



## Donald "Don" Baker

September 21, 1933 - September 3, 2017

Donald L. "Don" Baker, 83, of Mooresville, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, September 3, 2017. Born in Indianapolis on September 21, 1933, Don was the son of Herman and Margaret (Betty) Webb Baker.

After moving to Mooresville as a child, Don graduated from Monrovia High School with the class of 1951. Don and his beloved wife of 59 years, Bonita L. (Moody) Baker, were united in marriage on June 15, 1958, a true example of lasting love and commitment. From 1952-1961, Don proudly dedicated himself to the service of his country in the Army National Guard, where he was promoted and ranked as a 1st Class Sergeant.

Don spent his life doing what he loved. A reputable and selfless Morgan county farmer, he recently retired when his health started to decline. Don helped his father build Baker's Echo Lake Mobile Home Community, where he successfully ran and operated the park until 1998. In addition, he helped with the production and build of Lake Bodona (named after Bonnie and Don). Mr. Baker was also the co-owner of the Double B Arena that is often referred to as the Baker's Rodeo on Gasburg Road.

A man of great faith and cherished Elder, he was a devoted member and servant at the Monrovia Christian Church. Don will be remembered by his church family for his famous "smile times" that he truly loved to share with the

congregation. Above all, he found great joy in bringing a smile to others faces. Don will also be remembered for his warm smile, kind heart and gentle spirit. He always had time for others and made sure to put the needs of others before his own. An honest, fair and hardworking man, he exemplified honor and integrity to all that were privileged to know him. He was a father figure to many young kids who looked up to him as he mentored and taught them the value of respect and honest, hard work.

Along with his wife, Bonnie, survivors include his children, Mike Baker, Doug Baker (wife, Robin) and Debbie Monts (husband, Frank); as well as his grandchildren who loved, respected and adored him, Justin, Jesse and Kayla Monts, Katy Baker (fiance', Austin Mason), Shelby Hadley (husband, Jake) and Jeb Baker; and three great grandsons.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8pm, on Thursday, September 7, 2017, at Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. A Celebration of Life Service begin at 11:00am, on Friday, September 8, 2017, at the funeral home, with additional calling held an hour prior. Pastor Richard Dickison will officiate services and burial will follow in White Lick Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Monrovia Christian Church. To upload a picture on his tribute wall, share a favorite story, send the family an online condolence, sign the online guest registry, or light a candle in his memory visit [www.lightmemorial.com](http://www.lightmemorial.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel  
585 East Main Street  
Monrovia, IN 46157  
(317) 996-2101  
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

## Visitation

SEP 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

SEP 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

 Kathy  
Bryant-  
Wirey

“ *Sorry for your loss. Don will be sadly missed!*

*Timothy & Kathy Wirey*



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**Kathy Bryant-Wirey** - September 08, 2017 at 10:51 PM

JW

“ *John Hast & Wendy lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Baker*



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**John Hast & Wendy** - September 08, 2017 at 12:17 PM

DY

“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you today. Donnie had the greatest smile and loving heart.*

*Donna & Rob Yeley*

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**DONNA YELEY** - September 08, 2017 at 09:36 AM

JP

“ *Jeff And Lori Pierson lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Baker*



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**Jeff and Lori Pierson** - September 07, 2017 at 03:22 PM



“ 98 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - September 07, 2017 at 01:34 PM

MH

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. Donnie was a good man and good neighbor. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*John and Mary Ann Henderson*

mary henderson - September 06, 2017 at 08:11 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Baker.



September 06, 2017 at 07:55 PM

HC

“ Henry Collins lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Baker



Henry Collins - September 06, 2017 at 02:21 PM

HC

“ I was a troubled youth. For a couple of summers, to help my mom, I stayed with my great aunt Grace (Don's mother-in-law.) Grace told me the gospel of Christ with such enthusiasm, joy and such a gleam in her eyes that I'm a devout Christian. No one can take my faith from me.

