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Carmelita Maria "Lita" Bass, age 55, of St. Augustine, died suddenly on August 15, 2011 at her home. Born in Oak Hill, West Virginia, she had lived most of her life in St. Augustine. She worked for many years for the Bank of America Academy in Jacksonville, and had worked as a Secretary for the Duval County School Board. Lita was a member of the Episcopal Church. She is survived by her mother, Eva Moro, and a son, John Thomas Bass, Jr., both of St. Augustine. She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Moro. A visitation will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 18th, at St. Johns Family Funeral Home. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

TF

“ I still can not believe that she is no longer with us. Everyday I walk into Bank of America Academy I expect to see her smiling face. She is gone to a much better place but will NEVER be forgotten!

The Sherles Family - August 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Lita was a beautiful person inside and out. My family will miss her deeply. We truly loved her. She was a jewel to anyone that had the opportunity to know her. We pray that the family find comfort in her memories knowing the impact she had on others. We will see her again in the resurrection!

Kathy Jackson - August 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ What sad and shocking news to hear when coming back to the office this morning from vacation. Ms Lita was a wonderful person who would go that extra mile for anyone. I am so glad that I brought my girls by for a "visit" during the summer to show her how much they have grown up since they left BOALA. They will be truly sad when I have to tell them of this loss. She was a "mom" to everyone. She will be greatly missed by all that knew her...but we will see you again one day Ms. Lita. The Wittmeyer Family

Wittmeyer Family - August 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Ms. Bass was a WONDERFUL person; she touched so many lives. She will be truly missed and always be remembered. Jose, Patty, Anna and Christian Hernandez

The Hernandez's Family - August 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ We will miss you but I know you're in a better place. Tomorrow won't be the same without seeing you in the office window smiling at everyone and welcoming them back to school.

Rachayla, Hanasi, Meshakh and Imani - August 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Few words can express the impact that Lita has had on the community and the BOALA family. She always had a smile and kind word. It was a privilege to be able to know her and work with her for 7 years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. God Bless.

The Denham Family - August 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Ms. Bass, you were there for us on almost every school day for 4 years to share a welcoming presence and beautiful smile. It's been a while since we've had the pleasure of seeing you again, and in the future, we hope we cross paths up there. You're in our prayers. Thank you for everything! Julieta, Elaine, and Abigail Camacho

The Camacho Family - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all... God has taken his angel to be with him and we are all blessed to have known Ms.Lita and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

The Leyva Family - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ You will be truly missed by many many parents, children and friends. I think sometimes Brennise went to the clinic just to be with you :). You have touched so many lives and I sincerely Thank You with all my heart

Brennise Farrington - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Ms. Bass - You will be so sorely missed. Thank you so much for being so caring and giving...my kids and I truly appreciated it. We will never forget you!

Leena Kurian - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ There is not a big enough word to say "thank you" for everything you have done for the BOALA family. We are forever blessed to have met you. Your smile and gentle nature was priceless. Thank you from - Stacy, Jess, Jade, Jordinn, Jazmyn, Jacob

The Alexander Family - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Lita was a lovely, loving lady with a sweet disposition and an easy, infectious laugh. I worked with her at Bank of America Learning Academy for many years as the Speech-Language Pathologist. We had a nice camaraderie, both professionally and personally. Our deepest condolences to all of her family. She will be greatly missed. Love, Linda (AKA "Mrs. Lips") and Bruce Blumberg

Linda and Bruce Blumberg - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Lita was one of the most efficient, friendly, and loving secretaries in the Duval County School System. I have worked with her at different times for many years and she has always been organized and helpful to anyone and everyone who entered the doors at Bank of America Learning Academy. She made everyone feel that they were the most important person in the world. She was admired, loved, and appreciated by many; she will be missed by each of us. Heaven will be more organized with Lita there to assist God!

Beverly Hurst - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ There are no words to express the lost of this lovely person, Lita will be greatly missed. She brought so much joy to me and my boys. God Bless the Family! Crystal, Jonathon and Jacob

Crystal Fisher - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Ms Lita touched so many lives and watched over our children for years. My son is now in high school but I still remember her smile each morning at the Bank of America Learning Academy. Our thoughts are with Lita's family. (Darla, Ken and Dalton Brown)

The Brown Family - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ We have had the honor of know Lita for 4 wonderful years. Through all of the changes in administration and teaching staff and the drama of school closure, she has been the one constant, unwavering factor - the face of BOALA. She was mother, grandmother and friend to so many of us, and she will be sorely missed. Heaven has another angel today, and she is looking down on us with a beautiful smile!

Joanne and Maggie Steele - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Ms. Bass was a kind and loving person with such a big heart! We will miss her very much and our school will not be the same without her. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. God Bless! Lori, Scott, & Payton

The Lawrence Family - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Lita was a piece of sunshine at the beginning & end of every day. She made each child feel special & loved, regardless of what was going on around her. My 22 yr old son, Ryan, only went one yr (3rd grade) at BOALA, yet Lita made such an impression on him that he would go & visit her when he was home on leave & she was always excited to see him. The world is a better place having had Lita Bass in it. My deepest condolences & prayers go out to Johnny and the rest of the family.

