



Walter Raymond Baker

December 18, 1933 - March 2, 2014

Walter Raymond Baker (Ray) passed away on Sunday, March 2, 2014, at Hospice of Queen Anne's in Centreville, MD. He was 80 years old.

Born December 18, 1933, on Kent Island, Ray was the beloved son of the late Walter Jephthah and Ann Elizabeth White Baker. An intelligent young boy, Ray's electrical and plumbing knowledge came effortlessly by watching the talented skills of his father. As a young man, much of his time was spent with his beloved uncle, Norman White "Unc" from whom he learned to hunt at Norman Point in Marling Farms, to farm in Dominion and Love Point, and to excel at what would become his passion - boating and tinkering with anything nautical. While his early ambition was to serve as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force, he instead entered the workforce after his 1951 graduation from Stevensville High School, working for the Chesapeake Bay Ferry System at Matapeake until completion of the original span of the Bay Bridge rendered the ferry system obsolete.

In 1952, he married the love of his life, Shirley Ann Eaton. He was a life member of the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department, a member of the Kent Island United Methodist Church, the Kent Island Heritage Society, and a past member of the Kent Island Yacht Club. As an employee at Friel Lumber Company, he drafted building plans during the day and worked as a night clerk at the former Howard Johnson Motor Lodge in Annapolis. In 1958, he

began a long career with the State of Maryland Office of the Comptroller, retiring in 1989 as Manager of the Returns Processing Section of the Income Tax Division. He soon returned as a contractual employee to the newly formed Electronic Returns Processing Unit where his innovative and dedicated work ethic was instrumental in the development of electronic filing of tax returns or E-file, until his declining health forced him to leave.

In 1968, Ray tragically lost his beloved wife Shirley, the mother of their six children. He married Joan Griscom in 1975 and much of their 17-year marriage was spent on the waters of the Chesapeake. He is survived by his six children, Dale White (Coleman) of Greensboro; Patty Baker (Robin); Carol Lorenz (Steve); and Keith Baker (Ruth) all of Stevensville; Kim Landry (John) of Severna Park; and Laura Cook (Tom) of Centreville. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; three nieces; and several Delaware cousins.

In addition to his first wife and parents, he was predeceased by his "Unc" and by his sister, Catherine Elizabeth Higgins, of St. Michaels, MD.

The family will receive visitors at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Chester, MD, on Thursday, March 6, 2014, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, March 7, 2014 at 11 a.m. at Kent Island United Methodist Church in Chester MD. Interment will be private.

Donations in Ray's memory may be made to the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department, 1610 Main Street, Chester, MD 21619, or to a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
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Visitation

MAR 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 07, 2023 at 09:38 PM



“ *Walter Raymond Baker* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Walter Raymond Baker* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Walter Raymond Baker* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Sheila Willis lit a candle in memory of Walter Raymond Baker* ”



Sheila Willis - March 08, 2014 at 12:30 PM

BB

“ Just want to give my condolence to the family. I still have great memories from our childhood. Seems like yesterday. Again sorry about your loss.

Bobby Benton - March 07, 2014 at 07:44 PM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Walter Raymond Baker



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - March 07, 2014 at 07:13 AM

GP

Laura and family: Thinking of you in our prayers and thoughts in the loss of your dad. Time will heal and he lived a wonderful life. May God give you the strength and love to face each new day without him. Blessings to your family. Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - March 07, 2014 at 07:14 AM

JM

“ Jacki Thuman McArdle lit a candle in memory of Walter Raymond Baker



Jacki Thuman McArdle - March 06, 2014 at 09:26 PM

TS

“ Tammy Soehnlein lit a candle in memory of
Walter Raymond Baker



Tammy Soehnlein - March 06, 2014 at 08:10 PM

TS

Patty, I am so sorry about your Dad., The Video was Beautiful, He will
always be with you in your heart. My Prayers are with you and your
Family.

Tammy Soehnlein - March 06, 2014 at 08:13 PM

NC

patty,ray was the best boss i ever had.smart,honest and open.best to
you and all who will miss him.nelson cleavenger

nelson cleavenger - March 06, 2014 at 09:30 PM

KL

“ Kay Lister lit a candle in memory of Walter
Raymond Baker



Kay Lister - March 06, 2014 at 01:50 PM

KL

Patty, So sorry to hear about your Dad! I know how hard this is for you
and your family. My prayers are with you all.