Don mentored me and always found some chores to keep me occupied and out of trouble. Don taught me the value of honest, hard work. Because of Don's positive role model, I kept a strong work ethic until I retired (I still do much more than I should) and I passed that work ethic down to my children & grandchildren.

God only knows what would have become of me if not for Don's influence. When I consider the path I was on, I suspect I'd be dead, in prison or strung out in a gutter somewhere if not for Don's influence in my life during those critical years.

Don is dearly loved and sorely missed.

Henry Collins - September 06, 2017 at 02:20 PM



“ Darin Dunham lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Baker



Darin Dunham - September 06, 2017 at 02:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Baker.*



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September 06, 2017 at 01:48 PM



“ *Bonnie & Family - So sorry to hear that Donnie passed. Our families have been connected for many years. I remember visiting with all of you often when I was younger. I have many memories of our family spending a lot of time at Echo Lake during the summers. May you be comforted by the many prayers and well wishes from everyone that knew Donnie.*

*Kathie (Eckstein) Tooley*

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**Kathie Tooley** - September 06, 2017 at 08:51 AM



“ *DONNA LAMBERT lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Baker*



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**DONNA LAMBERT** - September 06, 2017 at 01:07 AM

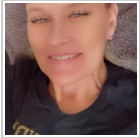
KH

“ *Bonnie, I've known you and Don for as long as I can remember! Living at the lake Betty and Henry were a constant part of our lives! So sorry for your loss! Prayers to all of you!*



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**kristy "Scott" Hinshaw** - September 05, 2017 at 10:28 PM



“ *Mary Harrison lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Baker*



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**Mary Harrison** - September 05, 2017 at 09:20 PM

SL

“ *Steve & Kim Link lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Baker*



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**Steve & Kim Link** - September 05, 2017 at 08:14 PM

DC

“ *Dear Bonnie and family,*

*We're so sorry to hear of your loss. You have our prayers and sympathy.*

*Barry and Diana Catt*

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**Diana Catt** - September 05, 2017 at 08:04 PM

GA

“ Wonderful neighbor and friend of many years. prayers to the family. Will miss his smiles! Gene and Darlene Atkinson .

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**Gene Atkinson** - September 05, 2017 at 06:46 PM

VD

“ Bonnie and family, we are very sorry to hear of Dons passing. He was a wonderful man and would always help anyone at anytime. The Lord will be receiving a good man and christian. His smile will be missed by all who knew him. Prayers will be said for you and your family.

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**Vickie and Greg Davis** - September 05, 2017 at 06:29 PM

MP

“ When I would call to talk to Mike and Don answered the phone he always said, "Cost You A Quarter." I owe him a lot of quarters,

*Marcy L, Patrick*

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**Marcy Patrick** - September 05, 2017 at 06:16 PM

RB

“ My cousin Bonnie Moody Baker's husband:  
Don was a man's man even in his youth. I have always respected him for his dedication to family, church and country. He was one of the Molds that were broken. In my life I mentioned Bonnie and Donnie' s names with respect.

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**Russ Brown** - September 05, 2017 at 04:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Baker.*



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September 05, 2017 at 04:19 PM



“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Robin Hightower** - September 05, 2017 at 04:16 PM



“ *My parents (Mom) still does loved at Echo Lake for 48 years! I have many many childhood memories of the Baker family! He was a kind and caring person, and we will miss him dearly!*

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**Jodi (Brewster) Tilford** - September 05, 2017 at 03:21 PM



“ *I will always remember your father as a kind a gentle soul. Growing up at Echo he always made sure we were all ok. And when your grandparents were away he would always come and unlock the basement for us while we waited on the bus. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

*Robin Pitts (Conquest)*

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**Robin Conquest** - September 05, 2017 at 03:18 PM

DA

“ *Thoughts and prayers go out to the family* ”

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**Danny Allen** - September 05, 2017 at 03:08 PM