



John Robert Basinger

January 27, 1969 - February 11, 2024

John Robert Basinger, 55, of Pittsburgh, formerly of Mill Run, passed away unexpectedly Sunday February 11, 2024 at his home. He was born January 27, 1969 in Connellsville a son of Peggy Sherbondy Peck of Normalville and Robert E. Basinger and wife Karen of Connellsville. John was a graduate of Connellsville High School with the class of 1987. He continued his education at Penn State University where he received his Bachelors Degree in Mathematics Education, and then received his Masters Degree from West Virginia University. John started teaching at Tappahannock High School in Virginia and also was the soccer coach there. He then moved on to teach at the Sewickley Academy in Pittsburgh and was the Chairman of the Math Department since 2000. While in college during the summer months John worked with the Boy Scouts of America at Camp Conestoga and also had worked as a Tour Guide at Fallingwater. John also participated in plays at R-Act in Rochester, PA.. He was Methodist by faith. In addition to his parents John is survived by his son Rodney B. Basinger and his fiancée Jessica of Vandergrift, his brother James Brad Basinger and girlfriend Tara Kelyman of Meadville, and his nephews Mack and Miles Basinger and Meadville. Family and friends will be received Thursday from 2-8 PM, in the Mark C. Brooks Funeral Home Inc., at the corner of Route 711 and 146 Municipal Building Rd., Melcroft (724-455-2310) where a Funeral Service will be held Friday at 11:00 AM, with Pastor Randy Newell officiating. A Committal Service and interment will follow in the Indian Creek Baptist Cemetery, Mill Run. To

leave a message or send condolences please visit our website at [www.brooks
fhmelcroft.com](http://www.brooks
fhmelcroft.com)

Cemetery Details

Indian Creek Baptist Cemetery

Mill Run, PA 15464

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mark C. Brooks Funeral Home, Inc.
146 Municipal Building Rd
Melcroft, PA 15462
(724) 455-2310
<https://www.brooksfhmelcroft.com>

Service

FEB **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Committal Service

FEB 16 (ET)

Indian Creek Baptist Cemetery
Mill Run, PA 15464

The Committal Service will follow directly after the Funeral Service

Tribute Wall

AB

“ *Mr. Basinger,*

You were truly one of the most caring, funny, and kind people I have ever met. I can't even begin to explain the impact you had on me and every other student that you have taught. We all appreciate your constant support and humor (and hilarious Spirit Day outfits), and you will be so incredibly missed by everyone who knew you.

Abby Bojalad - February 18, 2024 at 08:39 PM

JW

I knew John when he first began teaching in Tappahannock. Thoughts and prayers for the family during this difficult time.

Joanne White - February 27, 2024 at 10:17 AM



“ *"Cardinals" Vintage 35" Sonnet Chime was purchased for the family of John Robert Basinger.*



February 17, 2024 at 02:45 PM

GB

“ *Gracelyn & Hudson Bruno planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Basinger.*

Gracelyn & Hudson Bruno - February 17, 2024 at 02:45 PM

DM

“ John, I will never forget you. I don't even have the words to describe who you truly are and what you meant to me and your loved ones. Watch over us and Rodney.

Dion M - February 16, 2024 at 07:33 PM

TV

“ Ted V. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Basinger.

Ted V. - February 16, 2024 at 06:00 PM

TK

“ Terrance K. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Basinger.

Terrance K. - February 16, 2024 at 03:26 PM

HW

“ Haibin W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Basinger.

Haibin W. - February 16, 2024 at 02:17 PM

JZ

“ Jing Z. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Basinger.

Jing Z. - February 15, 2024 at 07:59 PM

MU

“ John was one of the first people I met when I moved from Pennsylvania to Virginia over 20 years ago. I’m glad we kept in touch after he moved back home. It was great to hang out with him and Rodney at the alien festival. I only wish we would’ve visited more. Rodney, you’re more than welcome to come down to Virginia again to visit. I’m sure Anthony would love to see you again. I’m sorry I am unable to make it up there for the service, but I will be thinking of you and the family. Stay strong. We will always remember the smile on John’s face and his friendly and caring personality. Michele Urban



Michele Urban - February 15, 2024 at 01:41 PM

JU

“ Joel U. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Basinger.

Joel U. - February 15, 2024 at 01:29 PM

CM

“ John was more than just a colleague; he was a wonderful teacher and a cherished friend. Our lunches together and chats in the faculty room will not be the same without his warmth and humor. And who could forget his fantastic costumes on Halloween and outfits during spirit weeks! Those math puns always brought a smile to everyone’s faces. Sewickley has lost a truly special individual. Rest in peace, my friend.

Cristy McCloskey - February 15, 2024 at 12:34 PM

BP

“ Bianco's Hutchinson's Pipers's purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of John Robert Basinger.



Bianco's Hutchinson's Pipers's - February 15, 2024 at 09:35 AM

BP

“ Bianco's Hutchinson's Pipers's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Basinger.

Bianco's Hutchinson's Pipers's - February 15, 2024 at 09:35 AM

ND

“ Nataliya D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Basinger.

Nataliya D. - February 15, 2024 at 08:38 AM

TF

“ The Ragoowansi Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of John Robert Basinger.



