



William Anthony Basso, Jr.

December 8, 1962 - May 4, 2023

William Anthony Basso, Jr., 60, of Manalapan, New Jersey, passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at the Centra State Medical Center in Freehold, New Jersey.

Born on December 8, 1962 in Brooklyn, New York, William was the son of Marie (Giambrone) Basso, and the late William Anthony Basso, Sr.

When William was 5 years old, the Basso family settled in Manalapan. He was a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy, class of 1980. After high school, he attended the Parsons School of Design in New York, where he received a BFA in illustration with honors. Growing up in a household where both of his parents were artists, William had a strong foundation in the arts. At the age of 26, with a love of movies and music and a strong desire to work in the film industry William relocated to Los Angeles to pursue a career as a sculptor, painter and special effects makeup artist.

William contributed his artistry to many well-known films, Edward Scissorhands, Terminator 2, Batman Returns, Jurassic Park and Interview with the Vampire among them. After working for almost twenty years in the film industry, William became focused on developing his personal artistic vision, creating mixed media works as well as taking on freelance projects, eventually returning to New Jersey. His award-winning work has been

exhibited in a number of galleries around the country as well as being featured in SPECTRUM and The Society of Illustrators art annuals.

William was a loving and caring member of his family, and a friend to many. His talent and work will live on for years to come in the eyes of those who are fortunate to see it.

William was predeceased by his father, William, Sr. and is survived by his beloved mother, Marie; by his loving brother James Basso and his wife Wei; by his loving sister Marie Louise Basso; by his cherished niece Emma Basso; by his cherished nephews, Thomas Basso, Marco D'Agostino and Stefano D'Agostino; and by his many caring cousins and loving aunts and uncle.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, May 8, 2023 at St. Gabriel's Historic Church located at 549 Rt 520 Marlboro, New Jersey 07746. Entombment will be in Saint Gabriel's Cemetery, Marlboro, NJ.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Sunday, May 7, 2023, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Saint Gabriels Cemetery

549 County Road 520
Marlboro, NJ 07746

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service
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Service

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Gabriel's Historic Church
549 Rt 520
Marlboro, NJ 07746

Service

MAY 8 (ET)

St. Gabriel Cemetery
549 Route 520
Marlboro, NJ 07746

Tribute Wall



“ *William Anthony Basso, Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *Bill was a childhood friend of mine and I have many fond memories. It was obvious back then he had an incredible passion for art movies. One such movie he really enjoyed was Road Warrior. I recall we remained seated till the very last credit and we spoke for awhile afterwards about the details of the costumes and special effects in particular.*

About 7 yrs ago I stopped by and spent sometime with Bill and his Mother and Father. The best part of the conversations were reflecting back on the old stories and we had a few laughs about them.

I will always remember Bill as a well mannered, kind, insightful and humble.

Andrew Davidoff - May 11, 2023 at 08:38 AM

MT

“ *Bill. You were the embodiment of kindness talent and integrity. You were my benchmark for decency. We could talk about anything. We met Frazetta and Wrightson together! This world was a far better place with you in it. I wish you could have stuck around to see what it will become. I'll sure miss you, and miss the feeling of knowing that you are out there somewhere being a creative hermit.*



Miles Teves - May 10, 2023 at 01:56 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. I knew Bill briefly some years ago. We had met and talked for a while at a Party that John Dodds had. Then a year or two later I was interviewing with Stan Winston studios when Bill walked up and said hello. He remembered me after almost 2 years and put in a good word for me and I was hired. I will never forget Bill's kindness and talent A true one of a kind! RIP*

Paul Sciacca - May 10, 2023 at 01:09 PM

KB

“ *Bill,
Thank you for being such a loyal, supportive friend to me for nearly
40 years. I am devastated that you are gone but will carry on as if
you are still with me.*

*To Bill's family and loved ones: Words can't adequately express my
sorrow for your loss.*



Ken Brilliant - May 09, 2023 at 04:13 PM

GE

“ *Bill was a kind and talented man who followed his passion to the
utmost. He is an inspiration to us all. Godspeed to Bill's loved ones.
With compassion,
Glen Eisner*

Glen Eisner - May 08, 2023 at 12:55 AM

CS

“ My cousin Billy ... he was my first babysitter (who snuck my brother out to watch horror films while they convinced me it was my bed time), he introduced me to the twilight zone, he (and my cousin John and James) were the original crank rankers, he was a classic movie fan, a lover of all kinds of music, had an appreciation for all kinds of art, he was the first person I knew who ate sushi...because he won a trip to Japan when he won one of the top prizes in a contest that a leading special effects producer from LA hosted. Then, he became a movie star...or at least he played a part in creating some of the most iconic cinematic moments But above all he was the most connected to his family. He had heart for tradition in an old fashioned way. He leaned back and watched the classic nights unfold and took in every moment. He was a silent but strong protector, for my aunt, my cousins and their kids, he was a light in all of our lives and he will be sorely missed. We love you little Bill. 💕

camille signorelli - May 07, 2023 at 10:31 PM



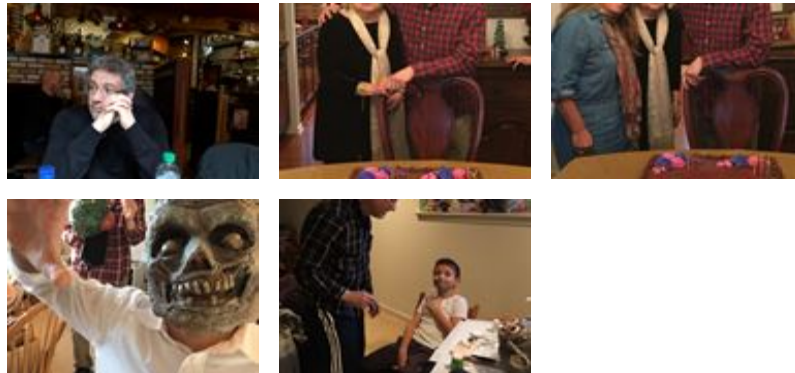
“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Anthony Basso, Jr..



May 07, 2023 at 04:29 PM



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Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - May 07, 2023 at 09:35 AM

RM

“ I got to meet Billy at my first Delloso, Basso, Deantonio, Manfredo (Lot of O's) traditional Christmas Eve dinner when I started dating his cousin Joyce. Who is now my wife. Billy and his father were two of the first people that engaged me that night to put me at ease. Little did I know at the time that I was meeting such incredibly gifted and talented person. As I got know Billy I admired how humble he was about his work and accomplishments. He had a quiet passion about his craft and was genuinely curious about other people's passions. One of my most memorable conversations with Billy was about his journey to the west coast to chase his dream. Pretty successful journey if you ask me.

Rest in peace Billy. You will be missed.

Rich

Rich McAdM - May 07, 2023 at 04:19 AM

LM

“ It was my great privilege to watch Bill grow up over the years. He was a wonderful, unique, talented man, a source of great pride to his parents, family, friends and professional colleagues. The tragedy of his untimely passing is enormous; we must all face it with the courage and dignity this warm and loving man deserves and would want for us. Perhaps the greatest comfort we can take is this one simple fact: having shared our lives with Bill, we were all enhanced and made better people by the simple dignity of the example he set. Rest in peace, Bill, with all our love cradling you.
Cousin Lou

Lou Manfredo - May 06, 2023 at 01:18 PM