



Baltasar Parra

January 18, 1930 - April 25, 2018

Baltasar Parra, Tarrytown, New York

Born: January 18, 1930

Died: April 25, 2018

Place of Birth: Overa, Spain

Baltasar is predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Josephine Torres Parra, and his parents, Petronilla Parra Morata and Baltasar Parra Parra.

He is survived by his three adult children, Carol (Jim) Vincent of Hampstead, North Carolina; Richard Parra of Tarrytown, New York; and Barbara (Paul) Weinberg of Powell, Ohio, and two brothers, Lorenzo (Barb) Morata of Coto de Calle, California, and Rodrigo Morata of Staten Island, New York.

He is also survived by seven grandchildren, who affectionately called him Bobo and Pipa: Erica (Mike) Ferguson, Justin (Haney) Vincent, Nicole (Bobby) Lester, Ricky Parra, Stephanie Parra, Brian Vincent, and Rebecca Parra. And there are six great-grandchildren: Logan Lester, Reese Ferguson, Lorelai Lester, Marshall Ferguson, Lane Lester, and Aiden Vincent.

Baltasar was also known as Bart and Barney in the community he served in for more than forty-three years. He proudly wore the uniform of the Town of Mt. Pleasant Police Department from 1957–1959, and then he transferred to the Tarrytown Police Department, where he worked until his retirement in April 2000 as a lieutenant. He was called upon quite frequently by police departments around the county to provide Spanish-to-English translation services, which he did with great honor. Baltasar was one of the first Spanish-American police officers to be hired in Westchester County. He also served in the US Army National Guard.

He is a graduate of the Tarrytown Public Schools, where he earned his high school diploma with national honors. His children often heard him say, “Not bad for a kid who came from Spain at the age of ten and did not know a word of English.” But he was most proud of his selection and completion of the FBI Academy’s 96th session, Quantico, Virginia, in 1974. This was one of the highlights of his career.

Baltasar loved to spend time in his hometown of Overa, Spain, with his wife, Josephine. Traveling there often and taking his children and grandchildren, he shared his love of his heritage and culture proudly. He was an avid gardener and handyman and loved to fix things . . . but his way.

Services will be held on Sunday, April 29, 2018, from 2:00–7:00 p.m. at Dwyer & Vanderbilt Funeral Home, 90 North Broadway, Tarrytown, New York. Church services will be held on Monday, April 30, 2018, at 10:30 a.m., Transfiguration Church, 268 South Broadway, Tarrytown, New York. Internment at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery will follow the church services.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that you remember Baltasar with a donation, in his honor, to charities he has supported over the years:

St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org

American Cancer Society at cancer.org

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America at alzfdn.org

The Tarrytown Beautification Foundation located at 56 Neperan Road,
Tarrytown, New York 10591

Tribute Wall

CV

“ Dear Dad,

I miss you. Not a day has gone by that I don't cry for you and wish we had longer. But I will carry memories forever. You have no idea how many lives you touched. Even some of your arrestees attended the wake and said how much respect they had for you and how fair you were. You have left a legacy behind. You are my hero. I will treasure the life lessons you silently taught me. I just wanted you to know, I'll love you forever.

*Love always,
Your daughter, Carol*

Carol Vincent - March 28, 2019 at 04:56 PM

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“ Condolences to Rick and the entire Parra family. ??????”

Tony and Matilda Naples - March 28, 2019 at 04:56 PM

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“ A Monet's Garden Table Basket was sent on April 28, 2018Deepest sympathy. Miss you Uncle Bart. Love Robin Reddy McCarthy and Philip McCarthy.

Expression of Sympathy - March 28, 2019 at 04:56 PM

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“ A Balance Easel Spray was sent on April 28, 2018Recuerdos de tus amigos,
Juanita Y Bill

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BK

“ *Rest in peace Barney. Will remember the years we worked together at Tarrytown PD*

Bob Kearns - March 28, 2019 at 04:56 PM

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“ *A Dish Garden with Fresh Flowers was ordered on April 27, 2018*

Expression of Sympathy - March 28, 2019 at 04:56 PM