

Robert Whitley Bain

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Ivor, VA

03.24.1959 - 11.09.2020

Birthplace: Petersburg, Virginia

Robert Whitley Bain of Ivor, Virginia departed this physical world to be with his Lord and Savior on November 9, 2020.

He was born March 24, 1959 in Petersburg, VA. He was the son of the late Fairfield S. and Mamie Jenkins Bain and was predeceased by a brother George A. Bain. Robert was a 1977 graduate of Hargrave Military Academy and attended the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. He became licensed to sell real estate in the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1984 and established R. Whitley Bain & Company in 1994.

He served as President of the Suffolk/Franklin Association of Realtors and President of the Hampton Roads Realtors Association and was a recipient of the Realtor of the Year Award from both associations and was chairman of the Realtors Political Action Committee.

Bain served on various community service organizations and was President of Hargrave Military Academy Alumni Association, president of the Wakefield Ruritan Club and also as chairman of the Shad Planking Committee. He was an avid water fowler and served as secretary/treasurer of the Green Level Hunt Club and served on the board of directors of the Beaverdam Sportsmen's Club and the Wakefield Sportsmen's Club. Bain loved the outdoors and especially enjoyed working in the azalea and vegetable gardens. He made sure to enjoy the "fruits" of his labors and a glass of good bourbon at the end of the day. He was a fan of the music of Tom Petty and was a proud member of the Tom Petty Nation.

Robert was a lifelong member of Wakefield United Methodist Church and served as its Treasurer, Chairman of its church council and Trustees. He was also a member of the Wakefield United Methodist Men and served as its secretary/treasurer. Bain was also a member of the Virginia United Methodist Housing Board. He was an avid reader and lifelong learner with a special interest in history and botany.

He is survived by his wife Anita C. Bain; daughter, Jessica Lynn Gaboury and husband Chris; grandson, Tyler Dallas Gaboury; granddaughter, Reese Whitley Gaboury; a very special cousin, J. Philip Bain, Jr. and a host of good friends.

A graveside service will be held in the Wakefield Cemetery on Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 2:30 PM, with Rev. Glenn Riggs officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family would like memorial donations to be made to the general fund of the Wakefield United Methodist Church or to Hargrave Military Academy. The family is being served by R.W. Baker & Co. Funeral Home, Wakefield Chapel where condolences may be registered at RWBakerFH.com.

Cemetery

Start Time: Saturday, November 14, 2020 - 02:30pm

Wakefield Cemetery
205 W. Church Street
Wakefield, VA 23888
United States

Google Maps Link

Directions to Wakefield Cemetery
(<https://www.google.com/maps/search/Wakefield+Cemetery,+205+W.+Church+Street,+Wakefield,+VA+23888,+US/@17z>)

Guestbook

Clark--Bryant-Scott

Mon, 11/09/2020 - 06:25pm

Dear Family,
Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.
Phyllis Clark-Bryant & Family
Nancy Clark-Scott & Family
Ivor VA
Clark--Bryant-Scott

Beverly K McGary

Tue, 11/10/2020 - 06:55am

So sorry for your loss, Anita. Offering prayers for your comfort that only our Heavenly Father can provide.
Beverly K McGary

Rudy

Tue, 11/10/2020 - 08:27am

My deepest condolences to you and your family Mrs. Anita . Robert was such a great person and he loved my family and we loved him!!! He always picked on my mom Linda and they could talk about anything. He will truly be missed.
Rudy

Jim Kerr

Tue, 11/10/2020 - 08:42am

Robert was a good friend as was his mother, Jinx. I will always remember him. Rev Jim Kerr, Colorado Springs, CO
Jim Kerr

Ashley Cifers

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
09:00am**

I am so saddened to hear of such a huge loss to this family. Anita, I am sending you & your family so much love & prayer. I wish there was more I could do for such a loving/caring family. Robert was such a wonderful person to be around & touched many lives in his time on Earth. I don't think the man knew a stranger!