The Ragoowansi Family - February 15, 2024 at 08:09 AM

TF

“ *The Ragoowansi Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Basinger.*

The Ragoowansi Family - February 15, 2024 at 08:09 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Robert Basinger.*



February 14, 2024 at 09:24 PM

JA

“ *Mr.Basinger was a great Math teacher, he taught me and my classmates were nice and funny. Many people will miss him, but he did have a lot of classes and I am honored to be one of them. R.I.P. I will miss you*

Jamere - February 14, 2024 at 08:02 PM

MH

“ *What a wonderful teacher and mentor John was. He was one of our son, Michael's favorite teachers at Sewickley Academy. Sending our condolences to his family. The Hertzberg family.*

Mari Hertzberg - February 14, 2024 at 04:40 PM

SD

“ SA Computer Science Department planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Basinger.

SA Computer Science Department - February 14, 2024 at 03:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Robert Basinger.



February 14, 2024 at 02:03 PM

SD

“ Sewickley Academy Language Department planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Basinger.

Sewickley Academy Language Department - February 14, 2024 at 02:03 PM

LM

“ Love, Michael & Debbie Mankowski purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Robert Basinger.



Love, Michael & Debbie Mankowski - February 14, 2024 at 12:55 PM

LM

“ Love, Michael & Debbie Mankowski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Basinger.

Love, Michael & Debbie Mankowski - February 14, 2024 at 12:55 PM

LC

“ Love, SA's Third Grade Class purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Robert Basinger.



Love, SA's Third Grade Class - February 14, 2024 at 12:33 PM

LC

“ Love, SA's Third Grade Class planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Basinger.

Love, SA's Third Grade Class - February 14, 2024 at 12:33 PM

MM

“ Marilyn M. purchased the Tranquil Seas for the family of John Robert Basinger.



Marilyn M. - February 14, 2024 at 11:26 AM

VJ

“ Peg, Rodney, Brad and families
Many memories come to mind when Johnie and Brad were young.
May you find comfort in those memories. You are in our thoughts
and prayers. Love always, Bubba & Tracy

Vaughn Craig Jr - February 14, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family
of John Robert Basinger.



February 14, 2024 at 09:35 AM

TF

“ The Nestor/Finley Family purchased the Love's J
ourney for the family of John Robert Basinger.



The Nestor/Finley Family - February 14, 2024 at 09:17 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the
family of John Robert Basinger.



February 14, 2024 at 08:36 AM

DK

“ David K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Basinger.

David K. - February 14, 2024 at 08:30 AM

TF

“ The Ohr Family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of John Robert Basinger.



The Ohr Family - February 14, 2024 at 07:26 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Robert Basinger.



February 14, 2024 at 07:23 AM

SB

“ Sean Lally, Baltimore purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Robert Basinger.



Sean Lally, Baltimore - February 14, 2024 at 06:58 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Robert Basinger.*



February 13, 2024 at 10:10 PM



“ *Jess & Pam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Basinger.*

Jess & Pam - February 13, 2024 at 10:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Robert Basinger.*



February 13, 2024 at 10:07 PM



“ *Petonic & Cleggs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Basinger.*

Petonic & Cleggs - February 13, 2024 at 10:07 PM

EN

“ *Mr. Basinger was such a great teacher. He was always so fun cracking jokes and saying hi to everyone in the halls. Always brightened my day. Really sad to hear of his passing. Rest in peace* ❤️



Emily Novak - February 13, 2024 at 09:43 PM

LS

John,

You are certainly leaving a huge void in the family and my heart. Many fond memories through the years. And you playing Santa for Virgil's family.

I'll miss your sense of humor! I always think of you every time I hear "Whew Hoo!"

With love 💕
Cousin Linda

Linda Shaffer - February 14, 2024 at 07:57 AM

CF

“ *Chris Anderson and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Robert Basinger.*



Chris Anderson and Family - February 13, 2024 at 06:39 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Robert Basinger.*



February 13, 2024 at 06:11 PM



“ *Cindy Deschaine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Robert Basinger.*

Cindy Deschaine - February 13, 2024 at 06:11 PM



“ *John was a wonderful colleague, dedicated and beloved teacher, and just plain fun to be around. As talented as he was in mathematics, it was his genuine interest in students that allowed him to connect on a deeper level. Kids knew that John cared about them. My fondest memories are the everyday conversations we had in the Sewickley Academy cafeteria with many of our Senior School faculty friends, many of those conversations about Rodney who he loved with his whole heart. Sending condolences to his friends and family.*

Jen FitzPatrick - February 13, 2024 at 05:16 PM



Thank you very much.

Rodney Basinger - February 13, 2024 at 10:34 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Robert Basinger.*



February 13, 2024 at 03:35 PM



“ *Mary Donovan purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of John Robert Basinger.*



Mary Donovan - February 13, 2024 at 03:34 PM



“ *John was the gentlest and most humble person. He patiently worked with my children teaching them calculus. He was always enthusiastic and positive even when I would have been frustrated with them. I know he loved Rodney with all his heart and was wholly committed to him. I am certain that John was a blessing not just to our family but to all with whom he came in contact.*

Kim Zaiser - February 13, 2024 at 02:08 PM



Thank you, he was a blessing.

Rodney Basinger - February 13, 2024 at 10:35 PM