



Philip Baker

June 17, 1948 - January 4, 2022

Philip L. Baker, 73, passed away at home early Tuesday morning January 4, 2022.

Phil was born June 17, 1948, in Springfield, Missouri, to LeRoy and Barbara Baker. He grew up in Springfield graduating from Hillcrest High School while attending Springfield Vocational Technical School. The summer following graduation Phil started college at Southwest Missouri State University where he met his future wife, Patricia Pendergrass. They were married May 24, 1969. After transferring to the University of Missouri at Rolla, Phil received a BS degree in Electrical Engineering and an MS degree in Engineering Management.

Phil went to work for Santa Fe Railroad in Topeka, Kansas as an Industrial Engineer, moving to Cleburne, Texas, Chicago, Illinois, and back to Topeka during the 18 years that he worked there. During these years he and Pat had 3 children, Cherie, Clinton, and Craig.

For the next 20 years, Phil owned and operated Clint's Lawn Service. During that time, he started and directed a ministry at First Southern Baptist Church that was very dear to his heart called Celebrate Recovery. CR ministers to people with hurts, habits, and hang ups.

In 2010, Phil suffered a massive stroke and retired from public life. Despite significant adversity, Phil enjoyed life and was always quick to smile. He still could play cards with his family and friends. He loved to watch the Chiefs, Royals and KU basketball. He was happiest when surrounded by his children and grandchildren.

Phil is survived by his wife, Pat; children, Cherie Durst, Topeka, Clinton Baker (Jennifer), Indianapolis, Indiana, and Craig Baker (Kendra), Topeka; Cherie's three boys, Erich, Jason, and Connor Durst; Clinton's children, Carston and Courtney Baker; his siblings, Bill Baker, Kihei, Hawaii, David Baker, Springfield, and Cindy Baker, Springfield.

Visitation will be 5 to 6 p.m. Monday, January 10th, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where funeral service will begin at 6 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Celebrate Recovery or to the Mission Center Cemetery Association, and sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

Funeral Service

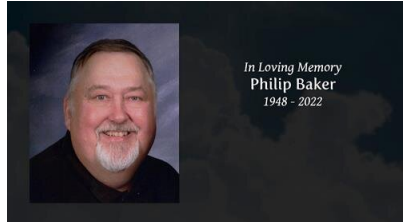
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Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Philip Baker*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - January 07, 2022 at 11:23 AM

JH

Loved the video. It brought back many beautiful memories, especially the wedding photo. I still remember the wedding day. Love, Joy Pendergrass Holloway

Joy Pendergrass Holloway - January 08, 2022 at 12:06 PM



“ *Philip Baker*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

TM

“ I knew Phil Baker and family from our work in Cleburne Texas working on the Santa Fe Railway in the late 80's. Phil and family were so much fun. The time Phil, Clint and myself spent fishing was time well spent. Phil always had a funny story and could get me laughing. He was a natural and quick witted. Also a very smart guy. I was often impressed with his knowledge of engineering and solving problems.

But best of all, he was a family man who shared many of the values and kindness I recognized and appreciated. As the Santa Fe merged and reduced half their staff; Phil and myself parted ways to seek alternative employment. I lost track of Phil until last last week end (1/9/2021) and Maureen noted his obituary in the paper.

It was good to reconnect with Pat, Cherie and Clint. May he rest in Peace as he is now with God.

Tom and Maureen Munz 1/12/2022

Tom Munz - January 12, 2022 at 03:15 PM

KL

“ I met Phil when we were both patients in the St Francis physical rehab program in 2019. We shared a table at lunch that first day (along with Pat) and it was love at first site. Phil's stories were legendary and so entertaining. The twinkle in his eyes and constant smile kept my spirits up. Pat, he couldn't have asked for a more wonderful wife or companion. Mr Baker, thank you for bringing sunshine to the shadows and enriching my life. You were one of a kind. Rest In Peace.

Karen Lollman - January 08, 2022 at 11:17 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Philip Baker.*



January 08, 2022 at 09:32 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers for the Baker family. Phil was a very amazing man I got to know in my younger years. Later I was involved in C.R. as Phil had told me about the program. I loved seeing his passion in helping others. Phil was definitely one of a kind. I know he will be greatly missed. Thanks Phil for the good times and the lifelong memories.*

Casey Welch - January 07, 2022 at 09:35 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



kendra baker - January 07, 2022 at 05:18 PM

CB

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



clinton baker - January 07, 2022 at 12:48 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



clinton baker - January 07, 2022 at 12:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Philip Baker.



January 07, 2022 at 11:22 AM

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“ *Bill, tiffany & mary purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Philip Baker.*



Bill, tiffany & mary - January 06, 2022 at 06:34 PM