



Michael Edward Baker

January 2, 1956 - January 23, 2024

Michael Edward Baker, 68, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

Mike was born in Seminole, Oklahoma on January 2, 1956, the son of Robert Alan and Virginia Lee (Cawthon) Baker. The family moved to Farmington, New Mexico when Mike was two and then on to Wyoming when he started fifth grade. The family lived in Casper and then Newcastle before finally settling in Gillette where Mike graduated from Campbell County High School. He excelled there and was voted Most Likely to Succeed, was Valedictorian, and served as Senior Class President and National Honor Society President. After high school, Mike went on to the University of Wyoming, where he earned an BS degree in Business Administration / Industrial Management and was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

Following graduation, Mike joined Conoco Pipe Line Company as a Pipeline Engineering Trainee in their management development program and remained at the company throughout his career. Once again, Mike excelled, progressing through Pipeline into other departments including Product Supply and Trading and Natural Gas Liquids. Throughout these years, he also made lifelong friends. Mike remained at Conoco Inc., then ConocoPhillips, and later Phillips66 for 40 years until his retirement in 2018.

Mike's love of family was always foremost. He met his wife Jennie (Vought) Baker while both were working for Conoco in Tulsa. They were married in 1991 and remained loving partners and parents for 29 years until Jennie's death in 2020. Together, they shared three children, Marcie, Leslie and Graham, who were Mike's greatest source of pride. He remained active in their lives, supporting them in all of their artistic and athletic endeavors, and later in their professional careers. He was such a proud parent!

Mike was well known for his wonderful sense of humor. He was also an avid golfer and loved playing top courses around the United States. He loved to travel and never said no to a new adventure. He loved music, frequently going to concerts and musical theater productions. He also loved the friends he and his family made in their Wilchester West community, friends that quickly became extended family and where he is known by many as "PB," a nickname given to him by Jennie. Galveston was Mike's "happy place," and he spent as much time as possible at the Bay House with family and friends, often serving up his famous grilled lobster tails with herb butter. He was a longtime member of Memorial Drive United Methodist Church and served on the church's Caring Forever Foundation since 2021, serving as Chair for the last two years.

Mike is loved immeasurably by his family. He is survived by his daughters, Marcie Raye Baker (Tommy Chenault) and Leslie Louise Baker Neal (Colton Neal), and his son Graham Dunning Baker (Jennifer Baker); brother Bob Baker (Debbie) and sister Kellye Fazio (Vince); father-in-law Robert Vought; sister-in-law Roxie Allen (Mike) and brother-in-law Tom Vought; numerous nieces and nephews, and his companion of the last few years, Debbie Fralix. He was preceded in death by his parents, his mother-in-law Mary Joy Vought, and his adored wife, Jennie.

Mike's Celebration of Life will be held at Memorial Drive United Methodist

Church, 12955 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas, on Friday, February 9, 2024, at two o'clock in the afternoon. Immediately following, a reception will be held in the Friendship Court. For those who cannot attend, the service will be streamed live through the church's website at www.mdumc.org/mikebaker .

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made in honor of Mike to the Caring Forever Foundation at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church
12955 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX
<http://www.mdumc.org>

Reception to Follow Service

FEB 9. 3:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church
12955 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX
<http://www.mdumc.org>

Tribute Wall

TF

“ Transwestern Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Edward Baker.



Transwestern Family - February 06, 2024 at 12:04 PM

HM

“ Hayden M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Edward Baker.

Hayden M. - February 01, 2024 at 03:44 PM

PF

“ Philip and Jayne Frederickson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Edward Baker.

Philip and Jayne Frederickson - January 31, 2024 at 11:36 AM

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“ Philip and Jayne Frederickson purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Michael Edward Baker.



Philip and Jayne Frederickson - January 31, 2024 at 11:36 AM

SB

“ As fellow alumni of Continental Pipe Line Company we knew Mike throughout our careers and worked with him in a number of roles. He was a very good engineer, and I always appreciated his calm manner in handling problems and challenges, usually with a bit of humor. He was naturally friendly and quick to put people at ease.

We will always have fond memories of times we spent with Mike and Jennie over the years - dinners together, their wedding with our daughter as a flower girl, many other social events. You both left us too soon. To Mike's family, you are in our thoughts. Our prayer for you is that happy memories of his life with you will bring joy long after your grief has passed.

Susan and Steve Bell

Susan & Steve Bell - January 30, 2024 at 02:59 PM

ND

“ Monica and I send our heartfelt condolences to the Baker family. As an ex “Conoco Pipeliner”, I also traveled the same career path as Mike, we knew each other and worked together on many occasions for decades. Mike was always cheerful and quick with a smile. We enjoyed Mike's friendship and company. May the memories you have provide solace during this challenging time. Wishing your family strength and comfort.

Nick Dombalis

Nick Dombalis - January 26, 2024 at 04:53 PM

TK

“ Dear friends over the many years we worked together at Conoco and now reunited with one another. Deepest sympathy to their beloved children and other family members and friends who are grieving over Mike's passing so soon after Jennie. I claim God's promise for them in Rev 21, "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Tom Knudson - January 26, 2024 at 03:45 PM

LG

“ I am so sorry about Mike's passing. I knew both Jennie and Mike when we worked at CONOCO. Prayers to the family during this very difficult time.

Laura Greenwood

Laura Greenwood - January 26, 2024 at 07:37 AM

RB

“ Sincere condolences to the family. I am so very sorry for your loss. May God provide the necessary peace and comfort to your family and friends during this difficult time. Please remember these words of encouragement from the Bible: “ Jesus plainly told her: “I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.” —John 11:20-25.

Ruby Bell - January 25, 2024 at 01:50 PM