Kay Lister

Kay Lister - March 06, 2014 at 01:52 PM

KT

“ My prayers go out to Ray's family. May your faith and memories see you through these tough times. Ray & I were part of a wonderful era; classmates & friends at SHS & beyond. He always reminded me he was much younger than I (17 days). Kay (Shawn) Thompson

Kay Thompson - March 06, 2014 at 12:09 PM

JS

“ Ray and I shared many good times at SHS. We attended a prom together and Buddy and I crashed your parents wedding! My thoughts and prayers are with each of you.
Jane Sparks

Jane Sparks - March 06, 2014 at 11:33 AM

GF

“ My condolences to the entire family. I was fortunate enough to work with and for Ray at the Comptroller's office in the eighties and nineties. One of the smartest men I ever met. He will be missed.

George Freyman - March 06, 2014 at 08:57 AM

PI

“ Condolences and Prayers for the whole family on your loss.



Phil Davidson II - March 06, 2014 at 08:41 AM

PB

“ *Daddy you fought the good fight but your body was frail and just couldn't take it anymore. Although we didn't say it often enough until the end was growing near, we loved you more than you could ever know. You led the way through your own pain when mommy died almost 46 years ago, pulling us together and keeping us a family, making us stronger. In our grief we can find comfort knowing you are finally at peace in the arms of your true love once again.*
Love always, Patty


Patty Baker - March 06, 2014 at 07:59 AM

IB

“ *Isaiah Baker lit a candle in memory of Walter Raymond Baker*



Isaiah Baker - March 05, 2014 at 10:02 PM

 Donna Poole

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Donna Poole - March 05, 2014 at 08:47 PM

KO

“ To the entire Baker family...my prayers and condolences to you all. I feel blessed to have been able to spend time in Uncle Ray's company in the recent years at Arcadia when Pop-Pop was there and a few times at Corsica. I wish I could've known him more when I was younger; he led such an interesting life and was such an amazing man! I bet he had some wonderful stories! I can only imagine the beautiful reunion when Uncle Ray made it to Heaven. May you all find peace in those thoughts.

*I'm so sorry for your loss.
With much love,
Kari (Hall) and Karim Oulahyane*

Kari Oulahyane - March 05, 2014 at 08:06 PM

LC

“ Kim, Laura & the rest of the Baker Family - so sorry for your loss. I hope you will have peace knowing he is with your Mother & not in pain. You ALL are in my thoughts & prayers.

Libby Cain

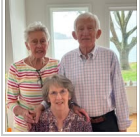
Libby Cain - March 05, 2014 at 07:21 PM

JP

“ JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Walter Raymond Baker



JoAnn & Royden Powell - March 05, 2014 at 03:20 PM



“ *Baker Family, Mr. Ray's personality was larger than life, I will miss our conversations and debates. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Elizabeth Jackson - March 05, 2014 at 01:32 PM

JS

“ *Patty, Robin, and your entire family: so very sorry for your loss. Your Dad lived quite a long life and he was a blessing to all of you. Because of my chronic health issues I will be unable to attend any of the services. Please know I am thinking of all of you. Love, Julie*

Julie Schaeffer - March 05, 2014 at 12:51 PM

LG

“ *Dear Patty (Baker Family) - We are very sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. May it comfort you to know that your Dad is in a far better place now. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Lu Giacofci and Peggy Gardner

Lu Giacofci - March 05, 2014 at 11:14 AM

DS

“ *I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of your father. He and Dad were always good friends. And in fact, I recall many a vacation and days spent at the beach with all the Baker clan and Hoxter clan. Wonderful memories. My deepest condolences.*

Dixie Sala - March 05, 2014 at 10:02 AM

LG

“ Ray was the main reason I joined the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Company 46 years ago.. I enjoyed being around Ray and his son Keith. I'll keep nothing but fond memories and prayers for Ray and the family.

Link George

Link George - March 05, 2014 at 08:09 AM

MH

“ Mary And Rich Hatcher lit a candle in memory of Walter Raymond Baker



Mary and Rich Hatcher - March 05, 2014 at 08:03 AM

BC

“ I am so sorry to hear you have lost your dad my heart and prayers are with you all

bonnie coleman - March 05, 2014 at 07:49 AM

BC

“ Bonnie Coleman lit a candle in memory of Walter Raymond Baker



bonnie coleman - March 05, 2014 at 07:48 AM

JA

“ Baker Family- I am so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort and peace in the wonderful memories you have.
Jane Anthony

Jane Anthony - March 05, 2014 at 06:55 AM

SW

“ Steve & Lori Williams lit a candle in memory of Walter Raymond Baker



Steve & Lori Williams - March 04, 2014 at 09:33 PM

GS

“ Greg & Laura Saddler lit a candle in memory of Walter Raymond Baker



Greg & Laura Saddler - March 04, 2014 at 07:13 PM

A5

“ Ann Chance Butler Class Of 51 lit a candle in memory of Walter Raymond Baker



ann chance butler class of 51 - March 04, 2014 at 05:38 PM