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Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Goode Pasfield, 69, of Charlotte, died Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Martha was a native of Vinton, Virginia, the daughter of loving parents, Otto Forest Goode and Hessie Maude Maxey Goode; and a sister to her loving and accomplished older brother David. Martha's early years were spent living in her family's home built by her uncles, located on 7 acres right off of the Blue Ridge Parkway. She enjoyed a wonderful childhood in a small town, spending lots of time with her brother and parents at Goode's Department Store in downtown Vinton. She attended Roanoke County public schools and graduated from William Byrd High School in 1964.

Always smart and ambitious, Martha began attending Roanoke College while still a senior in high school. On her first day on campus, she met a young freshman from New York named Bob Pasfield who pretended to be lost just to strike up a conversation. They soon fell in love and got married, celebrating with a reception at the Vinton War Memorial just a week after college graduation in 1967. Martha then began a career as an elementary school teacher in Roanoke, Virginia; Greensboro, North Carolina; and finally, Madison, Indiana. After having 5 children in 7 years, and raising them in small town Indiana, Martha then traded in her chalkboard for a briefcase at the age of 36 as she took on Wall Street from scratch. She started at the bottom with an entry level banking position at Chase Manhattan Bank and quickly worked her way to a Vice President position at Prudential-Bache Securities, with an office overlooking Manhattan. She was a living example for the women's work movement.

As her children became teenagers, Martha and her family returned to Roanoke and moved back into her childhood home in 1989. She built upon her banking career at Dominion Bank (predecessor to Wells Fargo), and spent more time with her aging father. This slower pace of life gave her a renewed sense of balance and satisfaction.



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Another bank merger soon took her and her family to Charlotte, NC in 1993 where she continued excelling in her career and saw all 5 children graduate from various universities. It was at this point, when she was truly beginning to enjoy the fruits of her labor, that she was diagnosed with a very serious brain tumor in late 1999. Given months to live, she defied the odds and stayed with us for over 15 years. The disease and treatments slowly took away her speech, mobility, and exceptional communication skills. However, the disease never took away her warmth, smile, ability to nurture, or central role in the family. At her core, she did not change. In the face of such difficult circumstances, Martha continued to be happy and live her life to the fullest. She kept smiling, kept loving, and kept fighting. In many respects, her last 15 years were her finest.

During these 15 years, Martha welcomed 8 grandchildren, and attended countless recitals, concerts, graduations, and birthdays. She enjoyed trips to Florida, visits from her brother, and continued to participate in family events and activities. She was present for the opening of the Goode-Pasfield Center for Teaching and Learning at Roanoke College in 2008; and was there to witness her son Todd speak as valedictorian of his college class in 2009. During this time, Martha and Bob's love grew stronger and deeper, if that was even possible. Her final days were spent surrounded by her loved ones and full of love and happiness. She died peacefully at home and remained an inspiration to the end.

Martha was simply an amazing daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin, friend, and person. Her life was full of accomplishments and remarkable moments. She was incredibly bright, funny, independent, spirited, and loving. She stood up for what she believed in and possessed amazing will, strength, and determination. She will be truly missed.

Martha is survived by her husband of 48 years, Bob Pasfield, daughters; Tracy Pasfield and husband, Vincent Dubman, Laura Pasfield, Dawn Pasfield-Blevins and husband, Chris Blevins, all of Charlotte, sons; Todd Pasfield and wife, Megan Porter of Charlotte, Justin Pasfield and wife, Sarah Bowen-Pasfield of Raleigh, brother, David R. Goode and wife, Susan of Norfolk, VA and their children; Christina Goode, Martha Goode and husband, Blair Mielnik, grandchildren; Robbie, William, Carter, Caitlin, Jack, Taylor, Ashton, and Beckett, and many loving cousins, extended family, and dear friends.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2015 at James Funeral Home of Huntersville. On Saturday, September 12, 2015, the family will receive friends at



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10:00 a.m., followed by an 11:00 a.m. memorial service at Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church with Pastor Shawn Barkley and Pastor Kenneth Craig officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to: The Goode-Pasfield Center for Learning and Teaching Roanoke College Fintel Library, 220 High Street, Salem, VA 24153

James Funeral Home is serving the Pasfield Family, and online condolences may be made at www.jamesfuneralhomeLKN.com



Tribute Wall

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SG

Stephen Goode posted:

What a Wonderfully written tribute to this wonderful woman. May it inspire many who need to know they can succeed with determination and diligent hard work. My prayers are with the family. Sincere Regards Pastor Stephen Goode

October 2 at 4:54 PM

JS

Jeanie Seay posted:

I have such fond memories of time spent with Bob and Marty when you lived here in Vinton. Marty was a special lady and I'm so glad our paths crossed. My heart goes out to Bob and her family. I know you will miss her tremendously. Much love, Jeanie

September 16 at 5:11 AM

SF

Sandy Freiberg posted:

What a wonderful tribute to a wonderful woman. I was fortunate to experience her warmth firsthand, and continue to through her beautiful family. Sending them all sincere condolences and much love.

September 13 at 2:29 PM

GC

Gail G. Campo posted:

It is comforting to know that God is always there in every life's situation. This is my prayer for you, who have lost a loved one. May knowing you're in the hearts and thoughts of others help you and yours through this time of sorrow. Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer. Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back be in memory help comfort you tomorrow. The sorrow of the faithful is not that of permanent loss, but the tender sense of sadness that comes in saying good-bye for now to someone we love. May today's sorrow give way to peace and comfort of God's love. May the God of peace flood your heart, mind and entire life with His peace that passes all understanding. As your heart search for answers as to the reason for the loss of your loved one, may you not blame but that your faith in God is elevated and strengthened. May you find strength in God as He become the glory and lifter of your head, and give you the courage, determination and fortitude to face each coming day, in Jesus name, Amen.

September 12 at 11:21 AM



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TP

Todd Pittinsky posted:

Sending much love to you guys and cherishing many, many special memories of a most remarkable woman and family. Todd (Vladi and Alex, too)

September 12 at 8:28 AM

DM

Dennis Mathewson posted:

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Recently I lost my dear mother, and found great comfort in the words of Jesus at John 11:11-14, where he likens death to being asleep, and at John 5:28,29 - "All those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." For more comfort, I turn to the website at: www.jw.org (Search: Comfort)

September 11 at 8:55 AM

SB

Stacie Brinkley posted:

This is such a touching tribute for a wonderfully sweet lady. I have fond memories of spending time at the Pasfield home and vividly remember how warm and welcoming Marty was; she ALWAYS had a smile on her face and was always genuinely happy. I remember thinking what a wonderful mother she was to all of her kids (my dear friends), and I always admired her and Bob's relationship. I know she will be dearly missed, but I also know she will remain the hearts of everyone she left behind. XOXOXO

September 10 at 1:18 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Martha by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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