



Paul Norman Baker

July 14, 1932 - November 12, 2019

Paul Norman Baker, Sr., 87, of Mooresville, passed away on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at Gordon Hospice House in Statesville.

He was born on July 14, 1932 in Mooresville, NC, to the late James and Bertha Vanzant Baker. Mr. Baker was a US Army veteran and retired from the US Postal Service. He was a pilot and an instructor since 1948 and received The Wright Brothers Master Pilot award from the FAA. He was a member of the RC Wingers. Mr. Baker was a member of Kannapolis Church of God; where he was a member of the orchestra. He was also a member of the Lake Norman orchestra.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brothers, Donald Baker and Steve Caldwell.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Evelyn St. Clair Baker; sons, Paul Baker, Jr. and wife, Rene, Jeffrey Baker and wife, Margaret both of Mooresville; grandchildren, Andrew Baker and wife, Sarah, Alex Baker, and Megan Baker; sisters-in-law, Kay Caldwell, Betty St. Clair Erwin; and brother-in-law, Larry St. Clair.

The family will receive friends on Friday, November 15 from 5:00-7:00 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 16 at Kannapolis Church of God with Rev. Greg Sloop officiating. The body will lie in state one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow the service at Glenwood Memorial Park in Mooresville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Kannapolis Church of God Music Fund, 2211 West A Street, Kannapolis, NC 28081 or Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County, 2347 Simonton Rd, Statesville, NC 28625.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Baker family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery

Glenwood Memorial Park
Glenwood Drive
Mooresville, NC, 28115

Events

NOV 15 **Receiving Friends** 05:00PM - 07:00PM
Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive, Mooresville, NC, US, 28115

NOV 16 **Funeral Service** 02:00PM - 02:45PM
Kannapolis Church of God
2211 W A Street, Kannapolis, NC, US, 28081

NOV 16 **Graveside Service** 03:15PM - 03:45PM
Glenwood Memorial Park
Glenwood Drive, Mooresville, NC, US, 28115

Comments



“ To Evelyn, Paul Jr, Jeffery and all the Baker Family I send my deepest sympathy. I just read of Paul's passing. Paul was one of the best musicians I ever knew! I was honored to have him as a mentor. I taught the boys, but I learned all I know about Big Band music from playing with Paul and all the Alumni of Note. Gabriel has a great t'bone player!!

I know God will give you strength to cope with your loss. I love you all.

Willie Beaver



Willie Beaver - November 18, 2019 at 09:35 PM



“ I was out of town and just learned of Paul's passing. He was a great musician, active hobbyist, such-a-faithful visitor to his wife in Genesis, and just an all-around great guy! I played in Lake Norman Orchestra with Paul, and was part of the group that performed Christmas cantatas in his church. I also played my bass with the Outreach Singers from Davidson United Methodist Church, and often sang on Monday mornings every month or so. Paul often brought his wife to hear our lively group.. Paul always had a smile on his face. After he retired from Lake Norman Orchestra, I often saw him attending our concerts. He was young-at-heart, and always happy! He will surely be missed! Linda Pedersen, String Bass



Linda Easterla Pedersen - November 18, 2019 at 02:27 PM



“ I have known Paul for 60 years, he was my Sunday school teacher when I was a teenager and he left his foot prints in my life. That was at the Mooresville COG. He was a inspiration to many. Family is in my prayers

John Wilson. (Junior) - November 18, 2019 at 02:08 PM



“ Paul served God for many years. He is now worshiping in the presence of his Lord. May the comfort of God be with each of you.
Don and Margaret Whichard

Margaret Whichard - November 16, 2019 at 06:30 PM



“ Paul Jr. and Family,
In reading postings on your Dads Tribute Wall, it is obvious that your Father was loved and respected by so many and has definitely left a footprint and a vacancy in the lives of many. I regret that I did not have the pleasure of meeting him. However, in knowing you Paul, it is obvious that your Dad instilled many endearing qualities in you. May the grace of our Lord be with and your Family and comfort you in the days ahead until you are together again. In love & peace, Beverly Sproul Holt

Beverly B Holt - November 16, 2019 at 12:20 PM



“ !I did not know Paul.very well just seeing.hi m in church,.but.he was.always very friendly fans would always stop.and talk to my husband. He always had a smile and a.good word. He was a special person.

