



Wayne Louis Baker

April 16, 1947 - July 15, 2020

Baker, Wayne

Manchester, Michigan

Wayne Louis Baker, age 73, resident of Manchester, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, July 15th, 2020. Wayne was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, and brother. Wayne was born on April 16th, 1947 to Louis and Jane “Jean” (Kaiser) Baker in Alpena, Michigan. He married his best friend and true love Gloria Konarzewski on September 27, 1969 in Herron, Michigan at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. They were blessed with fifty wonderful years of marriage, two daughters, and two granddaughters. Wayne served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and was stationed at Glenview Naval Air Station in Glenview, Illinois from 1969-1973. While serving in the Navy, Wayne earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Roosevelt University in Chicago, Illinois in June of 1973. He went on to earn a Master of Business Administration from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan in December of 1974. Wayne found his passion in 1994 when he left a successful career in the corporate world and opened the Ann Arbor franchise of the Wild Bird Center. Wayne’s customers and employees inspired him daily and he loved offering his store as a location for local organizations to give educational presentations on wildlife and preservation. Wayne retired in 2010 and spent his retirement with his beloved wife, Gloria. They split their time between travelling the world, helping raise their granddaughters, spending time with their family, and maintaining their large home gardens.

Wayne loved to spend time with his family, he had a truly great sense of humor and always kept his family laughing. Wayne would laugh so hard that his cheeks would turn red and his eyes would tear up. Wayne was always a source of joy to those around him. He was an avid gardener, golfer, and home repair expert. He will be very missed but is forever in our hearts.

Wayne is survived by his beloved wife Gloria, mother Jane “Jean” Baker of Chelsea, Michigan, daughters Amy (Scott) Baker-Young of Webberville, Michigan, and Noelle Baker

(Jeff Showiak) of Dundee, Michigan, granddaughters Celeste and Daphne Baker, sister DeeAnn (Douglas) Bauer of Troy, Michigan, and exchange student daughter Dorothy (Karnik Shishmanian) Rouse of Vancouver, British Columbia. Wayne was preceded in death by his father, Louis C. Baker.

Per Wayne's request, there will be no funeral service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Huron Valley Humane Society.

Please leave a message of comfort for Wayne's family or sign his guestbook at www.einederfuneralhomes.com.

Comments



“ Grant and I would like to send our condolences to the Baker family. DeeAnn, we're so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you.
Grant and Karen Kesterke Werth

Karen Werth - July 23 at 10:09 AM



“ Dear Family, Our cousin Wayne left a lasting impression on us. Please accept our sincere sympathy for your loss, which is shared by all. Please give my love to Aunt Jean.

Tim Kaiser - July 21 at 05:49 PM



“ Gloria and family...I am so very sorry for your loss!...Wayne was a great guy! Hugs and prayers for you all...Vicki

vicki Piontkowski - July 21 at 01:08 PM



“ We send our condolences, to you and your family Noelle.

Erik Hautamaki - July 20 at 06:59 PM



“ So sorry to hear the sad news, Noelle. We're keeping you and your family in our thoughts.

Bill Day - July 20 at 12:24 AM



“ I remember meeting Wayne when Noelle and I started at Lawrence Tech back in 1992. Even then, I remember how handy he was with the house in Southfield. Always friendly and gregarious, especially at family events and milestones, Wayne made those moments especially sweet. Your family has a lot of love, and it shows every minute.

Joseph Labataille - July 19 at 08:41 PM



“ I will always remember Wayne as such a kind, thoughtful person with a twinkle in his eye and a warm smile for all who met him. So sorry for the loss of a wonderful son, husband, father, and grandfather. Love as comfort to your family, Marie Bauer-Moulds



Marie Bauer-Moulds - July 19 at 12:58 PM