Sarah Collier - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Lita - You were such a bright light every morning, always a smile for everyone. We will all miss you - BOALA will never been the same. Our family is honored that our paths crossed with yours and we had the pleasure of experiencing your kindness & friendship. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family during this difficult time.

The Dearen Family - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Thank you so much for being so very helpful over the many years we have known you. You will be sorely missed. Rest in peace!

Khedkar Family - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ From the first time we met Lita, to the time she excitedly called, letting us know that BOALA had a spot for Caitlyn, to every time we interacted last year, Lita showed us nothing but kindness. She helped us in so many ways, often going above & beyond--and always doing so with a positive attitude. Truly, she was an angel on earth, and, although we only knew her for one year, we are thankful for that year. Our sincerest condolences go out to Lita's family and friends.

Carolyn & Caitlyn Claverie - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Mrs.Bass, Seeing you at BOALA always brought a smile to our faces. You will truly be missed. My condolences and prayers go out to your family and friends.

Shalena, Effendi & Phoebe Mitchell - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Lita and I worked together for many years and had so many fun times together. Love you so much Lita!

Meradeth Springer - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Ms. Bass: You were a great asset to BOALA. All the kids loved you and I have had to call on you many days and you have never failed to come through for me and my kids. Your passion and love for children and keeping the school running will be absolutely missed. We love you.

Enyi Hannans (Derek and Isaiah Bermudez) - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Ms. Bass I have heard so many wonderful things about you and how your touched the lives of the families & children at the BOALA school. May you rest in peace.*

Marllie Pizarro - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Condolence to Ms Bass family. We'll pray for her soul. May you rest in peace.*

aying family - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Ms. Bass was such a great asset to the school system and our children's lives. She always extended her hand to help and she kept all her students close to her heart. May the blessings of love be upon you, May its peace abide with you, May its essence illuminate your heart, Now and forever more....*

Jenna, Katrina ad Lexi Scott - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *We have known Ms. Bass for many years at BOALA. We were sadden to hear of her passing away. She was always cheerful,helpful and was wonderful with ALL the kids. Our prays our with her family. The Ackermans- Art, Joyce, Matthew and Madison*

The Ackermans - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ *Lita, you will be incredibly missed. Your wonderful smile that blessed both the children and the parents of BOALA will never be forgotten. You were a blessing to everyone that knew you. May you rest in peace. Our prayers are with your family. Love, Amy & Emily Aycock*

Amy Aycock - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ *Lita was a wonderful person. Sweet and kind all the time. I enjoyed working with her over the years. She will be missed. My deepest sympathies to the family.*

Melinda Zetrouer - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *My family has had the pleasure of knowing Lita for many, many years. Her smile and love for all of the children will truly be missed. May God provide her family with the strength they need to cope with the loss of a true angel on earth. May she rest in peace. God Bless!*

The Deadwyler Family - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *We will miss your warm loving smile, an Angel gone home.*

Joy and Leo White and Family - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ There are simply not enough words to express the sense of loss our family feels with the passing of Ms. Bass. Since 2000, Ms. Bass greeted us daily with a smile that would set the stage for the remainder of the day. She genuinely loved, guided and protected every one of our children as if they were her own. She was truly an asset to BOALA but mostly an angel to everyone who was in contact with her. Certainly, she has left an indelible mark in our hearts. May she rest in peach and her family find comfort in knowing how special she was. Sincerely, The Lopez Family (Frank, Suly, Marco & Sofia)

The Lopez Family - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ Ms Bass you were very loved and will be missed so much. Rest in peace. Thank you for always being so good to our children. Boady loved you!!

Tina Vista - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Lita, you will always be remembered and carried in my heart always. Our school will never be the same without the warmth of your smile and generosity of your heart. I will truly miss you Ms. Lita.

Janice Rice - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Ms.Bass touched so many childrens lives and will truly be missed!! The BOA school will never be the same. Thoughts and prayers are with her family.

April Wilson - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Our hearts are broken with the loss of Lita Bass. Her smiles, warm welcomes and patience will always be remembered fondly. My children often talk about the day that Ms Bass stepped into the classroom and announced the birth of their baby brother. A special moment that only Ms Bass made perfect for them. We miss her! And are praying for the family! The Mullaney Family (Peggy, James, Grace and baby Quinn)

Mullaney Family - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Lita, you will be so missed. I can remember Jacob's first day of Kindergarten 8 years ago and Becca's last year. You were a constant...always reassuring like a best friend would be. Smiling, uplifting and generous in spirit. Heaven has another angel to watch over us. Ian, Dora, Jacob and Rebecca

The Tallmans - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ My condolences & prayers are with the family. She will definitely be missed.