-xo,
Ashley Cifers
Ashley Cifers

Becky Griffin

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
09:37am**

Such a huge loss for a small community. Robert was a friend to all who knew him. Everyone loved him. I know he was special to Red and I and we loved him so much. He helped us with the sale of our home in Wakefield and the purchase of our home in Disputanta. He was wonderful. He will be missed tremendously by his friends in the church, the community and his family. He was a very special person that you only meet once in a lifetime <3

Becky Griffin

George Allen

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
09:40am**

Condolences to Anita & the whole Robert Bain family. Robert Bain was a strong, steady and positive gentleman who I always admired and appreciated as a trusted leader and friend. Through many decades of memorable Wakefield Ruritan Shad Planking events, Robert Bain was the dignified leader/MC treating everyone with hospitable respect and cheer. We all share your loss. But, good memories of Robert Bain will live on in our hearts and minds. With deepest sympathy, George Allen (Former Gov, US Senator who loved the Shad Planking comaradie with Robert Bain presiding)

George Allen

Anne Baron

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
09:51am**

Anita -
Thinking about you and your sweet family at this difficult time. A bright light in the community has gone out.
With Sincere Sympathy -- A. Baron

Anne Baron

Kathy Kinsey

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
10:16am**

Robert shared his cancer journey with us while Bruce was fighting his cancer. We always tried to lift each other's spirits. Prayers sent to the family for comfort. Kathy

Kathy Kinsey

Henry Doggett

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
10:46am**

To Anita and the family of Robert Bain I offer my condolences and deepest sympathy.
Robert was a true Virginia gentleman whose love of community was evident to all. I will always think of him when I recall Shad Plankings past and whenever enjoying a meal at The Virginia Diner where I last broke bread with him a few months ago. Robert's love of life and service to others is a great lesson and legacy to all.

Henry Doggett

Rose Atkins Stalnaker

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
10:50am**

Dear Anita and family...
You stood strong and mighty with Robert through his valiant battle...our prayer for you is for comfort in the days and years to come knowing you and Bain gave it your all. Heavens gain means no more pain. God bless you...our love and thoughts are with you, family, and friends. Rose, Charlotte Price, Roger Atkins, and Ed Atkins

Rose Atkins Stalnaker

Bill & Leah Duncan

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
11:00am**

Special hugs to Anita, Phil and other family. We sat in front of Robert at WUMC many Sundays. He was the glue that held many groups together. He fought a good fight these recent years.

Bill & Leah Duncan

Rendy Owen Powers

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
11:01am**

To Robert's Family, I am saddened by the news of Robert's passing. Growing up in Wakefield, I have known him all of my life and will miss the kind, sweet person he was. Holding you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Rendy Owen Powers

Sheri Jett

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
11:16am**

I am so sorry to hear of Robert's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Sheri Jett

Michael stennett

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
11:57am**

Anita and family
Sorry to hear news of Robert. Always enjoyed see you guys come in diner. It was a true pleasure to get to know you both. He was very well liked by all and will be missed greatly.

Michael stennett

Vicki Joye Savage

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
12:39pm**

Anita and family sincere condolences. You will be in my thoughts

Vicki Joye Savage

Ronny Atkins

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
01:06pm**

Dear Anita and the Bain family,
It's hard to believe that "Maintain Bain" is gone! As young adults and teenagers in the 70s Robert was usually in the mix and eventually ended up with his nickname "Maintain Bain." My favorite memory of Robert and I was in Williamsburg. We went to see the "Earth, Wind, and Fire" concert at William and Mary Hall. The concert and surrounding activities were so good that it took us over an hour to find our car at the end of the concert! Robert you will be missed by many and the Wakefield community will feel your loss! You've earned your wings Robert! FLY!

Ronny Atkins

Gail Seay

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
01:13pm**

Anita, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts and my prayers.

Gail Seay

Betsy Stroud Barkley

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
03:10pm**

Anita, we never met but Robert was a childhood & lifelong friend. I know he will be greatly missed by so many.... a true gentleman & real estate professional. Would run into him at The Virginia Diner occasionally & he sold our family home in Suffolk in 2018 after my dad passed. The Stroud family sends our condolences & love to you.

