



Robert "Bob" Joseph Waschler

February 7, 1968 - August 7, 2022

Robert "Bob" Joseph Waschler, 54, passed away on August 7, 2022, at Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Robert was born February 7, 1968, in Richlands, Va., to the late Richard Harris Waschler and the late Evangeline Boothe. Robert is survived by his wife Diane Hall Waschler and son Brandon, of the home, whom he loved with all his heart and were the focus of his life. Also left to cherish his memory are brothers Rickie McFarland and Jarried (Stephanie) McFarland, all of Bluefield, Va.; sisters Mary Ellen (Tom) Merriner of New Braunfels Texas and Nannie Mae (Rick) Bourne of Syracuse, Ohio; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Bill and Frances Hall; brother-in-law Dallas Hall; numerous nieces, nephews, great-niece, great-nephews, uncles, aunts, and many cousins.

In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by his father Orrin P. McFarland; brother Alan McFarland; grandmothers Nelle Vincent and Flossie Boothe; grandfather Pierce Lee Boothe; uncles Allen Boothe and Luther Boothe; and great-nephew Carson Dewhurst.

Robert, or Bob as his many friends called him, was loved by all that ever had the privilege of meeting him and being a part of his life. Bob never met a stranger and he loved and lived life to the fullest. Robert worked in the waste and recycling business since 1996 and joined GFL Environmental, Inc. in 2003. In 2014, he accepted the position of General Manager at their Wytheville, Va, location where he built an exceptionally strong team and expanded that footprint to a satellite office in Christiansburg, Va. He earned

the love and respect of all his employees, creating a family of his team. He was often called the “Mayor of Wytheville” because of his strong relationships with business owners and municipalities. His commitment to his customers and company provided for long term growth for the company to Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Saltville, Carroll County, and Chilhowie. He was so dedicated to his job he was even taking calls from his hospital room in June. As a result of all his hard work and exceptional service, Robert grew the Wytheville location from \$4.3 million dollars in revenue in 2014 to \$9.8 million dollars in 2022, resulting in a 230-percent increase.

Due to Robert’s expertise, he served on several boards in his career field: the Virginia Recycling Association Board of Directors, serving as treasurer since September 2020; board member of the Southwest Virginia Solid Waste Management Association from 2014-2019; and board member of the Virginia Waste Industries Association since 2019.

A fan of sports all his life, Robert was one of Cotton’s boys, where he loved watching NASCAR with his buddies. Robert also loved watching football, baseball, and basketball with his friends and family. His dedication to sports led him to found Cave Springs Little League Football and he coached both baseball and basketball for the Bluefield, Va. Little Leagues.

The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Saturday, August 13, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. and burial will follow at Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, Va. In lieu of flowers, Diane has requested donations may be made payable to Brandon Waschler in care of First Community Bank and mailed to First Community Bank, 211 Federal Street, Bluefield, WV 24701.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Robert “Bob” Joseph Waschler.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Memory Gardens

Bluefield, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Funeral Service

AUG 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert "Bob" Joseph Waschler*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *My condolences and prayers to Jarred McFarland and the entire family. Sad to learn of your loss. From Doris J. Conner (a cousin)*

Doris J. Conner - August 27, 2022 at 11:58 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Joseph Waschler.*



August 12, 2022 at 01:27 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Joseph Waschler.*



August 12, 2022 at 01:17 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Joseph Waschler.*



August 12, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ *Cupie, I always thanked God that you and Robert found each other. I know he loved you and Brandon with all his heart. I'm so sorry for your heartbreak. I know he'll be watching over y'all in Heaven. I love you and you are always in my prayers.*

Tammy Adibi

Tammy Adibi - August 12, 2022 at 10:48 AM



“ *Robert, I am going to miss you calling me to ask a question or to just say hello. You have always been kind and loved to have fun when I visited. Diane, I am praying Peace and Comfort to you and Brandon. There will be some difficult days ahead, but hold on to the sweet memories that you, Bob and Brandon shared. Sending love and hugs! Carla Staton - Waste Industries/GFL Environmental.*



Carla Staton - August 11, 2022 at 09:49 AM

GN

“ GFL -Red Rock Disposal Holly Springs NC purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert "Bob" Joseph Waschler.



GFL -Red Rock Disposal Holly Springs NC - August 11, 2022
at 09:29 AM

GP

“ GFL SE HR Department, Benefits & Payroll purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Robert "Bob" Joseph Waschler.



GFL SE HR Department, Benefits & Payroll - August 11, 2022
at 09:19 AM

JM

“ Diane and Brandon,
Sending our love and deepest sympathy to you and your family. Bob will be remembered by so many. He always made us feel like his very good friends!! He was a good guy with a quick laugh!
Continuing to keep you in our prayers. Clay, Jennifer and Emily Morgan

Jennifer Morgan - August 11, 2022 at 06:53 AM

OS

“ Our deepest Sympathy purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" Joseph Waschler.



Our deepest Sympathy - August 10, 2022 at 04:05 PM

HC

“ We are truly saddened to learn of Robert's leaving us! He was special to us for many reasons—a friendly, caring young man who would "stop by" at Mom's (Mrs. "Chip") to chat. We can still "hear" his unique way of laughing. He was a very bright student and graduate of our school (T.C.A.), and a true friend of our family. Our prayers and thoughts are with his wife, son, and all the family.

Jerry and Connie Cyphers

Hubert Cyphers - August 10, 2022 at 11:45 AM

JF

“ We have so many great memories of Bob and I think every single one involves laughter! What a great guy! Prayers and love to Diane, Brandon and all of the family!



JR Adkins and family - August 10, 2022 at 11:15 AM

JC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Robert's family 🙏 I met Robert because of our careers, we both worked in the disposal and recycling industries. We became friends years ago, a friendship that cherished. I was looking forward to seeing Robert next month at a annual conference we both attend. I'm gonna miss him he was a fine man!

John Curtis - August 10, 2022 at 09:16 AM

CB

“ *This is absolutely heart breaking!*

All things in God's time though.

Prayers always for Diane and Brandon.

Your family, friends, and work family love you so much!!

You never knew a stranger !

Always laughing and smiling.

Rest In Peace and watch over us down here in this crazy world.

*Uncle Craig Aunt Margie
Angel and Ashton*



Craig & Margie Boothe - August 10, 2022 at 07:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Joseph Waschler.*



August 09, 2022 at 05:02 PM

SB

“ *SVSWMA Board purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" Joseph Waschler.*



SVSWMA Board - August 09, 2022 at 03:04 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Joseph Waschler.*



August 09, 2022 at 02:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Joseph Waschler.*



August 09, 2022 at 01:05 PM



“ *Bob was one in twenty million. His smile and wit were a mainstay of his great personality. Please accept our sincere condolences to the family. Best wishes to all.*

George Fisher - August 09, 2022 at 12:26 PM



“ *Virginia Recycling Association purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Robert "Bob" Joseph Waschler.*



Virginia Recycling Association - August 09, 2022 at 11:43 AM

KD

“ I have worked with Robert for many, many years, developing a friendship. He was a kind soul and will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, son, and other family members and loved ones. My condolences

*Karen Day
Town of Blacksburg.*

Karen Day - August 09, 2022 at 11:40 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Joseph Waschler.*



August 09, 2022 at 11:02 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Joseph Waschler.*



August 09, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Joseph Waschler.*



August 09, 2022 at 09:46 AM

FE

“ From Lakeway Landfill GFL Environmental purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" Joseph Waschler.



From Lakeway Landfill GFL Environmental - August 09, 2022
at 09:34 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Joseph Waschler.



August 09, 2022 at 08:28 AM