



## Robert "Roby" Vincent Baird Jr.

February 16, 1973 - July 31, 2025

Robert Vincent Baird Jr., affectionately known as Roby, entered into the Kingdom of Heaven on July 31, 2025, at the age of 52, after a long and courageous battle with brain cancer.

Born on February 16, 1973, in St. Augustine, Florida, Roby was the beloved son of Robert Vincent Baird Sr. and Frankie Boothe Baird Watts, and a lifelong resident of his cherished hometown. A proud graduate of St. Augustine High School, Class of 1991, Roby built a career as a real estate broker before answering a higher calling as a minister, devoting his life to sharing the Gospel with passion and love.

Roby's deep affection for the Lord was evident in every aspect of his life. He ministered with joy, compassion, and unwavering faith, touching countless lives through his words and deeds. His family was his greatest joy, and the relationships he nurtured were a testament to his generous spirit and enduring love.

He is survived by his loving wife, Ilona Baird of St. Augustine; children Deanna Rowson (Daniel) of Salina, KS, Jasmine Davis (Timothy) of St. Augustine, Kylee Baird of St. Augustine, Robert Garrison Baird of Wilmington, NC, and Rhema Baird of St. Augustine; his mother Frankie Boothe Baird Watts (Dennis) of Mandarin; father Robert V. Baird Sr. (Priscilla) of St. Augustine; stepchildren Fidelix Ikejiora Shiller, Benjamin Ikejiora, and Kylie Ikejiora all of whom reside in Sweden; sisters Mitzi Ann Martinez, Angela Cooksey (Mark), Heather Lynn Baird Hunter, and Holly "Coleslaw" Baird, all of St. Augustine;

grandchildren Jasper Trinity Davis, Eliza Joy Davis, Archer Lee Rowson, River Wyatt Rowson, Arlo Shepherd Davis, Julian Ikejiora Shiller, Silas Gabriel Davis, and Sawyer Vincent Rowson; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and cherished friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at Good News Church, 1357 Wildwood Dr., St. Augustine, FL 32086, with Roby's uncle, Rev. Jody Boothe, officiating. A visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m., preceding the service. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall. Committal services will take place at 2:30 p.m. at Craig Memorial Park.

Roby's family kindly requests that donations be made to his memorial fundraiser to assist with funeral expenses and medical bills. Additional funds will support his devoted wife, Ilona, during this time of grief:

<https://gofund.me/3700f55e>

St. Johns Family Funeral Home and Crematory is entrusted with the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Craig Memorial Park

2600 Old Moultrie Rd  
St Augustine, FL 32086

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Good News Church  
1357 Wildwood Drive  
St. Augustine, FL

## A Celebration of Life

AUG 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Good News Church  
1357 Wildwood Drive  
St. Augustine, FL

## Committal Service and Interment

AUG 7. 2:30 PM (ET)

Craig Memorial Park  
2600 Old Moultrie Rd  
St Augustine, FL 32086



# Tribute Wall

CH

“ To many amazing memories. Just let it be known he was the most sincere human being I have ever known. One of those people you might not see for an extended time, but pick right up where you left off. I'm glad I had the honor of knowing you here on Earth Robbie. Until we meet again brother, enjoy fishing with my pops in Heavens perfect pond.

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**Chris Hooker** - August 07, 2025 at 03:31 PM

LB

“ Roby was a great brother in Christ! I love and miss him. He was always a great friend! I thought the world of him from the moment we met. What a blessing to have known such a great person. His faith never failed. God is fortunate to have him!!



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**Lenny Beford** - August 07, 2025 at 03:21 PM

PC

“ Prayers and love for the entire family. Roby is such an inspiration to me. One of my favorite memories: With our dads at the FL state bowling tournament, the last call for the bowling ball raffle was announced. Roby says I'm going to win. He asked Frankie for a dollar which she gladly gave. Roby buys his ticket as Frankie tells me how he had the best luck winning a set of tires, the ceiling high candy cane at the convenient store, and more. I watch them roll the tumbler of tickets over and over...must have been 1000 plus tickets. I admired his confidence, but had my doubt. Then the number called. It was Roby's number—neither he nor Frankie were surprised. In that moment, I learned to never doubt Roby again. As sure as Roby was that he would win that raffle, I know he has taken his place in the Kingdom of Christ and of God.

