



## William Leroy Black

September 13, 1940 - June 25, 2021

William Leroy Black was born on September 13, 1940, and entered into eternal rest on Friday, June 25, 2021.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Randolph Black and Elnora Lee Black-Brown of Charles City, VA.; a son, William Leroy Black, Jr., one sister, Clarice Brown; four brothers, Marshall Black, Thomas Black, Nathaniel Black, and Lewis Black.

William (fondly known as Roy) joined Parrish Hill Baptist Church at a very young age. Roy retired after 37 years of service from Colonial Williamsburg Foundation as a Master Basket Weaver. He traveled all over the world, including Japan, demonstrating basket weaving. Roy appeared in several magazines, television programs and was extremely passionate about making baskets. He thoroughly enjoyed talking and laughing with everyone. His contagious and loving smile always brought joy to those around him. You could always find Roy in his shed making baskets or working in his yard, waving as the cars passed.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 59 years, Alberta E. Black; four children, Anthony L. Black (Iris), Regina B. Harris (Tony), William M. Black (Jeanine), and Darren L. Black, all of Charles City, VA; two sisters, Helen Braxton (William), and Ann Williams (Randolph) both of Charles City, VA; one brother, Kenneth Black (Cherri); two sisters-in-law, Emma Black, and Lillian Black; six grandchildren, Sheron C. Black, Toni L. Harris, Allen M. Black, Antonio L. Harris, Anthony L. Black, Jr., and Jearice K. Black; one special great-grandchild, Harmony M. Robertson; bonus grandchildren, Dorien and Dalen Tyler; a devoted friend to the family, Peggy Craddock; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

A viewing will be held Wednesday, June 30, 2021, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Vincent Funeral Home, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA.

A service will be held Thursday, July 1, 2021, at 1 p.m. Vincent Funeral Home, 9923

Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA, followed by Interment at the Dobson Family Cemetery, 11241 Weyanoke Road, Charles City, VA, 23030.

# Cemetery

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## Dobson Family Cemetery

11241 Weyanoke Rd  
Charles City, VA, 23030

# Events

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**JUN Walk Through Visitation 06:00PM - 08:00PM**

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Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel  
9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA, US,  
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**JUL Service 01:00PM**

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# Comments

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“ Helen, Ann, and Kenneth, I am thinking of you at this difficult time. You must have so much joy knowing the awesome impact Roy made in so many lives. Cast your cares upon the Lord and He will give you peace.

Anthony & Susan Jones Miles

Susan Miles - July 07 at 10:05 AM

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“ McArthur Chamberlain lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Black



McArthur Chamberlain - July 04 at 12:00 PM

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“ What a wonderful person always smiling and kept u laughing that's the memory I have of u. The Lord has another wonderful person there Rest in peace and keep on smiling

Lolita Williams - July 03 at 04:02 PM



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Lolita Williams - July 03 at 04:03 PM

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“ Cynthia Graham-Aaron lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Black



Cynthia Graham-Aaron - July 02 at 02:31 PM

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“ Dear Black family, I worked at CW for a few years in the 1980's. I always enjoyed stopping for a visit with Roy and Neil. I heard about y'all often in those days. I loved the twinkle in his eye. You knew something good was coming soon to be followed by a laugh. He was so loving and thoughtful as you all know. He made my oldest daughter a Easter basket to celebrate her birth. We visited frequently after we left Williamsburg. He was one of our first and last stops. How did he remembered all the people he knew? I always marveled! We missed him when he retired, but my, he earned it. I read these tributes to him. They are all a reflection of the warm, loving and giving man that he was. Thank you for sharing him with us. Know how much he loved you! Can you imagine all of the souls waiting to greet him upon his arrival? There must of been a party! I am sure he greeted each one with that wonderful smile.  
Jami Lyn & David Brady

Jami Lyn Brady - July 02 at 01:51 AM

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“ To Anthony & family  
I send my deepest condolences in the passing of Roy.  
He was such a joy to be around and accepted me from the beginning. I pray that you all will be comforted in knowing he will no longer suffer and is a flower in God's garden.  
May God continue to strengthen you all during this time and in the future.  
He truly made us feel like family.  
Lovingly  
Teda, Tiera & Daryl (DJ)

Teda - July 01 at 11:00 AM

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“ Bert and Children;

We are deeply saddened to learn of Roy's homegoing. Great husband, father, brother and friend to all, full of humor and laughter always. A devoted member of our beloved Parish Hill Baptist Church in Charles City, VA. Seems like since relocating over 35 years ago, I cannot recall a single time (numerous over the years) when we returned to Parish Hill that Roy did not greet us with his smile, a joke or his knack for making us feel really special. We really really liked Roy!

Bert, while I know you (and your children) are heart broken, as hard as it may seem, give God thanks and praise for giving you all such a special husband and father for so many years. I don't know how or when but, I assure all of you God will replace your tears and hurt with many many moments of joyful memories of the wonderful man that he allowed you all to have for so many years.

Deacon Julian/Julie Jones  
Alexandria, VA

Julian/Julie Jones - July 01 at 02:36 AM

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“ Anthony,

The entire Cuffie family send their deepest condolences on the passing of your father. Please know that you are continually in our thoughts and prayers for you are "family" to us as well and we share in your grief. May God bless and strengthen you at this most difficult time. We Love You and are here for you.

Tracy R. Cuffie and Cuffie Family

Tracy Cuffie - June 30 at 11:56 PM

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“ Gina Soles Walsh lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Black



Gina Soles Walsh - June 30 at 10:09 PM

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“ Roy was a good man. I smile when I think of him. Blessings and heartfelt sorry to Roy's family.

I bet he has his wings already!  
Ed Joyner

Ed Joyner - June 30 at 09:32 PM

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“ Leroy was a Master at basketball wearing and folks used to love to Watch around Colonial Williamsburg. Although we worked in separate parts of the Foundation, he was well known to all. His presence will be forever missed. My condolences to the family.

Roxann Norman

Roxann Norman - June 30 at 08:57 PM

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“ When I began interpreting at the Peyton Randolph House in 1998, one of the first people I met was Roy. He was helpful in showing me the importance African Virginians had in trades and skills that Blacks had made in building the infrastructure of not only Virginia but the entire United States. I enjoyed the conversations we had whether it was history or our lives in Charles City. My thoughts and prayers go to his family and friends. Hope the fond memories of Roy can sustain everybody at this difficult time. Edwin Cooke III.

Edwin Cooke III - June 30 at 08:14 PM

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“ Rhonda Davis lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Black



Rhonda Davis - June 30 at 05:22 PM

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“ Our condolences to The Black Family,  
Whenever I saw Regina and her mom I would always ask how's my "boyfriend". Roy was such a nice man. I miss seeing him in his yard trimming his brushes, even all way cross, good job. His arm be in air waving before you see him. Your spirit will live on in your family.

Cookie & Charles Wallace



Cookie Wallace - June 30 at 12:25 PM

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“ My sympathies are with the Black Family. Roy was one of the first people I met when I started C.W. I was fortunate to work at the Randolph House a lot and he was weaving baskets in the back yard. I learned so much by observing him. He always had a smile and kind word for all he met. He will be truly missed.

Christina Smith - June 30 at 12:12 PM

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“ Rest in peace my friend. You were an excellent co-worker and friend. Our conversations and shared experiences have always been special. My respects to the family.

Dennis Cotner

Dennis Cotner - June 30 at 12:00 PM

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“ To the Black family, you have my condolence. Remember God make no mistakes. He saw that Roy was tired and He took him by the hand and said it's time to take your rest, come on home and join the best.

Love Theresa

Theresa Bland - June 30 at 11:22 AM

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“ Jennifer and I send our condolences to the Roy's family and friends. We were honored to know Roy and his smile and laughter are what we will always remember.

**Noel Poirier** - June 30 at 10:01 AM

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“ Dear Family of Roy Black --

I am so terribly sorry to hear of your loss. Roy was such a lovely person and it was a pleasure and a privilege to have the opportunity to know him and work with him at Colonial Williamsburg.

May you find comfort in your many wonderful memories of him.

With deepest sympathy,  
Sophie Hart

**Sophia Hart** - June 30 at 09:48 AM

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“ Betty Myers lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Black



**Betty Myers** - June 30 at 09:18 AM



“ He was a gentleman and was kind to everyone he met. His laughter would light up the room.

**Betty Myers** - June 30 at 09:20 AM

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“ Antoinette LeCompte lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Black



**Antoinette LeCompte** - June 30 at 08:09 AM

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“ Sheila Crump lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Black



**sheila crump** - June 29 at 11:15 PM

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“ Send my love and prayers to you Bert and Family  
Barbie Braxton

**Barbara Braxton** - June 29 at 10:53 PM

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“ Sending my prayers and condolences to the family.



**Alicia Akrie-Williams** - June 29 at 10:37 PM



“ Sending my prayers and condolences to the family

**Alicia Akrie-Williams** - June 29 at 10:38 PM

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“ To The Family, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers and condolences are with all of you. I have known Roy and his entire family for all of my life and they were like family. I will miss talking and laughing with him. Will always remember his laugh. He will be missed. Love to all of you! William Miles aka Tenny

**William Miles** - June 29 at 10:00 PM

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“ Uncle Roy I will always cherish my memories of you and the good times we shared during family visits especially after church services We would joke and laugh and just enjoy ourselves. Family meant a lot to you. I'm going to miss you. I would always say "I'm your favorite niece"but I know you loved us all. Rest in peace Uncle Roy. Love you always your niece Paula

**Paula Johnson** - June 29 at 08:15 PM

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“ My Condolences to the family.

**Jimmy Bailey** - June 29 at 08:11 PM



“ My condolences to the family .May God comfort you during your hours of sorrow.

