



Richard William Baker

April 10, 1948 - July 29, 2019

Richard William Baker, 71 of Jackson, MO, passed peacefully on Monday, July 29th, 2019 at Southeast Missouri Hospital after a year-long battle with cancer.

He was born April 10th, 1948 to Elizabeth Annabelle Elliott and Dwight Leo Baker in Ironton, MO. On December 28, 1975, he married Judy Glastetter, who survives him.

Richard was a 1966 graduate of Cape Central High School and a 1972 graduate of the University of Missouri at Columbia, earning a Master's Degree in Mathematics. He was a lifelong educator, teaching at both Cape Central and Jackson High Schools. In 1979, he joined the United States Air Force, completing his service in 1986 as Captain. He was stationed all over the country, including the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO, the Pentagon – where he utilized the world's largest computer at the time in the mid-1980's, Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS, and Scott Air Force Base in St. Clair County, IL.

Upon returning home to the area, he was hired at Lone Star Industries cement plant (now Buzzi Unicem) in 1989 and remained there as process engineer, environmental supervisor, and shift foreman until his retirement in 2018.

Richard was an avid golfer, but his true talent and gift was his woodworking skills. He built many pieces of furniture for family and loved ones that will be cherished for years to come. Most recently, he had developed a passion for collecting and restoring vintage woodworking tools. He was a true artisan and an excellent representative of the craftsmanship in the trade.

Richard is survived by his wife Judy of Jackson, sons Mark Richard Baker (Kim) of Jackson (from a previous marriage to Patricia Kaye (Schenimann) Bradshaw), and Anthony "Tony" Garrett Baker of Washington, D.C., as well as his grandchildren, Austin, Victoria, and Ryan Baker. He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant sister Jennifer Ann, and a son Benjamin Justin Baker.

A visitation service will be held on Friday, August 2nd at Ford and Sons Funeral Home in Jackson, MO, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent in his memory to Kimbeland Country Club in Jackson, MO. A private memorial service will be held at the family farm at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ Hi Judy, sorry I cannot come to visitation. Please know I am holding you in my heart and prayer. My truest sympathy to you and Tony. 🙏

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“ Your RESULTS Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard William Baker.



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“ Judy and Tony, we are saddened to hear of Rich's passing. The last time we spoke, we had a good visit. Our sincerest sympathy goes out to you both and the entire Baker family. Don and Cheryl Cook

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