



Wayne Baker

March 1, 1952 - April 8, 2024

David “Wayne” Baker, 72, of Carl Junction, passed away April 8, 2024 at Solace House of the Ozarks with his family by his side. He was born March 1, 1952 at Baxter Springs, KS, to Ray Warren and Patricia (Choch) Baker.

1970 was a big year for Wayne. He graduated high school, got married and became a father.

In 1970 he married Patty Hurrell, to this union one son was born, Michael. They later divorced. In 1974 he married Floydean Pancake, to this union 2 daughters were born, Crystal and Amber. They later divorced. In 2013 he remarried his first love, Patty, and they resided in Carl Junction, MO, until his passing.

Music was a big part of Wayne’s life. At age 14 he started playing in his father’s band, Ray Baker and the Hit Makers. He played bass guitar and drums. He also played in many bands across the four-state area including the Crusaders for Christ gospel music band. He was also a member of the Kansas Steel Guitar Association for many years.

Fishing was his favorite hobby. Every spring he could be found on lakes and rivers catching white bass and spoonbill.

He was a member of Kingdom Life Fellowship Church and Carterville United Methodist Church.

He leaves behind his wife, Patty, of the home, one son: Michael (Sounay) O'Dwyer of Bow, Washington; two daughters: Crystal Baker and Amber Crum of Joplin, one stepdaughter: Christy Braden of Rupert, Idaho, one stepson: Jacob O'Dwyer of Carl Junction, one sister: Donna (Ted) Baugh of Carthage, ten grandchildren, one great-grandson, Hudson, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Also, his fishing buddy, Lynn McCray.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Patricia Baker.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Solace House of the Ozarks, Joplin, or Carterville Methodist Church.

Services for Wayne will be held Thursday, April 11, 1:30 pm, at Carterville Methodist Church.

Internment of the ashes will be at Kirk Cemetery, Seneca, MO, at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Christy, Elysia, & Whitney purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wayne Baker.* ”



Christy, Elysia, & Whitney - April 11, 2024 at 07:40 PM

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“ *Wayne is my cousin and, though, our families had been distant for several years, he and his were never far from my heart. An out-of-the-blue phone call from Wayne a few months ago was delightful although bittersweet as he also shared the news of his deteriorating condition. I'll be forever grateful I was able to visit this past weekend with him, Patty, Donna and others. Their kindness and generosity was nothing less than I'd remembered. My love and prayers are with all of them as is my elation that Wayne had made it Home.* ”

Sheri Baker Gibe - April 10, 2024 at 01:01 PM

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Wayne is my cousin also, and like Sheri, I am so grateful for the time I was able to spend with Wayne. I last saw him in June last year (I live out of state) but we were able to take a short walk together and share our childhood memories. Wayne told me he was excited about going Home to be with Jesus. My love and prayers are with Patty and all the family. The Bakers Hitmakers are reunited once more. ❤️

Kendra - April 12, 2024 at 12:59 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Wayne Baker.*



April 10, 2024 at 12:17 AM



“ *Wayne was a good Christian man. I enjoyed working with, and sharing many conversations with him. He was very sharp, and a great machinist. He will surely be missed. God bless and rest peacefully Wayne.*

Riley - April 09, 2024 at 07:52 AM



“ *I and many others Enjoyed working with Wayne during his time at Jasper Products He is missed. RIP Wayne*

Robert Walker - April 08, 2024 at 04:27 PM