



Albert Lee Baker

June 3, 1948 - May 21, 2020

Albert Lee Baker passed away peacefully with his family and friends by his side on May 21st, 2020, in Baker's Acres of Queenstown, MD, right before his 72nd birthday.

Albert, known by his friends and loved ones as "Big Al", "Al-Boy" "AlBeeDee" or "Pork," is survived by his daughter, Helen-Marie Baker; his son, Loren Michael Baker and wife Janna Baker of Santa Clarita, CA; son in-law, Michael Gardner; and grandchildren Gordon, Griffin, Macee, Colin, Samantha and Tyler. He is also survived by his brothers; Wheeler, Teddy, Tom, his baby sister, Saundy as well as his in-laws, Barbara Harrison, Michael Melvin and Holly, Martha & Bev Baker.

Al is preceded in death by his late wife, Donna Marie Baker, and his late best friend & fellow Vietnam Brown Water Navy Veteran, Loren Liptak.

Al was born on June 3, 1948, in the family house at Baker's Acres in Queenstown on the banks of the Wye River to Albert Isaac & Helen Lyon Baker.

A true native of the Eastern Shore, Al loved the quality of life on the Wye River and the daily pace of the "Land of Pleasant Living." He loved his Dodge pickups and his International trucks; he was one heck of a dancer and

karaoke singer; and he lived for his family and his golden retrievers & labs; Amber, Peaches, Cocoa, and Al's Butterscotch Krimpet.

Albert graduated from Centreville High School in 1966 and then enlisted in the US Navy to serve his country during the Vietnam War. Al served in the Navy for four years as an engineer on the Destroyer USS Preston, on various Naval PBRs on the Mekong River and then was finally stationed on the YRBM 21 barge on the Vietnamese Cambodian border, where Al and Loren Liptak served as mechanics in the "Last Chance Saloon" where their mission was to stay alive and "keep the beer cold."

After returning home from Vietnam, Al married Donna Marie Cromwell in 1974, raised two incredible children and settled down a few hundred yards from the house he was born in, to begin working for RB Baker & Sons, the family hauling & cement business. In 1977, Albert was awarded the title of Admiral of the Chesapeake Bay by Maryland Governor Marvin Mandel as a result of Albert's Naval service and the Baker family's deep history of Hydroplane Racing and service to the State of Maryland.

In the 1980s, Albert ventured into his own trucking business, Al Baker & Son's Hauling, then in 1987, Al and Donna opened Main Street Video in a leased space in the old Bills Bargain Center in Grasonville, MD. Al & Donna then transitioned the store into Main Street Market & Video where they became known as the best place on the Eastern Shore to rent a movie and order a cheesesteak sub.

Later in life, Albert got back into the trucking business with Griffin's Hauling, a company named after his first born grandson and then after the passing of his wife, Donna, Al lived with his daughter, Helen-Marie Baker and her family.

Albert was known for his kindness and warmth as much as he was known for

his size and strength, often referred to lovingly as a gentle giant. In his twilight years, Albert dealt with many hardships attributed to his exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam while serving the country he loved. In the end, his country took care of him as he spent many years getting superb treatment within the VA system.

Albert was an active and dedicated member of the VFW and often volunteered with Boy Scout Troop 148 and other community groups in Queen Anne's County. While owning the store, on every Christmas, Al dressed as Santa to hand out presents to kids in Grasonville, something he cherished doing year after year. He also thoroughly enjoyed keeping up with his old high school classmates and attending monthly dinners with them when he could.

Al's final wishes were to be put to rest in his Natty Boh shirt, his Brown Water Navy cap and to have Creedence Clearwater Revival played at his service. A visitation will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2020, from 10 am -11am at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Centreville, MD, where a memorial service will begin at 11am. Burial at Chesterfield Cemetery will follow with military honors.

The family would like to thank Compass Regional Hospice of Queen Anne's County and the Veterans Administration for their care of Albert during his final days.