Betsy Stroud Barkley

Tim Bunn

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
03:16pm**

Anita, We were truly saddened to hear of your loss. You and yours are in our thoughts and prayers.

Tim Bunn

Tim Bunn

Debi (Scholl) Cutter

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
03:32pm**

Dear Anita & Jessica,

I am so very sorry for your tremendous loss. Robert will be remembered always by the Penland/Scholl family, for his sweet disposition and friendship. I am praying that God will be with you during this time and bring you the peace that passes all understanding.

Debi (Scholl) Cutter

Lynn and Hugh Cross

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
05:13pm**

Robert was my best friend, We got along well and went shooting with him. I will miss him very much. Anita and family if there is anything I can do for you let me know

Lynn and Hugh Cross

james E epperson

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
05:37pm**

Anita and family, we are sadden the hear the news about Robert. He was a giving lovable person and as we always called each other, a good "neighbor". The work and dedication of time he gave to this community through church and organizations cannot be matched.

We are all saddened by his leaving us here, but he is home now having a toast with his maker.

God bless, Jay and Chris Epperson

james E epperson

Kay Hurley

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
06:48pm**

I am so sorry to learn of Robert's loss. He was truly a gentleman and contributed so much to his community and to the shelter industry. Holding his family close in my heart.

Kay Hurley

**Durwood & Carolyn
Scott**

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
07:12pm**

Our deepest sympathy to the Bain Family. Robert certainly put up a good fight. He's been a good friend and it has been a pleasure working with him on Real Estate transactions and committees. You're in our thoughts and prayers.y

Durwood & Carolyn Scott

Julie Dyer

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
09:37pm**

Anita and family,

I am so very sorry for your loss, Anita. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you all and hold you close during this most difficult time.

Julie Dyer

Kristee Mitchell

**Tue, 11/10/2020 -
11:14pm**

Robert was a true gentleman and wonderful friend!! I will miss his advice and continued support. You fought the fight bravely....now....Rest easy my friend♥

Kristee Mitchell

Thomas Moore

**Wed, 11/11/2020 -
03:11pm**

My condolences to the Bain family. Robert was a true Southern gentleman in every sense of the word. During my tenure as President of the old Suffolk Franklin Board of Realtors there was Robert helping me immensely. If I asked Robert to help he never let me down. The Bain family can be proud of Robert accomplished. He will be missed by many.

Thomas Moore

Edward Railey

**Wed, 11/11/2020 -
08:58pm**

One of my favorite people and best friends. What a privilege to call him a friend. A true gentleman, professional and friend to so many. You will be missed greatly my friend. Rest easy.

Edward Railey

Holt Livesay

**Wed, 11/11/2020 -
11:04pm**

I feel like the last one to know. I just ran across the announcement a few minutes ago. I'm so sorry for Robert's passing away. He was such a good friend to many. I have continued to pray for him daily, even this morning. He was a real southern gentleman. Whenever I came in contact with him, I felt uplifted. I send my sincerest condolences to his family, and I will miss him.

Holt Livesay

Holt Livesay

Pat Westbrook Jenkins

**Thu, 11/12/2020 -
12:17pm**

I am so sorry to hear about Robert. He was a wonderful person and always active in the community. As many of us, I last saw him at the Virginia Diner. Anita, our hearts and thoughts are with you and your family through this difficult time.

Pat Westbrook Jenkins

Lisa and AJ Garrison

**Fri, 11/13/2020 -
11:40am**

Anita, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow. We are saddened by your loss but know Robert is flying high with the Lord! God Bless You!!

Lisa and AJ Garrison

Mike & Jackie Kitchen

**Sat, 11/14/2020 -
07:00pm**

Anita and family, so sorry to hear of your loss, you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Will always remember Robert as a kind man with a wonderful sense of humor. May God comfort you in this time of sadness. -- Mike & Jackie

Mike & Jackie Kitchen

