



Douglas J. Baker

March 27, 1952 - July 15, 2023

Douglas John Baker died on Saturday, July 15, 2023. Most beloved husband of Ramona Arena Baker and brother of Laurel Hoffman (Gary), Jeffrey Baker (Jane) and the late Janice Berardelli. Uncle to Jeffrey J. Baker (Emily James), Jason Baker, Anna Berardelli-Knowles (Byron), Jill Berardelli, Luke Berardelli (Mary), as well as four Hagans, two Burklands, five DeFalcos and a host of great-nieces and great-nephews with three more on the way!

Doug was born on March 27, 1952, the second of four children of John Edward Baker and Elizabeth Alice Baker, née Mantick. Born and raised in Avalon, Pennsylvania, he graduated from Avalon High School in 1970, then attended Thaddeus Stevens Trade School.

Doug enlisted in the United States Air Force on December 16, 1975, receiving the Air Force Longevity Service Award, the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, and the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Medal. Upon separating from the military with an honorable discharge on December 15, 1979, he served in different capacities with the General Services Administration of the U. S. Government for nearly 32 years while attending college at night to earn his bachelor's degree.

Doug loved the rain, the outdoors, hunting deer, small game and waterfowl, and anything on or involving a boat! For many years he was active in the North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA) and the North Boroughs Sportsmen's Club, serving for some time as North Boroughs' representative to the Allegheny County Sportsmen's League. When young, he

and his brother competed in motocross events. Doug loved motorsports, drag racing in particular, and, in his 40s, Doug got a Harley and had a lot of fun traveling around. He loved going to Carlisle and other swap meets. In the past few years, he spent many hours on various golf courses in different leagues. In addition to his wife and siblings he is survived by wonderful cousins and over 30 nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces who adored him and who he adored and of whom he was so so proud. He derived great joy from spending time with all of them.

Visitation will be at the Thomas Smith Funeral Home & Crematory Ltd., 930 Center Avenue, Blawnox, PA 15238, on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Family and friends will meet at 10 am at the funeral home on Thursday, July 20, 2023 for a service at 11:00am. Interment will follow in Allegheny Cemetery.

Donations in Doug's memory may be made to Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children, 135 Clelian Heights Lane, Greensburg, PA, 15601.

Cemetery Details

Allegheny Cemetery

4734 Butler St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thomas M. Smith Funeral Home and Crematory Ltd.
930 Center Avenue
Blawnox, PA 15238

Memorial Service

JUL 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Douglas J. Baker

October 09, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ Douglas J. Baker

October 06, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ Buffalo G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas J. Baker.

Buffalo G. - July 19, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas J. Baker.



July 19, 2023 at 11:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Douglas J. Baker.

July 19, 2023 at 11:56 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Douglas J. Baker.



July 19, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Douglas J. Baker.

July 19, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ Gordon & Elaine Taylor & Loretta Hanson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Douglas J. Baker.



Gordon & Elaine Taylor & Loretta Hanson - July 19, 2023 at 08:31 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas J. Baker.



July 19, 2023 at 07:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Douglas J. Baker.*



July 18, 2023 at 11:52 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jeff Baker - July 18, 2023 at 11:30 PM



Hold still big brother, I have to fix your shoe... you're in our hearts forever. Godspeed my brother, Love forever.

Jeff Baker - July 18, 2023 at 11:33 PM



“ *Doug and I were Avalon High classmates, and afterwards went separate ways. We reconnected at our 20th reunion and found common ground in hunting with bird dogs. Doug was our once-a-year guest in eastern NC, as we pursued the gentlemanly sport of quail hunting. There is that special bond between men and their bird dogs. Together we discovered 2 important facts of life. You only get 1 good bird dog in life, and one and only one good mate in life. We lucked up on both.*

Bob Mazur - July 18, 2023 at 10:09 PM

DB

“ It’s hard to put in words how much someone will be missed. Doug and I went to first grade together. As kids we would spend our summers swimming, fishing, bike riding, and so on. After high school graduation we still stayed in touch. Then came the boats and the dirt bikes. As we tried to mature, golf and snow skiing entered the arena. He has always had an influence on my life and will be remembered.

Dennis Brown - July 18, 2023 at 05:30 PM

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“ Tracy &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas J. Baker.

Tracy &. - July 18, 2023 at 04:38 PM

RF

“ Doug, was a great friend to me and my son Andrew. We will always have fond memories of spending time with Doug, shooting skeet, shooting the breeze and hunting. I went with Doug to Canada on a hunting trip and I got to see the beautiful wilderness. He will be sorely missed. I take comfort though that the Lord has taken his pain away and taken him home.

Ralph Franco - July 18, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Douglas J. Baker.



July 18, 2023 at 10:06 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Douglas J. Baker.

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“ David R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas J. Baker.

David R. - July 18, 2023 at 06:22 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Douglas J. Baker.



July 17, 2023 at 07:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Douglas J. Baker.

July 17, 2023 at 07:04 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Douglas J. Baker.



July 17, 2023 at 06:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Douglas J. Baker.

July 17, 2023 at 06:10 PM



“ Jeff, Jane, Jeffrey, Emily & Jason Baker purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Douglas J. Baker.



Jeff, Jane, Jeffrey, Emily & Jason Baker - July 17, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ I enjoyed my time seeing Doug and our conversations. He was always so kind and thoughtful. How he thought of others and treated others is something I will always remember about him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones.

Mike Brestensky - July 17, 2023 at 11:20 AM



Doug was a straight up kind of guy I enjoyed hunting and riding are Harley's he will me missed

tracy mulhollen - July 17, 2023 at 01:51 PM



Doug was a great friend in our Tuesday golf league. But I will always remember best his introducing me to Lernerville Speedway. His passion for F1 and Outlaws racing was infectious. He was the only one that ever accompanied me to Lernerville. I will miss that. Condolences to Ramona. RIP Doug.

Tom Hooten - July 21, 2023 at 11:08 AM