



## Charlie Rudolph Baker

February 12, 1927 - May 16, 2019

"One Day at a Time" by singer Cristy Lane, was the favorite song of Lt. Charlie Rudolph Baker, USN, Retired. He chose to live each day of his 92 years fully and purposefully. In the early morning hours of May 16, 2019, he laid down the labors of this life to step into eternity with his loving Lord, Jesus. He was born in Cotton, GA on February 12, 1927. Charlie was preceded in death by both of his parents: Charlie Luther Baker and Martha Jane (Eure) Baker, as well as his sisters: Eula Mae McCorvey, Mary Melton, Lillie Belle Spinks, and Colette McBee; and his three brothers: Jack W. Baker, Tom Baker, and Ottiest R. Baker. He was also preceded in death by his son, Charles Rudolph (Rudy) Baker.

Charlie entered the US Navy in 1944 and served for twenty-three years before retiring in 1967 as a lieutenant. During his service, he worked on several ships including the USS Direct, which was in the invasion of the South of France at the end of WW II. He served on the USS Rowe during the Korean War. While on the USS DeSoto he assisted with the evacuation of all dependents during the Cuban Missile Crisis. In 1961, when he served on the USS Rockbridge, he was selected to attend officer's candidate school.

Upon his retirement from the Navy, Charlie began a new career - restaurant management. From the age of forty, until he reached the age of seventy, Charlie managed several national restaurant chains. Once again, he retired -

but not for long. At the age of seventy-two, he was hired as a security guard at the Orlando Municipal Courthouse in Orlando, FL. He served there until he retired at the age of eighty-one.

Charlie was a member of the First Baptist Church of Longwood, FL where he shared the responsibility of teaching an adult men's Bible study with others who were in the class. He was a man who demonstrated the love of Christ through a loving and giving spirit. Those who knew him loved him. His salty wit and charm often left us with a smile. His love for his family was unmatched. Truly, there was not another man like him and there never will be. We will miss him deeply.

Charlie is survived by his wife of over sixty years, Annie B Baker. He is also survived by his daughters Gloria Baker and Cheryl Baker, and his son, Charles (Lee) Baker (Lisa), as well as his stepdaughter, Pamela Huggins, and stepson, Richard Stangler (Sharon) and one foster daughter, Kathleen Durland. Charlie was blessed with ten grandchildren: Craig Hardin (Sonja) Tiffany Ivey (Sam), Tonya Todd (Joey), Joshua Baker (Lyndsey), Kate Baker, Debra (Maya) Baker, Meggan Huggins, Jonathan Huggins, Ryan Stangler, LeAnn Smith (Donovan). Plus, he was doubly blessed with twelve great-grandchildren: Haleigh Huggins, Cameron Huggins, Bruce Hardin, Stone Smith, Alexis Smith, Alivia Stangler, Taylor Stangler, Blake Stangler, Maddie Ivey, Emma Ivey, Hailey Todd, and Carter Todd. Many nieces and nephews considered him their father figure. His long-time friends and neighbors who referred to him as "Mr. B" were like family to him.

The Celebration of Life service for Lt. Charlie R. Baker, USN, Retired will be on Monday, June 17, 2019, at 11:00 AM in the Chapel at Highland Memory Gardens, Hwy 436, Altamonte Springs, FL.

The family respectfully requests in lieu of flowers donations be made to

Hospice of the Comforter at 480 W. Central Parkway, Altamonte Springs, FL.  
32714.

# Tribute Wall

PH

“Dad, tomorrow is Father’s Day, our first without you. Today, when I was out with Meggan, I saw a display of Father’s Day cards and immediately thought, “I need to get Dad a card.” Then I caught myself tearfully remembering you are not here. I miss you Dad...but one thing I know... you are still very much with all of us everyday. I love you. ❤️ Pam

Pam Huggins - June 15, 2019 at 11:45 PM



“I just want to say thank you for being a father and friend to me and my brother buddy over the years. I enjoyed the great moments in days and years that I had with you and the family . You love us like we were your kids too . I am honored to be able to call you dad thanks again for everything love always Kathleen durland .

Kathleen Durland - June 09, 2019 at 01:11 PM

RS

“ Dad,

*Miss you, your family is doing ok, I know you are a better place, and we miss you so much. Everyone is looking after Mom.as you would want. On the day after Fathers day we will all be their for your beautiful service, I know you would like it, Why? because it is in remembrance of a great man ,I think you would have liked him, Ha! Thank you again for all you done for this family, enjoy your rest, Mom will be joining you soon, then you both can sing won't it be wonderful there.*

*Your loving son,*

*Rick*

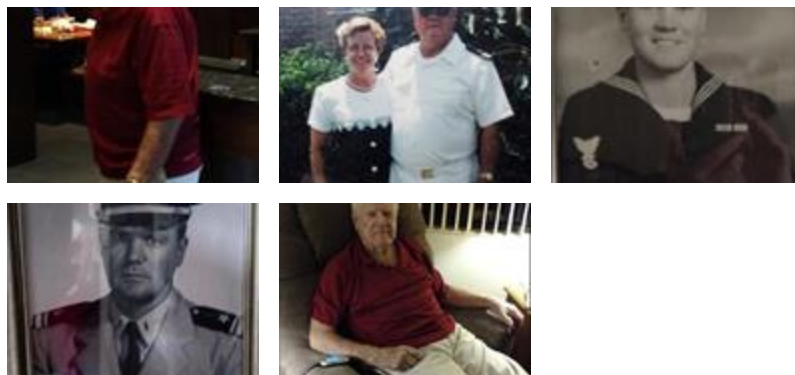
*Ps I will be conducting that service so I will enclose some of your salty wit in the mix.*

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**Rick Stangler** - June 03, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Charlie Baker



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**Luke Spalding** - May 18, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ please feel free to tell how Dad impacted your life?. He showed me about strength courage the value of hard work commitment finishing well not quitting laughing and faith miss you . we will do our best to take care of Mom Love you enjoy your rest.

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**Lee Baker** - May 18, 2019 at 07:23 AM

LB

“ My Dad worked very hard to provide for his family worked many jobs to take care of us. was strong loved his country , loved to talk with new people and had a great way to make people laugh loved my mother deeply . His two request when he talked with me was he wanted to pass at home and for me to promise to take care of Mom. I miss you but very thankful to be your son. rest well race well done life well lived.

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**lee baker** - May 17, 2019 at 06:43 PM

DA

*Grandpa Baker was a friend who loved at all times. A man who feared nothing and no one. That was possible because Grandpa Baker had the proper discernment to rightly "Fear the Lord". He was a wonderful man who was not afraid to love us just as we are. Thank God for Charles Rudolph Baker and the positive impact he had on so many lives.*

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**Danny and Su-Anne Avant** - May 25, 2019 at 07:14 AM



*I will always have great memories of Mr. Baker while hanging out with Lee at his house. He was always kind and funny, and clearly loved his family above all. I was not aware of much of his very impressive military career. Blessings to your whole wonderful family.*

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**Steven Meyers** - June 02, 2019 at 06:31 PM