Rachel Whitley - November 16, 2019 at 06:19 AM



“ We are sorry for the passing of Paul and regret that we were not able to attend the visitation of one of our long time friends. Paul was one of the nicest men one could ever meet and I am grateful to have know him. He was always smiling and had a nice word for every one he met. I will always cherish the memories of flying with him. God Bless!!

Cotton Ketchie - November 16, 2019 at 02:09 AM



“ Long time friend of Paul. He worked with my Dad at the Post Office for many years. Always pleasant and easy to talk to. Prayers for Peace and Comfort to the family. A man who contributed greatly to our community.

Richard Oliphant - November 15, 2019 at 03:41 PM



“ Wonderful pilot and great friend. The history of the Lake Norman Airpark would not be complete without him. He trained numerous pilots as an instructor and also spread the word Of Aviation too young people in the Mooresville area!

Jake Atteberry - November 15, 2019 at 12:45 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Paul's passing. I did not know him very well, but I enjoyed being around him. I met him while playing in the Lake Norman Orchestra with him. He always had his trademark smile, and very pleasant attitude. Seems he knew how to be positive, enjoy life, focus on all the gifts that God gives us. Paul, we will miss you, until we meet again

Glenn Loomer - November 14, 2019 at 06:24 PM



“ I am so saddened to hear of Paul's passing. During my years playing in the Lake Norman Orchestra, Paul was not only a wonderful talent, but he had an infectious enthusiasm for sharing the love of music with others. He loved his church and his family, and I enjoyed hearing him share his life experiences with his happy demeanor. I considered him a friend and musical colleague; he will be missed by all who knew him. Until we meet again, Paul!

Sally - November 14, 2019 at 06:53 PM



“ Though I think he was actually a cousin, I called him uncle. Always ready with a laugh and would take you up in his plane in a moment. Once he had me in the air he would let me fly with him observing carefully. He will be greatly missed by my family.

Charles Vanzant - November 14, 2019 at 01:12 PM



“ It saddened me to read of Paul's passing in the newspaper this morning. I last saw him perhaps less than a year ago at the What-A-Burger in Mooresville. Paul and I had both played in the Alumni of Note with guitarist Reid Brown and trumpeter Jim Kovarik, both now passed also.
Paul had a marvelous personality. He was always up-beat and smiling. His trombone playing was a natural extension of himself. I would imagine he is even now playing "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" with the Angels' Band, and that band would sound a little better with Paul playing with them.
O. C. "Chip" Stonestreet

O. C. Stonestreet - November 14, 2019 at 10:35 AM



“ I am sorry to hear of Paul’s passing. He was a wonderful gentleman with an infectious joy for life, an excellent musician and fine example of a Christian. He will be sorely missed. Praying for the entire family. There is rejoicing in Heaven today. Paul has arrived to the place he longed for, with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Rick and Deborah Bowman - November 13, 2019 at 11:14 PM



“ I’m so sorry to hear of Paul’s passing, though I know he’s celebrating in Heaven now. Paul was such an important figure in my life. He was my Sunday School teacher, and I spent a lot of time with him playing trombone in both the church band, and in our community band, the Alumni of Note. He also took me flying periodically in my younger days, and later served as my flight instructor, and solo’d me. But in spite of these many accomplishments, by far the most important impact on me was living a good Christian life, and modeling walking in the footsteps of the Lord. He will be sorely missed by those he leaves behind. I’m privileged to have been able to call him my friend. Kevin M. Smith

Kevin M Smith - November 13, 2019 at 07:28 PM



“ I can remember mr baker allways being a great godley Christian man I sure will ms him

Ricky Darnell - November 13, 2019 at 03:37 PM



“ A good man. Will be missed. RIP Paul.

John Kirkman - November 13, 2019 at 03:34 PM