Cemetery Details

Chesterfield Cemetery

406 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Centreville Location
408 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 758-1151
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Memorial Service

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



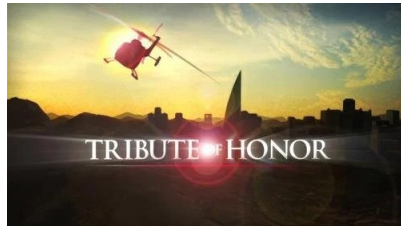
“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Albert Lee Baker* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 03, 2020 at 09:08 AM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Albert Lee Baker* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 29, 2020 at 10:55 AM



“ *Albert Lee Baker* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Albert Lee Baker* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Albert Lee Baker*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Graveside Service*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 03, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ *Fred B. purchased the Memorial Wildflower Seed Pouches for the family of Albert Lee Baker.*



Fred B. - September 13, 2020 at 08:53 PM

VK

“ I can't even express the loss we felt about losing Al. Al and I went to school together and both graduated in 1966, the last class of the Centreville High School. I had not seen Al again until our class started having regular monthly dinners together. Al was there as much as he could and we all enjoyed him so much. Many times, he ended sitting near Jack and they both enjoyed talking to each other so much. Jack always asked, Is Al going to be there? Many things I did not know about Al but what I did know was what a loving, strong, BRAVE, and caring person he was. He never complained and was always okay. He was such a pleasure to be with and we will, as many, many others will always miss him and keep him in our thoughts and prayers.



Our hearts, thoughts, and prayers go out to his family, friends, and all others who loved him!!! May God watch over his family and help them through this sad time.

Al, You will be greatly missed and loved by many!!

With our deepest sympathy!!
Vicki and Jack King

Vicki & Jack King - June 26, 2020 at 07:37 PM

MH

“ It is with deep sadness the passing of Albert. He was a year behind me in high school and was a fun fellow. He contributed so much in his lifetime and know he will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace. Blessings to the family.



Martha Roe Herman - June 05, 2020 at 05:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Albert Lee Baker*.



May 31, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ *Raymond Dorrell lit a candle in memory of Albert Lee Baker*



Raymond Dorrell - May 27, 2020 at 06:40 PM



“ *Donna Shortall lit a candle in memory of Albert Lee Baker*



Donna Shortall - May 27, 2020 at 06:11 PM



“ *Cheri Lecompte lit a candle in memory of Albert Lee Baker*



Cheri Lecompte - May 27, 2020 at 05:44 PM

CW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Thoughts are with all the Baker family.



Craig and Patti Willis - May 27, 2020 at 01:26 PM

DH

“ Darrell And Joyce Horney lit a candle in memory of Albert Lee Baker



Darrell and Joyce Horney - May 27, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ Way before kids and husbands I have such great memories of the fun and wild parties at the Bakers home on the water. Big Al was so fun to party with.

Jan Coursey - May 27, 2020 at 10:12 AM

DR

“ So sorry to hear of Big Al's passing, our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends may He RIP



Dean& Sandie Rhodes - May 27, 2020 at 07:21 AM

PA

“ *Rest in peace my dear friend*



Patricia - May 26, 2020 at 08:24 PM

MS

“ *Mary Schoene lit a candle in memory of Albert Lee Baker*



Mary Schoene - May 26, 2020 at 06:52 PM

RP

“ *Ron & Bobbie (Baker) Perry lit a candle in memory of Albert Lee Baker*



Ron & Bobbie (Baker) Perry - May 26, 2020 at 06:51 PM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Albert Lee Baker*



Doug Pierson - May 26, 2020 at 11:48 AM

LW

“ *Larry And Lynne Wilkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Albert Lee Baker*



Larry and Lynne Wilkins - May 25, 2020 at 07:50 PM

CC

“ *I have fond memories of Albert during all of our school years together as well as the Baker family. Although my dad worked for Friel's in Queenstown he also painted logos and such on trucks and boats and did several for Baker and Sons.*



Albert has left his family a wonderful legacy.

