



## Richard Marshall Baker

February 6, 1936 - September 8, 2025

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Surrounded by his family, Richard (Dick) M. Baker peacefully left his earth on September 8, 2025 for his eternal home with his Lord and Savior. He was predeceased by his

parents Dan and Alta Lee Baker, wife Carolyn Baker, daughter Marcie Baker and brothers Dan

and Bill Baker. Left to cherish his memory are daughter Pam (Billy) Longshore, son Bric

(Emily) Baker, son Chad Baker, 11 grandchildren: Colter (Rebecca) Longshore, Micah (Emily)

Baker, Brooke (Alex) Ritter, Isaiah (Addie) Baker, Laurah (Isaac) Ward, Isaac Baker, Jack Baker,

Bahr Baker, Jessah Baker, Jace Baker and William Baker; 4 great grandchildren: Lennon

Longshore, Baker Longshore, Fynlin Ward and Eden Baker; and sister in law Rebecca Byrd.

Dick Baker was born on February 6, 1936, in Birmingham, Alabama as part of the Baker

Dairy family. He had many adventures growing up in and around Shades Creek and at the Baker

family farm in Greene County. He graduated from Woodlawn High School where he was an

outstanding football player. He also would occasionally pick up his dates in a Baker milk truck.

Dick was always one to break the mold, so he decided to attend Baylor University in Waco,

Texas for college despite most in his family going to Auburn or another state school. He was led

to attend Baylor after meeting a group from Baylor at his church (McElwain Baptist) who were

serious about their Christian faith. He thrived at Baylor playing football for 4 years on an

excellent Baylor team where he made lifelong friends. Also, the highlight of his time at Baylor

was meeting Carolyn Sue Simmons who became his wife on July 30, 1956, and they were

married for 61 years until her death on July 30, 2017. Dick was a good athlete and student

during his Baylor years and cherished his time there where his Christian faith grew.

Dick, Carolyn and one year old Pam returned to Birmingham in 1960 where he worked

for a time at Baker Dairy before again breaking the mold to go into the homebuilding and

residential real estate development business in the early 1960s at which he excelled for 4

decades. Dick was always a people person and operated his business in accordance with his

Christian faith over the years. He developed many great relationships with all the people he

worked with including customers, partners, employees and subcontractors.

His faith in Christ

infused everything he did. While in Birmingham, Dick and family were active

first at McElwain

Baptist and then at Briarwood Presbyterian Church for many decades where he served as an

elder as well as being involved with Carolyn in the Briarwood singles ministry for many years.

He also served for many decades on the board of the American Family Association and

contributed to many Christian ministries.

Over 25 years ago, Dick and Carolyn made a big move to a farm outside Shelbyville, TN

so his family could have a farm like he enjoyed in Greene County. This farm on Pickle Road

became a gathering spot for family and friends for many years, and wonderful times were

experienced there. Dick was always a people person who loved meeting new people and being

with friends and family. He never met a stranger. The past few years he enjoyed living at

Morning Pointe in Tullahoma, TN where he became friends with the other residents and the staff there.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the American Family

Association, P.O. Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803. There will be a memorial service on

Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 3pm at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel, 2022 North Main Street,

Shelbyville, TN 37160 with visitation prior at 2pm.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **13.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel  
2022 North Main St.  
Shelbyville, TN 37160  
(931) 684-8356  
feldhausgowensmith@gmail.com  
<http://feldhausgowensmith.com/>

## Funeral Service

SEP **13.** 3:00 PM (CT)

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Glass family would like to extend our heart felt condolences to the entire Baker family. Dick and my Dad met at Baylor and became lifelong friends. Over the years Dick and Carolyn would visit my Mother and Father and we always had a great time together. I can only imagine the wonderful heavenly reunion that is going on right now and will probably continue for eternity. Dick and Carolyn, Bill and Mavis Glass and the John Preston family and many many others.*

*Love and blessings to you all!!*

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**Billy Glass** - October 07, 2025 at 03:43 PM

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“ *I met Dick at the Bell Buckle Cafe over 20 years ago. He sometimes sang Sons of Pioneer songs. He was a special friend. Last time we crossed paths, he came to our table and sang Thanks for the Memories. He was with Chad & other family. RIP from Bill Johns.*

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**Bill Johns** - September 12, 2025 at 09:54 AM

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*I met Dick at Morning Pointe where he lived and I work as a Lpn. He was the first resident I had contact with when I came to be hired. My husband was very impressed by his days at Baylor being their punter. He always asked about the Baylor football player. He was always a gentleman and Im so proud our paths crossed. Rest in peace Dick, I sure loved you buddy.*

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**Kathy Ann Tate Rollins** - September 13, 2025 at 02:00 PM