*Love and eternal admiration, Paul*

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**Paul Culbreth** - August 05, 2025 at 09:38 PM

KB

“ Love you roby! Growing up as kids til being adults u always greeted my kids and I with a hug and your magical smile. Heaven gained someone very special. As we will miss u here on earth we will be at peace as well to know you are not suffering anymore and pain free! Til me meet again my friend ☐

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**karen brennan** - August 04, 2025 at 08:36 AM

NB

“ Roby was a longtime friend. Third grade as a matter of fact. He was so funny, very friendly to everyone and SO SMART!!!! through the years id run into him and it was a guarantee that i would get the biggest hug! The lord has got you now Roby as we all just remember you and hold our perfect memories. Thank you for your life long friendship

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**Nicole ( Marut ) Bartek** - August 04, 2025 at 08:15 AM

MB

“ In 2018 I was facing brain and spine surgery and Roby gave constant support to me during this difficult time. He prayed with me, he comforted me, and he shared so much of what he had been through. Such a special man, and he desperately will be missed prayers and love to his family and friends.

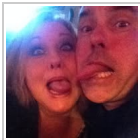


Marilynn Battell - August 03, 2025 at 06:35 PM

RI

Frankie, so saddened to read of your son's passing. You, your family and friends are in my thoughts and prayers.

Rita - August 12, 2025 at 05:25 PM



“ My precious cousin where do I begin?! Kind, sweet, gracious and ALWAYS with a smile! No matter what you were going through, the strength you showed was a powerful testimony. You took care of my babies when they were at Children's Village (ohhhh so long ago) and I remember you always telling me not to worry that you'd take care of them each time I dropped them off. Watching you grow from that sweet little bashful boy at church in to the most amazing Christian man you became was heartwarming. I'll miss our "chats" but I am so thankful you are no longer suffering. So much love my precious cousin - so much love! ❤️

Sharon Sharp - August 03, 2025 at 05:35 PM

RA

“ Will miss you cousin, but we know you're in God's company now and no longer suffering. Our time spent together when you and your mom came to Cali was nice to visit and see you work so hard to find paths to healing. Give our loved ones a hug from me. We'll see each other again in God's timing.

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**Ranie** - August 03, 2025 at 04:47 PM

KR

*We all loved Robby & his joyful spirit. See ya again brother in heaven!  
Love Jim & Kami Roeder, Laura & Jeff Yee & family*

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**Katharine Roeder** - August 04, 2025 at 02:23 PM

PH

“ Roby and his love for his Lord shined through his conversation with no division. My good memories go back to the youth group at Calvary Baptist Church and how funny Roby could be making others laugh and have a good time. He always wanted everyone else to have a fun time. One of my favorite memories is when his family, when he was teen, and my family met at a restaurant on the river for shrimp. Between him and my daughter they kept us in stitches it was hard to eat for all the crazy fun.  
We WILL meet again. Praising our LORD together!

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**Patricia Haney** - August 03, 2025 at 03:36 PM

MM

“ My brother called me Minnie when he was younger. I was with him every waking moment that I could be. When I was 18 he broke both of his arms, jumping off the house to try to get to the tree thank God he missed the pavement. When I went to the emergency room to see him he had some medication so he was a kind loopy and I started crying and he said don't cry, Minnie. I'm OK. One thing I know about you brother is that you're OK and God's arms💕 till we meet again love you💕

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**Mitzi Martinez** - August 03, 2025 at 01:44 PM

CH

*My sons were friends with Roby and my late husband and I really enjoyed it when he came to the house. Roby lived what he was, a true believer in God. He was a kind man and a fantastic father. I will always remember him. My sympathy to his family.*

*Connie Hooker*

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**Connie Hooker** - August 09, 2025 at 10:02 PM