August 14, 2013 at 03:44 PM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Basie Pass, Jr..*



August 14, 2013 at 03:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Basie Pass, Jr..*



August 14, 2013 at 03:42 PM



“ *I known mr Basie all my life he was a good friend of my father the late Robert Ross jr. And then to see him years later joining my church was awesome. Ms Denise I pray u find peace and comfort in The Lord and hang in there. Love , Traci Murray*

traci murray - August 14, 2013 at 12:59 PM



“ *Denise,
I know that Basie was a special guy to you and all who loved him.
He will be truley missed. I will be praying for you and the family.*

Lynda Clay

Lynda Clay - August 14, 2013 at 10:11 AM

JA

“ 2 files added to the album *With Family*



Jason - August 13, 2013 at 07:13 PM



“ Patricia Hill lit a candle in memory of Basie Pass, Jr.



Patricia Hill - August 13, 2013 at 05:38 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Basie Pass, Jr..



August 13, 2013 at 01:10 PM

SD

“ Praying for God's peace to lift and comfort you, Denise. You and your family are in my prayers. Shari Drake

Shari Drake - August 13, 2013 at 07:54 AM

TT

“ Soror Denise,

Sorry to hear about your loss. May your precious memories and God give you comfort during this time. Love Soror Tierra

Tierra Tivis - August 13, 2013 at 01:08 AM

SM

“ Denise & Family,

May God comfort you at this difficult time. Our prayers are with you at this difficult time and the days and months ahead. May God bless and keep you.

Sam & Deborah Mack

Sam & Deborah Mack - August 12, 2013 at 03:57 PM

SM

“ Sam & Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Basie Pass, Jr.



Sam & Deborah Mack - August 12, 2013 at 03:51 PM

MA

“ Mary lit a candle in memory of Basie Pass, Jr.



Mary - August 12, 2013 at 01:42 PM

MA

In loving memory of Basie Pass, Jr.

Mary - August 12, 2013 at 01:43 PM

MA

“ Soror Denise,

It is because of your marriage to Basie that I got to know him these last few years. He was a special man who will be missed by many. I thank God that you selected me as a prayer warrior to petition God on behalf of Basie. I'm happy that Basie joined in the final prayer as I prayed on Friday as you, Basie and I held hands and I asked God to touch, heal and deliver as only He could. I could hear that Basie was in agreement, and God answered our prayer. Take comfort in knowing that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord! You are to be commended for honoring your marriage vows "in sickness and in health". Please accept my sincere sympathy in the passing of your beloved husband.

Soror Mary McDonald

Mary - August 12, 2013 at 01:41 PM

PD

“ *Denise, My Friend*

My heartfelt sympathy to you and Basie's children, mother and extended family members. He was such a kind spirited man with such a calm demeanor. I pray that in the hours, days, weeks, months and years to come that you find comfort in the arms of God. Knowing that Basie accepted Christ as his personal savior was the greatest gift he could have ever received. A portion of Psalm 61 reads "When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock that is higher than I". Remember, God is just a prayer away, lean on Him, depend on His word and trust Him to see you through this most difficult time. You are my sister in Christ and I Love You and I am praying that God grants you the strength that only He can give to you.

With Love,

Missionary Pamela J. Dottery

Pamela J. Dottery - August 12, 2013 at 01:26 PM