



# JOHN RUSSELL BAILEY

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**S**ANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA –

John Russell Bailey, age 73, formerly of Perry, Georgia, peacefully passed away early in the morning on Sunday, April 21, 2024. Viewing and services will be held at Hollywood Forever Mortuary Chapel at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 5, 2024.

John was one of the founders of Make Up Designory, also known as MUD in the industry, where he also taught make-up techniques to aspiring make-up-artists for film, fashion, and television. John began his teaching career in 1973 at Florida State University. He also taught at California State University at Long Beach and had taught at the vocational level since 1991. In addition, John lectured on make-up extensively throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, and Mexico. He is responsible for the development and initiation of the beauty education for Make-Up Designory and supervised the training and performance of all beauty instructors. John served as a make-up artist to celebrities including Edward James Olmos, Jude Law, Bo Derek, Ricardo Montalban, Fred Dryer, and Maria Conchita Alonso. An actor himself, John earned a Bachelor's Degree in Theatre Arts from Florida State University. One of his proudest accomplishments was touring the Southern states with his one-man-show posing as Mark Twain. John hails from Tifton, Georgia, lived for several years in Perry, and graduated from Perry High School. Throughout his life, he was a mentor to countless make-up students. He had a generous soul, remarkable wit, and a great sense of humor.

John was preceded in death by his parents, George and Sara Moore Bailey, and his brother, Mike Bailey.


Left to cherish the memories they made with John are his wife, Elvira Evana Bailey, and their young daughter, Sophia Bailey.


Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at [www.watsonhunt.com](http://www.watsonhunt.com). Hollywood Forever Mortuary Chapel in Los Angeles, California, has been entrusted with the arrangements.

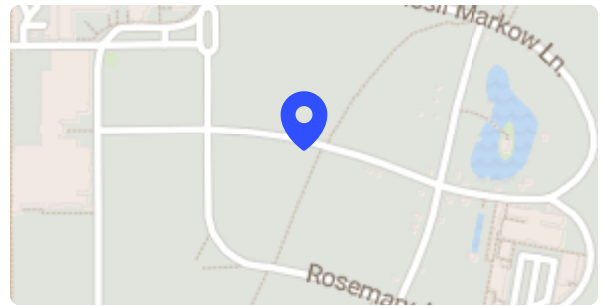


**Service**

 **Sunday**, May 5, 2024

 3:00 PM PT

 **Hollywood Forever Cemetery**  
6000 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90038





# Tribute Wall

# JOHN RUSSELL BAILEY



**Anonymous** sent a Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Spray to the BAILEY family.



May 1 at 9:21 AM



**Tate Holland** posted:

John was a colleague, a friend, a roommate, and eventually a business partner. As colleagues, we were fired together, and as roommates, we went through an earthquake together. For Make-up Designory, John's contributions were immeasurable. From the early days of offering his bedroom apartment as the first Mud office to his philosophies on learning and teaching in the classroom, John's influence on makeup design was profound. His hundreds of past students will remember him fondly for his persistent teaching style, his humor and wit, and his generosity. I will miss you, John. Go in peace, old friend. Tate Holland

May 1 at 7:43 AM



**Elvira Alexeeva** May 2 at 1:30 PM

Thank you, Tate, for kind words...



**Shelia Laws** lit a candle in honor of JOHN.

Prayers for all of John's loved ones for comfort and peace.



April 28 at 11:36 AM



**Elvira Alexeeva** April 28 at 8:46 PM

Thank you 🙏❤️



## Tribute Wall

**JOHN RUSSELL BAILEY**

BS

**Barbara Stuart** posted:

So very sorry for your loss of Johnny. We were next door neighbors in Perry when I was young. I remember he and Mike as really nice boys and somewhat mischievous! His sweet mama made the best homemade yeast rolls and bread that she would slice and spread butter on and call me over to "sample". Take care and keep your wonderful memories close to your heart during this most difficult of times! Barbara Dick Stuart

April 28 at 11:20 AM

EA

**Elvira Alexeeva** April 28 at 8:43 PM

Thank you, Barbara! Elvira and Sophia Bailey ❤️

KS

**Kitty Sullivan** posted:

We are all saddened by the loss of our college friend. John was the funniest in our running group. We willingly went along with spiking prop drinks with hot sauce then waiting with bated breath for the guys on stage to drink them and struggle to get their lines out. Then those fun cafeteria food fights. You should have seen how angelic he acted when being interrogated by the college cafeteria manager with chocolate pudding we'd managed to put down his pants. The many dances we attended, birthdays & Christmases we shared, cookouts he held, weekends at his parents, the tragedy of losing Mike - John was an important treasure to us. Our hearts are heavy. I'm so glad that he had his precious daughter, Sophia. She has his dimpled chin. Rest in Peace, sweet & funny John. You'll be in my heart forever in only that special place that you can hold. Love, Kitty Jo

April 27 at 1:29 PM

EA

**Elvira Alexeeva** May 2 at 1:31 PM

Thank you Debra!

DG

**Debra Chapman Griffin** May 1 at 8:26 AM

Sending my condolences to Johnny's family. I graduated with Johnny from Perry High School in 1969. A sad time but I did enjoy reading about Johnny's life & his accomplishments. May God grant you peace & comfort during this time. Cherish the memories!!

EA

**Elvira Alexeeva** April 28 at 8:46 PM

Thank you, Kitty, for sharing those stories with us...



# **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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