Terrisita Osborne - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ You have let a huge hole in our hearts. You were so special to so many! You will never be replaced! We will love you forever! Chuck, Darlene & Charlotte Smith

Darlene Smith - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ You will be truly missed my love by me, the staff and ALL the children at Bank of America Learning Academy

Denise Fowler - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Lita, the love that you bestowed on my children as well as the hundreds of others that came and went through the doors of BOALA will forever be remembered. You were truly a wonderful woman and made such a difference in our lives. You will be greatly missed.

Ashli Neace - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

C(

“ Ms. Bass is really a wonderful person. The smile on her face that greets us every morning at school is contagious. We will surely miss you!

Chua Family (BOALA) - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ I was so sorry to hear about Lita's passing. She has touched so many lives. My children and I were lucky enough to benefit from Lita's very caring personality for many, many years. She was always looking out for everyone. She was a smiling face that greeted you every school day morning. She will be greatly missed.

Kimberly Lester - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ What a treasure and gift Lita has been for me! She served as my right hand at BOALA and truly made a difference in every life she touched. She will be sorely missed, but always remembered.

Alan Due - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ We will miss you Ms. Bass, I am so proud to have known you and we love you. Shirlene and Medina Toussaint

Shirlene Toussaint - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Paradise and I (Sebrina) will miss Mrs. Bass beautiful smile and warm greeting every morning as we entered BOALA. Mrs. Bass will always be in our thoughts and prayers and forever have our hearts! Our sincere condolences go out to the surviving family members and we pray that God brings comfort of over them during this time.

Sebrina & Paradise - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ Lita, you have forever touched our hearts with your love and kindness. I will never forget the love you showed my children and every child at BOALA and you will be truly missed.
Gary, Kelli, Lauren and Logan Owen

Gary and Kelli Owen - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ We are so sorry to hear about Ms. Bass. She was always so kind and helpful to our family during our BOALA years. Her memory and kind deeds will live on and be cherished forever.

Mazur Family - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Lita has been a constant source of warmth and compassion in what seems to have been the ever changing school landscape of my childrens education. No matter what else was going on, you could always be assured of a freindly greeting each and every morning. It's the little things that make a huge difference in this world. You will be missed.*

The Lynch Family - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Ms. Bass you were the heart and soul of the BOALA and will be sorely missed. Just walking in and seeing your smiling friendly face made my day and many others days much brighter. We love you and miss you, and send our most heartfelt thoughts and prayers to your family. Arleen, Ryan and family*

Arleen Fontaine - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Ms. Bass will truly be missed by her B of A Family. I recently had an opportunity to visit the school with my son Cameron who is now almost 17 now and he was excited to see Ms. Bass and she remembered him like it was yesterday. Ms. Bass is truly a special lady and will be missed by all. The Caldwell's*

Alan Caldwell and Family - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *We will miss Ms. Bass. She treated us like family. The world is a little emptier now without her.*

Jennifer and Kate Turner - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *Ms. Bass will be missed. She always had a smile and a kind word to share.*

Lisa & Jocelyn Eagan - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *It was only a year ago when our son Joseph, first attended the BOALA for his first year of kindergarten. From the moment we stepped through the doors on his first day, and all throughout the year, the one constant we could always count on was the welcome and friendly good morning from Lita Bass. She cared a great deal for all the children that walked through those doors everyday and her loss will be one that can never be replaced.*

The Folstein Family - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ *We will miss you so very much. Your smile lights up the room, your hugs of love and security and your words of wisdom. You are at peace with the lord and the angels. We love you Ms. Leta Bass.*

Virna and Jonathan Flores - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Lita's huge heart and tireless support of everyone around her can never be equaled or replaced. Thank you for being a wonderful, loving friend.*

Mrs. Stoia - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Ms. Bass was a fantastic person and an outstanding member of the BOA Learning Academy. We will miss her deeply. It was always a joy to see Ms. Bass smiling and waving from the office every day as we would come and go with our kids for the last 10 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Scott Dingee and family - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Lita has been a wonderful friend to me. I will miss her deeply. My condolences to her family and her beloved PeeWee and Ebony.

Andrea DeGeorge - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ I wanted to send my deepest condolences to Lita's family. Her bright smile always lit up the entry of the BAC School. I know that God has her in his hands and will keep watch over her family. She had such a big heart and was loved by all. We will truly miss her.

Terri Kennell - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ Lita, God has just greeted a beautiful angel in heaven. I am so blessed that you touched my life. I will miss your contagious laugh, and beautiful personality. Rest in peace dear friend. Love, Fern
Love, Fer

Fern - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Ms. Bass... I hope you knew how loved & respected you were and how much the parents relied on you. Our school will suffer a great loss without you...Our family will miss you dearly. God Bless You, Mike Missy and Taylor Rumfelt

Melissa Rumfelt - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ It will be a sad school year this year without her amazing SMILE. Ms Bass will be greatly missed by our family.

Marketta Shoopman - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ To A wonderful Lady that always made me smile when I saw you. You were a wonderful lady that will be missed greatly by all that knew you. You were and inspiration to know. I know Jacob will miss you as much as I will. Tell God hello for us.

Randy Fisher - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM