



Kenneth Grady Baker

March 5, 1944 - June 27, 2024

Kenneth Grady Baker “Ken or Pops”, 80, of Waldorf, Maryland passed away on June 27, 2024. He was born in Madison County North Carolina to Grover and Myrtice Fortner Baker on March 5, 1944.

He was a 1962 graduate of Walnut High School. In 1964 Kenneth moved to Southern Maryland and was drafted into the Army in 1965 during the Vietnam Conflict. He spent 13 months in Korea. After discharge he joined the 113th D.C. Air National Guard at Andrews Air Force Base, serving 27 proud years in the military. He retired from the United States Air Force in 1992. He enjoyed being outside working in the yard mowing and maintaining the flowers gardens, or ensuring his birds had food and water. He especially loved feeding and watching the hummingbirds. He was an animal lover from cats and dogs to birds.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brother Robert. He is survived by his loving wife Lucille “Lucy” Baker, Son Kenny Baker, Honorary Son Joe Bodecker, Brother Ted (Melba), Sister-in-Law Miriam, and his special kitty cats Muffin and Tabby. Ken will be missed by his family and many special friends. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Waldorf Humane Society, P.O. Box 1015, Waldorf, MD 20604, or online at <https://humanesocietycc.org/donate/memorial-donations.html> or to Hospice of the Chesapeake Foundation, 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, Md 21122 or online at <https://www.hospicechesapeake.org/giving/donate-now/> (Please place Kenneth’s name on the memo line if a donation is by check).

The family would like to thank the staff at the Angel's Heart Assisted Living for the loving care they provided in his final days.

Expressions of sympathy may be extended to the family at Raymond Funeral Services, <https://www.raymondfuneralservice.com/>

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ I got to know Ken during his stay at the hospital. The first day I met him, I knew he was a special person and a man with a great personality. Although I only knew him for a very short time, I had the pleasure to see his smile and hear his laughter. A true friend, indeed. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. RIP Mr. Baker.

Marc Johnson

Marc Johnson - July 12, 2024 at 04:41 PM

CT

“ Ken was very nice to us and we appreciate he and Lucy's kindness every day. Lloyd and will miss him greatly.



Cheryl & Lloyd Turner - July 12, 2024 at 01:51 PM

CT

Lucy, Brian and entire family are in our prayers daily.

Cheryl & Lloyd Turner - July 12, 2024 at 02:00 PM

RL

“ I can remember when Ken and Lucy were dating I had gone to spend a week with my aunt who is Lucy’s mom. Lucy and Ken had gone to a carnival or fair and I remember Lucy coming home with a pretty stuffed animal. I am sure he had won the stuffed animal for her. I think that was the first time I remember meeting him. Ken was always fun to be around. I will cherish the visits I had with him, Lucy and Brian when they came down for vacation. I will always remember how he would laugh at funny things that were said or done. He will be dearly missed but never forgotten. Lucy and Brian I am so sorry for your loss. Love you both dearly.

Richard & Brenda Lowe - July 09, 2024 at 09:03 PM

RL

“ Richard & Brenda Lowe lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Grady Baker



Richard & Brenda Lowe - July 09, 2024 at 08:40 PM

GR

“ One short story , if i may. One morning after driving our school busses to school. 5 of us decided to (play hookey) we loaded into my car and as we drove 200' from school we met our principal (Mr. Zimmerman) He reconized my car waved and of course I waved back. We stayed gone for 2-3 hours and decided we'd bettter get back as 4 of the 5 drove buses and would have to take eveyone home. Of course when we retruned all of us was told to go down to the principals office. I hope I get all the names and excuses correct, it's been a long time. Mr. immerman asked Jerry, where were you, he said home resting up for a ball game, Eddie where were you, he wa helping his mother. Jimmy where were you, I was home helping Dad. And then he asked Ken, whre wre you and Ken answered (I was with George). At that point Me Zimmerman said, Ken you and George may leave, I want to talk to the rest of you boy's! This was about just want iyp of friend Ken was, (The Best). I might add this made up about 50% of the boys in our graduating class that year at Walnut High Shool.

George Reeves

George Reeves - July 07, 2024 at 09:17 AM

MH

“ So sorry about Ken. Visiting you both has always been a highlight of my trips north. He was fun to talk to and I will always have fond memories of him.

Murray Hirschbein - July 06, 2024 at 08:12 AM

DG

“ We have known Ken, Lucy and son Brian many years since the day they moved into the neighborhood.... wonderful neighbors. Ken, having been in the Airforce, whenever a plane flew over would look up into the sky and could identify the type of plane. Years ago, Ken and Lucy wanted to place a fly pole next to their home and fly the “Stars and Stripes and a POW*MIA” flag. Our community didn’t allow flag poles and after months of trying, including an article in Washington Post, the community relented and the flags now fly daily including a lighted flag pole at night. Ken was very patriotic; he loved this country having served 27 years in the military. Every fall I climb up on my roof to clean out my gutters. Ken, being a concerned neighbor, would sit on his deck out back with phone in hand making sure I didn’t hurt myself. Having reached my senior years, now 81, I have enjoyed the friendship of Ken, a truly great neighbor who will be missed.

David, Eileen and Brother Ray George

David George - July 06, 2024 at 06:50 AM