



Robert M. Baker

January 18, 1950 - February 6, 2026

Robert (Bob) M. Baker, 76, was born in Metuchen, N.J., on January 18, 1950. He passed away on Friday, February 6, 2026, at AdventHealth Orlando.

Bob attended St. Frances Elementary School in Metuchen, N.J., and St. Maria Goretti Catholic High School in Hagerstown, MD, graduating as class valedictorian, he also played acoustic guitar in a folk trio. He e was a dear and respected classmate to all who knew him there. Bob continued playing music while attending The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., where he earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, and later at the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL. His career included work as a mechanical engineer and later as a computer software engineer in Orlando, FL, until his retirement. He resided in Maitland, FL until his death.

Bob's lifelong joy of playing music-both professionally and while "picking and grinning" with friends at informal jam sessions-always included time spent mentoring any budding musician he met. He performed with his church's contemporary band and participated in many church ministries.

Bob's passions also included gardening, sailing on the Gulf of Florida, teaching his grandchildren to surf on a boogie board, and sharing stories of his travels abroad. Bob loved being a Gator but also enjoyed wearing his "Proud Parent of a Florida State University Student" shirts. His genuine and

easy going personality made him a dear friend to many, far and wide. His kind acts will surely continue to resonate through his friends and family for years to come.

Bob was the devoted husband of Sheila (Hamel) Baker, with whom he celebrated 46 years of marriage. He was the beloved father of Kelly (Bill) Klein of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL; Stephen (Ashley) Baker of Port Orange, FL; and Laraine (Matthew) Pennington of St. Paul, MN. His grandchildren include Harper, Edie, Will, Nolan, Zayda, and Samuel. Bob's siblings include Billy (deceased), Nancy, Robert(deceased), Jay, Peggy Sue, Joanne(deceased), and Gina Ryan. He was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Arthur and Margaret Baker.

A Gathering will be held on February 24, 2026 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at DeGusipe Funeral Home, 9001 N. Orlando, Avenue, Maitland, FL 32757. The Funeral Mass, followed by a reception, will be held on February 25, at 11:00am @ St. Augustine Catholic Church, 375 N. Sunset Drive, Casselberry, FL 32707. Lunch will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Sharing Center, 600 N. U.S. Hwy 17-92, Suite 130, Longwood, FL 32750.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

FEB **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Ave
Maitland, FL 32751
(407) 695-2273
todd@degusipe.com
<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

Memorial Mass

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
375 N. Sunset Dr.
Casselberry, FL 32707

Reception

FEB **25**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
375 Sunset Drvie
Casselberry, FL 32707

Inurnment

FEB **25**. 2:30 PM (ET)

Queen of Angels Catholic Cemetery
1901 Queen of Angels Drive
Winter Park, FI 32792

Tribute Wall

HA

“ Heidi A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert M. Baker.

Heidi A. - February 25 at 09:25 AM

WU

“ With love, The Swearingens and Urbanskis purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert M. Baker.



With love, The Swearingens and Urbanskis - February 24 at 11:25 PM

WU

“ With love, The Swearingens and Urbanskis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert M. Baker.

With love, The Swearingens and Urbanskis - February 24 at 11:25 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert M. Baker.



February 23 at 07:57 PM

KW

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

Karen W. - February 23 at 01:53 PM

JU

“ I so enjoyed going out to chat with Bob. To me he was the most intelligent man I knew. I always learned so much from him. I will miss him. Julio

Julio - February 22 at 11:26 PM

AH

“ Ann H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert M. Baker.

Ann H. - February 22 at 01:23 PM

MS

“ Mike and Adrienne Sutton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert M. Baker.



Mike and Adrienne Sutton - February 21 at 01:38 PM

JD

“ We always enjoyed attending musical events with Bob and Sheila. Bob, who had a perfect ear for listening to music, could always readily explain if the musicians were on key or if the instruments were tuned correctly. We will certainly miss those wonderful occasions with this brilliant man. Our very best wishes to Sheila and the family.

Judy DAngelo - February 19 at 02:27 PM

RW

“ *Dearest Baker Family, sending our heartfelt sympathy and condolences. We will miss you, Bob, thanks so much for being a part of our lives. Our prayers and love, Robin and Richard Wells*

Robin Wells - February 17 at 03:05 PM

JN

Dearest Baker family we are so sorry for the loss of your beloved Bob we so liked and respected Him. Our prayer goes out to your whole family..

James and Peggy Nykamp - February 21 at 05:34 PM