



Mr. Richard L. "Dick" Baker

December 9, 1938 - March 26, 2015

Mr. Richard L. "Dick" Baker, age 76, passed away on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at The Abraham House with his family by his side.

Born in Seneca Falls, NY on December 9, 1938, Richard was the son of the late James and Mildred (Karlson) Baker. He was a graduate of Romulus High School and subsequently attended a trade school in Utica where he trained in electronics and graduated with high honors. A proud veteran, he honorably served his country in the United States Army from 1963-1969 during the Vietnam Era serving in Panama. On November 21, 1970 he married the former Gail D. Holmes with whom he shared 36 years; mutual love and respect was the key to their successful marriage. They often said to each other, "I love you for Never and Never", a family joke that was endearing to each of them. His beloved Gail passed away on April 23, 2007.

Dick was hired at Mohawk Data Sciences Corporation (MDS) where he worked for 10 years. With his great sense of engineering he designed and put into use "The Baker Box", this was one of the first telephone modems, which in reality was an internet connection. He was honored to accept a position with Cougar Systems with founder George Cougar, a very enjoyable time in his career. He eventually established his own company, Class Computers, a business that specialized in developing software for large companies. He was very proud to have employed 32 people at one time. Dick had a passion for his work and for his family and he felt fortunate that his life was filled with love, humor, and creativity. He enjoyed traveling and visited England on many

occasions for both business and recreation. One of his favorite hobbies was Radio Remote Control Race Cars for which he attended worldwide competitions as far away as Singapore. He was also an avid bowler and a member of various teams and leagues along with his late wife. He was fond of boating and taught many kids the art of water skiing. A patriotic and true American, he was a supporter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #1378 in New Hartford and the John A. La Polla VFW Post # 8728 on Wood Lane in Schuyler. He was a firm believer in Christianity which enhanced and guided his life.

Dick is survived by his son, Michael Paul Baker of Rome; his daughter, Lisa Gail Cherenzia of Frankfort; his grandchildren, Michael Paul, Jr. and Michele Baker, and his mother Donna Elias, Holly L. Cherenzia-Ferriter and her husband, NY State Trooper Steve Ferriter; Giavannia Tantannia Cherenzia-Cupolo; and his great-grandchildren, Michael Paul Baker III; Abigail, Mason, and Caden. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws; and family friends, Gail Moore and Terry Hanson. Dick was also blessed with the friendship of many wonderful people. He was predeceased by his brothers, Harold J. Baker, and Cornelius Robert "Bobby" Baker; and his in-laws, Patricia Holmes, and Butch Holmes.

The family wishes to thank the staffs of Hospice & Palliative Care and the Abraham House who were outstanding in their care of Dick and offered many acts of kindness to his family as well. In gratitude, memorial contributions may be made to the Abraham House in honor of their purpose; envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Visitation will be held on Monday evening from 5-7 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St. corner of Hammond Ave. Dick's funeral service and Celebration of Life with military honors will commence at the funeral home at 7:00 with Pastor Sam Luce of Redeemer Church officiating. Interment will take place alongside his wife in Schuyler Cemetery at a future date.

Cemetery Details

Schuyler Cemetery

Schuyler, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
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Funeral Service

MAR 30. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

WC

“ I will always remember the good times that we had while visiting Uncle Dick and Aunt Gail at their house on Cosby Manor Road. Both Uncle Dick and Aunt Gail had a super relationship which I can see whey their marriage lasted as long as it did. He always loved his Nascar Racing and Aunt Gail always loved to cook and clean. Her house was always amazing/spotless. I am sorry Uncle Dick that I was not able to be with you up to the end, but at least I got to see you before we left town. You were and still are my favorite Uncle. Your sense of humor was amazing and you were very business oriented and really had it all together. Well you will be sadly missed by all but you are dancing with the love of your life in heaven, having one joyous reunion. R.I.P. Uncle Dick and give Aunt Gail a big hug from me. Love you both, your niece Wuanita (Baker) Converse.

Wuanita Converse - April 07, 2015 at 05:10 PM

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“ A nicer couple was hard to find than Dick and Gail. I first met them when I installed their new phone system in Class and they treated us like family. I stopped in and would visit Dick from time to time at his home after Gail passed and I'm sorry to say I haven't seen him in quite some time. Now they are reunited for eternity in Heaven. Peace and prayers to family.



Tim & Colleen Moylan Family - March 30, 2015 at 11:12 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard L. "Dick" Baker.



March 29, 2015 at 04:56 PM



“ Melissa Zebda lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard L. "Dick" Baker



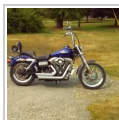
Melissa Zebda - March 29, 2015 at 11:45 AM



“ To Mike and Lisa; I am sorry that I won't be able to attend Dick's funeral tomorrow as my wife is having surgery that afternoon. Dick and I were friends and worked together for many years. Starting with MDS in the early 70s and then with Cougar, ICL and then with his company Class Computers. I was involved in the development of the Class Nicad Battery Charger. We sold many of these to the Radio Controlled Race Cars. I still keep one on my bench to remember those days. Maybe you remember coming to my farm for one of those pig roasts we had. This brings back many memories.

Don McDonald

Don McDonald - March 29, 2015 at 11:41 AM



Thank You Don, I do remember you.

Mike Baker - March 30, 2015 at 08:09 AM

MH

“ Dick was a wonderful person. His generosity to his friends and previous employees was amazing. Dick and his wife Gail, spent many time at Seneca lake which they were gracious enough to include my family and me on many occasions. Dick had a wonderful sense of humor and an abundance of "common sense". I will miss the many conversations we had over the past 30 years. You will definitely be missed Dick. Enjoy your final destination and reunion with your beloved wife Gail.

Mark Hodge - March 29, 2015 at 11:22 AM

DS

“ Don Sroka lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard L. "Dick" Baker



Don Sroka - March 29, 2015 at 05:59 AM

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“ Donna Elias lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard L. "Dick" Baker



donna elias - March 27, 2015 at 03:24 PM

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“ *Laura Summers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard L. "Dick" Baker*



Laura Summers - March 27, 2015 at 03:14 PM

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“ *Dorothy Elias lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard L. "Dick" Baker*



dorothy elias - March 27, 2015 at 01:58 PM