



William Gerald Baker

March 20, 1959 - March 25, 2024

William Gerald Baker (Seneca, SC)

William (Bill, Billy) Gerald Baker, 65, of Seneca, South Carolina, died peacefully Monday, March 25, 2024 at his residence in the loving and caregiving arms of his devoted wife Deana Chavis Baker and beloved son Christopher William Baker along with the compassionate assistance and guidance of Prisma Health Hospice of the Foothills. Bill bravely fought and consistently endured a multitude of health battles for nearly a decade with the highest quality of interdisciplinary healthcare teams and medical professionals with Prisma Health (Greenville Memorial Hospital, Oconee Memorial Hospital and Cancer Institute), AnMed (Anderson Area Medical Center), and Atrium of Charlotte, including two wonderful Prisma home healthcare professionals Lesa and Kes.

Born in Kingston, New York and raised as a youth in South Carolina from the age of two, he attended grade schools throughout the state including Charleston, Orangeburg, Manning, Columbia, Batesburg, and Bennettsville. As a youth he mostly enjoyed riding his bicycle and hanging out with neighborhood and school friends at the lake, pool, and golf course. He was a Bennettsville High School (Green Gremlin) junior varsity basketball player and began working part time at the age of 15. During his junior school year, he and Deana began dating. At the beginning of his senior year in 1976 he and his parents moved to Hurt, Virginia. Bill was a 1977 graduate of Gretna Senior High School, Gretna, Virginia. He married Deana in 1978, began their working careers and creating a family and home together that spanned nearly 46 years, living in Gretna, Hurt, and Altavista, Virginia before returning to work and live in Anderson, South Carolina and ultimately settling in Seneca during retirement. During his working years, he was employed by Abbott/Ross Laboratories, Bridgeport Brass Company (Piedmont Manufacturing), Allen Morrison Company, and Kravet Fabrics.

Bill enjoyed rock and roll music and had an ear for identifying great artists like Van Halen, Train, Nickelback, and Joe Bonamassa early in their careers, always eager to share his music library with his friends. He and Deana were avid Disco goer's and dancers during the late 1970's. Bill was a sound mixer for a local group, Highway 40 Band in Virginia in the 1980's. Over the years, Bill enjoyed fishing, hunting, boating, watching NASCAR races

and just being outdoors, but he mostly enjoyed being around people, hanging out with his family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. Bill was an animal lover and rescuer of many dogs and cats throughout his entire life. He was a simple man of few words, always kind hearted, honest, and factual. He especially enjoyed traveling to visit and spend time with his son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren at various military locations in the US and Japan, attending family gatherings and celebrations, watching his favorite TV shows Gunsmoke, Bonanza, and The Andy Griffith Show, and supporting Deana in her art related endeavors and travels.

In addition to his wife Deana, Bill is survived by his beloved son Christopher William Baker and daughter-in-law Autumn of Bossier City, Louisiana, grandson Jordon Baker of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, granddaughter Hallie Baker of Laramie, Wyoming and one brother Bobby Baker (Susan) of Lancaster, South Carolina. He is additionally survived by his loving sisters-in-law Dawn (Eric) Tabor of Anderson, South Carolina, and Suzanne Brandon (Jim), brother-in-law Don Wayne Chavis II of Anderson, and stepfather-in-law Rich Gehm of Bennettsville, along with many loving and caring relatives, a niece, nephews, cousins, neighbors, and friends. He was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Dolores E. Roland, father, John C. Baker, step father, Arthur E. Roland, mother-in-law, Patricia Chavis Gehm, and father-in-law Don Wayne Chavis and close long-time friends.

A private Celebration of Life will be held later for close friends and family. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.blueridgecremationsociety.com.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Bill's memory to the Oconee Humane Society or Prisma Health Hospice of the Foothills.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ Deana, my most sincere sympathy goes out to you and your family in your loss. You all will be in my prayers to find the comfort needed as you grieve. Love and Hugs!



Pam Crouse McLaurin - April 16, 2024 at 10:41 PM

TG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. I remember Bills smile and laughter and of course being with you, Deana. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
John and Tammy Gathings



tammy Gathings - March 30, 2024 at 09:38 AM

SS

“ Sam Debra Sparkman lit a candle in memory of William Baker



Sam and Debra Sparkman - March 27, 2024 at 08:01 PM



Thank you kidndly

Deana Baker - April 03, 2024 at 03:10 PM

BS

“ Bill and I send our deepest sympathies to you Deana and all the family. You will be in our heart and prayers now and for all the days ahead. God's blessings to all of you and may you find His peace, comfort and strength during this time. All of us friends are here for you and your family. We love you. 💜🙏



Bill and Liz Stubbs - March 27, 2024 at 04:35 PM



Thank you so, so much Liz and Bill. These kind words mean so much. Love you!

Deana Baker - April 03, 2024 at 03:11 PM

AP

“ Deana I am so sorry for your loss, I seemed to have lost track of you through the years. Donna shared the obituary on facebook. I have so many fond memories of you both. We had a lot of fun back in the day.... Praying for you and all the family 🙏



Annette Rigney Powell - March 27, 2024 at 12:19 PM