Christine Massey Collier - May 25, 2020 at 09:14 AM

TK

“ *Tom And Donna Kaufman lit a candle in memory of Albert Lee Baker*



Tom and Donna Kaufman - May 24, 2020 at 10:04 PM

TS

“ Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of Albert Lee Baker



Tracy Schulz - May 24, 2020 at 04:55 PM

FP

“ Frank & Tish Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Albert Lee Baker



Frank & Tish Palmatary - May 24, 2020 at 01:43 PM

C1

“ CHS Class Of 1966 sent a virtual gift in memory of Albert Lee Baker



CHS Class of 1966 - May 24, 2020 at 01:40 PM

C1

To the Baker Family: Our prayers and thoughts are with you during the loss of our great friend and classmate Big Al. We have many memories that will always be cherished in our hearts. Big Al was a gentle bear and we all loved him so much. So glad he got to join us for our many class dinners. RIP dear friend. You will be missed and never forgotten. CHS Class of 1966

CHS Class of 1966 - May 24, 2020 at 01:43 PM

PV

“ *Patty Boone VanStavern lit a candle in memory of Albert Lee Baker*



Patty Boone VanStavern - May 24, 2020 at 01:23 PM

PV

Condolences to the Baker family. May the memories of Al be with you through this very difficult time. Patty Boone VanStavern

Patty Boone VanStavern - May 24, 2020 at 01:26 PM

DW

“ *Condolences to the Baker family from the Roser's. My parents really liked this man. My father Kurt, as I recall did a lot of business with him and enjoyed their times together. So sorry to hear. He was a big part of the community of Queenstown.*



Dani Roser Woodhurst - May 24, 2020 at 12:17 PM

JS

“ *John "Sewardie" Sewardd lit a candle in memory of Albert Lee Baker*



John "Sewardie" Sewardd - May 24, 2020 at 08:45 AM



“ To Al’s family, Mom (Vicki Perry) and I are so sorry for your loss. We know he is no longer in pain! I know among a lot of others especially your Mom, my Daddy (Johnny Perry) was waiting for him. Sending prayers and hugs to you all!



Tiffany Lynn - May 24, 2020 at 05:46 AM



“ John And Phyllis Perkins lit a candle in memory of Albert Lee Baker



John and Phyllis Perkins - May 23, 2020 at 11:33 PM



“ Linda Bennett lit a candle in memory of Albert Lee Baker



linda bennett - May 23, 2020 at 09:28 PM



“ Billy & Dorothy Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Albert Lee Baker



Billy & Dorothy Hollingsworth - May 23, 2020 at 07:14 PM

DA

“ *Don And Judy Adkins lit a candle in memory of Albert Lee Baker*



Don and Judy Adkins - May 23, 2020 at 06:19 PM

JE

“ *Jim Ewing lit a candle in memory of Albert Lee Baker*



Jim Ewing - May 23, 2020 at 06:17 PM

PR

“ *Dear Helen & All the Baker Family & Friends,
Lots of memories going to Main Street Video. Please know that you
are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Pat & Joe Radcliffe*

Patricia Radcliffe - May 23, 2020 at 05:54 PM

JC

“ *June Clark lit a candle in memory of Albert Lee Baker*



June Clark - May 23, 2020 at 04:54 PM

MA

“ *Laird and Pat Adams*



Mary Pat adams - May 23, 2020 at 03:53 PM

BS

“ *What a strong will Al had. So glad our classmates got to be with him at class dinners these last few years. His courage made us so proud! My heart goes out to his loving family.*

Barbara Stoops - May 23, 2020 at 03:39 PM

JP

“ *JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Albert Lee Baker*



JoAnn & Royden Powell - May 23, 2020 at 02:46 PM

SC

“ *Shosh Callahan lit a candle in memory of Albert Lee Baker*



Shosh Callahan - May 23, 2020 at 02:17 PM