**Lillian E . Wade** - June 29 at 10:09 PM

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“ Shirlette Squire lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Black



**Shirlette Squire** - June 29 at 08:07 PM

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“ Sincerest sympathies to the Black family. Praying God grants each of you strength, comfort and peace that surpasses all understanding. May precious memories and the care and concern of your friends sustain you in the days and months ahead.  
Love, Warren & JoAnne Bell



**JoAnne Bell** - June 29 at 07:16 PM

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“ What a privilege it was to work with Roy. I will always remember his good nature and patient ways. Roy was loved by so many folks--he always had a smile and a good word for everyone. A great sense of humor! Not a day would go by without one of his "fans" stopping by to catch up. He was kind to all--always helpful and willing to share his knowledge. Roy was an awesome craftsmen, the best teacher and a wonderful friend. Roy you are now at ease with your well earned peace --you will be missed. God's Blessing to the Black family.  
Terry Thon



**Terry Thon** - June 29 at 06:26 PM

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“ When God says it's time he reached down and told Roy to come on home he's at peace now from the Harris family.

**Carolyn Randall** - June 29 at 06:16 PM

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“ So sorry for your lost Roy is gone, but he never be forgotten

**Carolyn Randall** - June 29 at 06:11 PM

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“ Hattie Brooks lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Black



**Hattie Brooks** - June 29 at 05:38 PM



“ My thoughts & prayers are with you all and knowing he is okay now and God is in charge and he will be talking junk with all his family and friends real soon. God Bless and keep the faith. Love Patti & Family.

**Hattie Brooks** - June 29 at 05:45 PM

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“ My Condolences to The Black family. Anthony I pray that God give you what you stand in need of. I'm praying for all of you. God picks the best.

**Dale Barbour Crawley** - June 29 at 05:35 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss Ant. I will definitely keep you in my prayers

**LaTrice** - June 29 at 04:47 PM

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“ Gonna miss you, "Cousin Roy"... the laugh, the "junk-talking", and your ability to keep all us younger cousins grounded. You will definitely not be forgotten. And I thank you for being around during my formative years! God Bless you..

Montrese "Saddla" Dobson :-)

Montrese Dobson - June 29 at 03:15 PM

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“ My sincere condolences go out to the Black family, this news is a total shock to me and saddens my heart. I will forever hold on to his beautiful smile , and will remember the memories from working at Wal-Mart when he would speak to me each and every time I saw him. for the family, such a great man!!!

Kelsea Womack - June 29 at 02:48 PM

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“ I was sorry to hear of the passing of your love one. My condolences to Black family.



Frances Cotman - June 29 at 11:53 AM

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“ Kenneth Tabb lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Black



Kenneth Tabb - June 29 at 11:37 AM

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“ Family, I'm just one of the many who care and are praying for you at this time. Uncle Roy will be missed by many as he was one of the good guys.



**Marilyn Crump** - June 29 at 07:58 AM

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“ Condolences to the Black Family  
May God comfort you all during this difficult time.



**Lurher and Brenda Adkins** - June 29 at 07:42 AM

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“ Luther & Brenda Adkins



**Brenda Adkins** - June 29 at 07:36 AM

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“ To the Black family we are so sorry for your loss. May God give you the strength and comfort you need at this time. You have our deepest sympathy and condolences. Will keep you all in our prayers. Eugene and Judy Crump



**Eugene and Judy Crump** - June 28 at 09:40 PM



“ I m sending my deepest condolences to the family,Mr Black were a very wonderful person,will keep the family in my prayers. Dottie Jackson and Family

**Dottie Jackson** - June 29 at 02:21 PM



“ To the family I'm sorry for your loss. I'm gonna miss my main man Roy. He was like family to all my family. He was a very funny guy who made everyone laugh. He will be missed dearly. My family will be praying for you.

**Corey** - June 29 at 05:39 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Black Family. I am so sorry for your loss. Roy will be missed by all. May God give you all comfort, peace and strength during these difficult times. Love and prayers for you all.

**Yvonne Bradby** - June 29 at 08:01 PM



“ My heart and prayers are with Roy's family and friends. I will forever cherish my memories of working, laughing and getting into to impish trouble with him at Colonial Williamsburg, He had a heart of gold, an infectious laugh, impish grin, deep love of family and purity of spirit. I know heaven is rocking with glee and laughter due to his arrival.

**Jae White** - June 30 at 11:05 AM



“ To the Black Family, sorry for your loss and may God bless you.

**Larry E Bowman** - June 30 at 12:31 PM

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“ Lit a candle for Roy



**Floyd Bowman Jr** - June 28 at 08:59 PM

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“ Wanda Batts lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Black



**Wanda Batts** - June 28 at 08:39 PM

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“ RIH Uncle Roy.



**Cassandra** - June 28 at 07:59 PM

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“ Deepest Sympathies to the Black Family & Friends



**Butch & Susie** - June 28 at 07:21 PM

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“ Anthony & Ebony Jones lit a candle in memory of William Leroy Black



**Anthony & Ebony Jones** - June 28 at 07:13 PM