



## Waldo Baker

February 28, 1932 - May 24, 2016

Waldo Baker, 84, passed away May 24, 2016 In Mishawaka, Ind.

Mr. Baker was born February 28, 1932 in Rochester, Ind. to Ira and Edna Baker. He graduated from Rochester High School and had an engineering degree from Purdue University. He served in the United States Army from November 1953 to November 1955. He married his love and life partner, Alta, in 1954. They met at Allis Chalmers in LaPorte, Ind., where they both worked. They were long-time residents of LaPorte, where they were members of St. John's Lutheran Church. Waldo also worked at Rockwell Standard in Gary, Ind. and New York Blower in LaPorte.

In his later years, he owned and operated bicycle shops in Roseland and South Bend. Baker's Bike Shops were his passion. Husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many, he spent his retirement time woodworking, playing music, traveling, and fishing with his wife.

He is survived by three children, Donna (Mike) Miles-Robison, Janet (Bryan) Truex, and Steven Baker; five grandchildren, Josh Miles, Zach Miles, Charles Baker, Banan Truex, and Alexandria Truex; brothers, Paul Baker and Ira Baker; and several nieces, nephews, and their families.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Alta; his parents; one brother, Frederick Baker; and two sisters, Lu Edith Severns and Ethel Ruth Johnson. Funeral services will be Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 12:00 noon (Eastern time) at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake. Burial will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Walkerton. Friends may visit on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until

12:00 noon EDT at the funeral home. Fellowship will continue with a luncheon at Swan Lake Country Club. Memorial contributions may be given to Harbor Light Hospice, 1608 E. Day Road, Mishawaka, Ind. 46545.

# Tribute Wall

TP

“ Donna, Mike, Josh, and Zach: we know you will miss your dad/grandpa dearly and we wish you all peace in knowing that he is at rest now with his dear Alta. We love you guys! Tammy, Tom and Boys

Tammy & Tom Pilgreen - June 18, 2018 at 10:32 AM

BB

“ We offer our deepest sympathy for the Baker Family and are keeping you all in our prayers. Please know that we love you.

Butch and Jo Ann Boswell - June 18, 2018 at 10:32 AM



“ The family and friends of Bill Baize, who Waldo never got to meet at Creekside, but who benefited from your kind gestures even after Waldo's passing, would like to express their sympathy. A shared understanding and sorrow are sometimes easier to bear. May Waldo rest in peace, and be assured, he will be remembered.

June 18, 2018 at 10:32 AM

KF

“ My condolences to the Baker Family. I have lost a Dear Friend of many, many years. May you rest in peace Walt.

Ken Felts - June 18, 2018 at 10:32 AM

TW

“ To a really great boss and person to work for. Thanks Walt for giving me a chance. It means a lot to have worked for you..You taught me what a good boss should be.TC Wood

Tom Wood - April 29, 2018 at 06:45 PM

BT

“ May the love of friends and love ones comfort you in your grief. May the love of God comfort you even more." God is our refuge and strength. A help that is readily found in times of distress."{Psalms 46:4}

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**B. Taylor** - April 29, 2018 at 06:45 PM

LE

“ *Waldo Baker*

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**Lesley Epstein** - April 29, 2018 at 06:45 PM

MZ

“ *I am so sorry to read of the passing of Waldo. I was one of the Wagoner kids that spent a lot of time with Grandma and Grandpa Baker and at LuEdith's house. My Mom, Pat, and Weedy were best friends for a very long time. I remember how special the whole family was. Waldo was always in a good mood it seemed when we saw him. You are fortunate to have had him in your lives. God Bless everyone.*

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**Melanie Wagoner Ziesemer** - April 29, 2018 at 06:45 PM

KB

“ *Steve, Charlie and family - We are so sorry for the loss of your father and grandfather. You are in our hearts, thoughts and prayers during this difficult time and always. Love you both - Charles, Bernice, Nancy & Karen and families*

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**Karen Bales** - April 29, 2018 at 06:45 PM

PH

“ Donna, Janet & Steve, So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing, but you can take comfort in knowing he is at peace and has gone home. Have known Waldo since the early 1950's when he and my late husband Bill Harris went to Purdue Baker Center here in town. Have many great memories from over the years gathering with the Bakers, Wiehofts and Harris gang as long as we were able. As our daughter Katie said "I am sure Dad welcomed him with a big "Waldo" and a big smile."May he rest in peace.

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**Patricia Gruse Harris** - April 29, 2018 at 06:45 PM

LE

“ Janet & Bryan Truex & Grandchildren. My thoughts are with you at this very difficult time today. Now you have two guardian angels watching over you. Much love & hugs, Lesley Epstein Lutz, Florida

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**Lesley Epstein** - April 29, 2018 at 06:45 PM

PR

“ We are so thankful for the time we spent with Waldo and his family. You have all been such a blessing to us.

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**Pam & Katie Hazinski & Robertson** - April 29, 2018 at 06:45 PM

KL

“ So sorry to hear about your beloved Father Steve. My prayers, love, and condolences to you and your family especially Steve & Mary, & Charlie. God be with you all!

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**Kirk Lewark** - April 29, 2018 at 06:45 PM

JP

“ *Your dad was a wonderful man and neighbor, along with the rest of you. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. I miss the days and neighbors that have gone by but the memories are always easy to recall.*

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**Jean Phillips** - April 29, 2018 at 06:45 PM