



C.C. "Pinky" Baker Jr.

August 26, 1940 - November 28, 2014

Services for Clifford Charles Baker, 74, of Tyler, will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 3:30 PM at Marvin United Methodist Church in Tyler with Dr. Doug Baker, Dr. Paul Powell, Dr. Chris Pulliam and Bishop Joseph Strickland officiating.

Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Baker passed away on Friday, November 28, 2014 at The Hospice of East Texas in Tyler.

He was born August 26, 1940 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee to C.C. and Grace Baker.

Mr. Baker was a graduate of John Tyler High School and earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Texas Christian University. He had twenty-five years' experience in education as a teacher, coach, principal and superintendent. Mr. Baker then served as Vice President of Development and Foundation Executive Director at Tyler Junior College where he revitalized the dormant foundation to national recognition. He continued in development work serving as Vice President of Development and Foundation Executive Director for the Trinity Mother Frances Health System. For more than three decades he was a very active volunteer consultant for many non-profit organizations. After his retirement, he continued his volunteer service as a fundraiser and consultant for more than thirty local and regional organizations and groups. He was a founding member of the Cancer Foundation for Life as well as the

following: Champions for Children, Children Are a Gift (Children's Park), and the Discovery Science Place. Mr. Baker served on many boards and was past president of several of them including East Texas Mental Health Association, East Texas State Fair, PATH, Smith County Association for Retarded Citizens and Meals on Wheels. Other projects and areas of service include Carnegie History Center, Community Partner of Tyler/Rainbow Room, East Texas Economic Development Council, East Texas Workforce Development Board, Heart of Tyler, Kiwanis Club past President and project chairman for the Kiwanis Children's Place at the Andrews Center, Prevent Blindness, Mike Carter Baseball Field project renovation, SportTyler for the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce, Tyler Junior College Foundation and Tyler Independent School District Foundation, and most recently, Mr. Baker was the founding president of the Samaritan Counseling Center of Tyler. Mr. Baker was recently honored on November 6, 2014 by the East Texas Center for Nonprofits to be their first recipient of a new Nonprofit Leadership Award given in recognition of someone who has made a significant impact in the community through long term service and a history in board leadership in the East Texas Nonprofit Community. Mr. Baker was a member of the First Christian Church of Tyler.

He was preceded in death by his parents, C.C. and Grace Baker; brother, Dennis Baker and a daughter, Alison Joy Baker.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Baker of Tyler; son, Joel Baker and his wife Melanie of Tyler; two brothers, David Baker and his wife Joy of Round Rock and Larry Baker and his wife Anita of Fruitvale; two sisters, Ardath Clifton and husband Larry of Austin and Karen Daudelin and husband Don of Bloomington, Illinois; his beloved grandchildren, Coleman, Mallory and Griffin Baker as well as many nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Pallbearers will be Charles Hall, Tracy Lisner, Jim Lozier, Fabio Martinez, Andy Navarro, Lonny Uzzell, Andy Wall and John Webb.

Honorary pallbearers will be Alvin Anderson, Dr. Duane Andrews, Jerry Atherton, Harold Beard, Herbert Buie, Hudson Geddie, Jimmy Hayes, Dr.

Gary Kimmel, Robert Patterson, Jim Plyler, Dr. Bill Scroggins, Dr. David Teegarden, and Dr. Pat Thomas.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to: The Children's Park of Tyler, 5380 Old Bullard Rd., Suite 600-122, Tyler 75703; the Samaritan Counseling Center of Tyler, 100 E. Ferguson, Suite 608, Tyler 75702; the Cancer Foundation for Life, P.O. Box 8257, Tyler 75711; First Christian Church, 4202 S. Broadway, Tyler 75701; the Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler 75701; Meals on Wheels Ministry, P.O. Box 5475, Tyler 75712; PATH, 402 W. Front St., Tyler 75702; or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75702

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Tribute Wall

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“ *To C.C.'s Family:
We are so sorry for your loss & grieve with
you & for you at this time.*

*Be comforted to know his guidance &
counseling endures through the students, the downtrodden, those
he turned his way & the living organizations he loved so dearly.*

*They do & will survive on by his strong will & persuasive ways. What
a life he lived & I would dare say no one person locally could ever
retrace his footsteps for good. Thank goodness he leaves many
who will try & will do their part..*

*Proverb's 16:7 says this about the Pinky Baker's who so rarely we
get to know personally: "When a man's ways please the LORD, he
maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him (KJV).*

God Bless you sir.

James Shaw & family

James Shaw - December 03, 2014 at 11:17 AM



JW

“ *Abby, Madi...and I send our deepest
condolences, may God comfort each of you.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Jennifer Wright - December 02, 2014 at 01:04 PM





“ *Holiday Homecoming Basket was purchased for the family of C.C. "Pinky" Baker Jr..*



December 02, 2014 at 09:57 AM



“ *Strong arms of prayer surround your wonderful family. Larry Goddard and Wynell Goddard*

Larry Goddard - December 02, 2014 at 09:33 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of C.C. "Pinky" Baker Jr..*



December 01, 2014 at 03:25 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of C.C. "Pinky" Baker Jr..*



December 01, 2014 at 01:47 PM

June
Gowen

“ *Our sympathy goes to Mr. Baker's family during this difficult time. He was a five-star leader and a caring, wonderful person.*
-June and Mark Gowen

June Gowen - November 30, 2014 at 02:23 PM

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“ *My condolences to the Baker Family. ---Ann-Marie (Rodriguez) Marsh, JT Class of 1980*

Ann-Marie Marsh - November 30, 2014 at 02:16 PM

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“ *Pinky spent his life serving as an educator of students and later as an educator of his community to share for the benefit of others. We have know Pinky since his college days at TCU and have followed his work with admiration of his leadership in meeting unmet needs of others in the community. All those who he touched through his work will miss him. Special prayers for Brenda and the family.*



Hartley and Barbara Sappington

Hartley and Barbara Sappington - November 29, 2014 at 10:54 AM

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“ Joel and the rest of the Baker family:

I am greatly saddened to learn of C.C.'s passing. His long history of community service speaks for itself. C.C. was a true gentleman, a pleasure to know and to work with. More than 23 years ago, it was he who pointed me to the March of Dimes, an agency with which I'm still proud to be actively involved. Add my name to the list of those who will truly miss him.



John Sims - November 28, 2014 at 05:23 PM