



# Richard Lee Baker

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**R**ichard Lee Baker, 87, of Longview, passed away on July 28, 2022, surrounded by the family he loved and cherished. Dick was born on November 11, 1934, in El Reno, Oklahoma, to James and Pearl Baker. During his school years, his father worked in the oil field causing him to transfer schools many times. After attending as many as five schools in one year, he graduated from Seagraves High School. He went on to play football at Garden City Junior College in Kansas before transferring to play at McMurry University in Abeline.

While in high school, he met the love of his life, Jean Swilling. He first noticed Jean as a new student looking for the theater. He asked to escort her, took her by the arm, led her there, and never let her go. When she was still in high school in Seagraves, he would hitchhike 400 miles from Kansas to visit her. They married in 1956 and lived in Brownfield and Lubbock until they moved to Longview in 1967.

Dick owned Baker's Glass Company for many years. He enjoyed playing baseball and softball, coaching and watching his children and grandchildren in every event they participated in. He was an elder at St. John's Cumberland Presbyterian for many years and at Elmira Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Dick also loved to fish and travel.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Pearl Baker, and his brother and sister-in-law, Jimmy and Glenda Baker. He is survived by his loving wife, Jean Baker, and his children, Debbi Birkenfeld (Jim) of Midland, Richard Baker Jr. (Mary) of Hohenfels, Germany, David Baker of Longview, and Dennis Baker (Janice) of White Oak. He also has eight (8) grandkids and eleven (11) great-grandkids.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation to the nurses and staff of Whispering Pines Lodge and the wonderful staff of Heartsway Hospice for the excellent care during the last months of Dick's time on earth.

His life will be celebrated on Saturday, July 30, 2022, at 11:00 am at Elmira Chapel



## Obituary

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Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The family will receive friends and loved ones for a time of visitation one hour prior to the service at 10:00 am at the church.

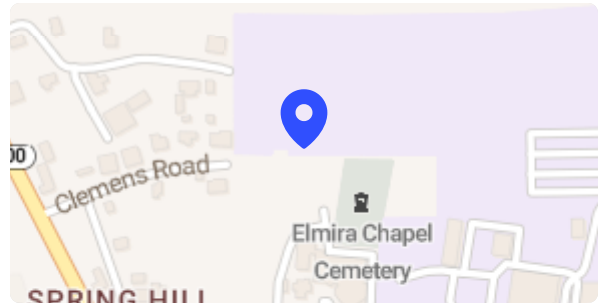


# Events

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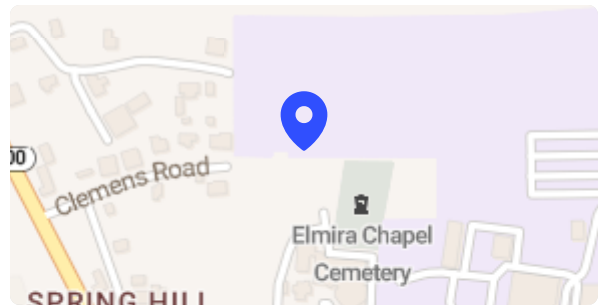
## Visitation

- 📅 **Saturday, July 30, 2022**
- 🕒 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM MT
- 📍 **Elmira Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church**  
3501 Elmira Drive, Longview TX



## Memorial Service

- 📅 **Saturday, July 30, 2022**
- 🕒 11:00 AM CT
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## Tribute Wall

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CB

**Celeste Boyd** posted:

Condolences to this family, thoughts & Prayers are with you. May your many wonderful memories be a comfort to you ❤️🙏

July 30 at 4:30 PM

LF

**Leland And Pat Frase** posted:

Jean, we are so very sorry for this great loss. We will be praying that the Lord gives you and your family comfort and peace.

July 30 at 1:17 PM

CH

**Cyndy Huggins** posted:

My condolences to the Baker family in the loss of your Dad and loved one. Thinking of all of you during this time. ❤️

July 30 at 12:07 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Baker family.



July 30 at 10:52 AM

HT

**Heather Hayes Terry** posted:

So many of my childhood memories include Dick, Jeannie and family. From our small church to riding my bike to their house and so much more. He will be missed and my prayers are with you all. I see him singing his heart out with Jesus now ❤️

July 29 at 6:45 PM



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LL

**Lee Land** posted:

It is really very easy to say what a great man this was to myself and my family as he was always around from coaching baseball to going on family trips and always being there when bumps in the road came up. I along with so many others will say how lucky we were to know Dick Baker. My thoughts and prayers for Jean, Debbi, Dickie, David, Dennis, and the Baker clan. Love , The Lee Land family

July 29 at 2:50 PM

MR

**Mary Rawdon** July 30 at 11:09 AM

Jean and Dick were such a loving couple! I knew them when I was in High School in Seagraves Texas!. We have not lived near them . Jean and myself have the same Birthday.we had a sweet 16 Birthday Party I will never forget.I have been widowed for 8/1/2 years .Jean it is not easy being alone but you are strong and with your kids andGods help you can survive! I Love you, Mary from Edmond, Ok

PN

**Pat And 'Holley' Noon** posted:

Jean and family,Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Dick was such a blessing to everyone that he ever met. You would not meet a more caring person. He was an outstanding person and will be greatly missed. May God be with each of you in the difficult days to come.'holley' and Pat Noon

July 29 at 10:44 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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