



Homer Andrew Baker

November 17, 1939 - September 2, 2024

Homer Andrew Baker, age 84 years, a resident of rural Vienna, Illinois, passed away Monday morning, September 2, 2024, at 9:55 A.M. at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky.

Homer was born November 17, 1939 in the Bloomfield community in Johnson County Illinois. He was the son of Homer Edward Baker and Gladys Fern (Whiteside) Baker.

On April 26, 1975, Homer was united in marriage to Gloria Jean Hill at the First Baptist Church in Joliet, Illinois. She survives.

Other survivors include: children – Donna (Gayron, Jr.) Ferguson and Pam (Paul “Ed”) Franklin all of Paducah, Kentucky, Edward Andrew Baker Dixon of Murray, Kentucky; a son-in-law Steve Rose of Ullin, Illinois; several grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; his sisters – Helen Burnett of Vienna, Illinois, Louise (W.J.) McGill of Simpson, Illinois, Margaret (Carl) Cameron of Vienna, Illinois, and Sue Bench of Vienna, Illinois; brothers-in-law – Charles Becker of Springfield, Illinois, Jerry (Katrena) Whiteside of Gary, Indiana, and Robert Allen (Mary Ann) Hill; sisters-in-law – Mary Jane Whiteside of Joliet, Illinois, Greta Chitwood of St. Louis, Missouri and Sue (David) Ray of Texas; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

In addition to his parents, Homer was preceded in death by: an infant brother – James Howard Baker, a daughter – Barbara Rose, a sister – Gertrude Becker, a daughter-in-law – Mary Snyder Dixon; brothers-in-law – Johnny Whiteside, Charles Bench, Ben Burnett, and Charles “Ed” Chitwood; and 2 nephews.

Homer attended Vienna High School. He was employed as a surveyor by Harry Blizzard Engineering & Survey Company. During his employment with Harry Blizzard, Homer was involved in survey work on a number of Chicago Expressway projects as well as O’Hare Airport runway projects. Following his return to Southern Illinois, Homer was employed as a surveyor in the development and construction phase of the Arclar Willow Creek Mine, near Equality, Illinois, which employed over 400 people.

Homer was a longtime Alcoholics Anonymous sponsor and supported many individuals during their recovery.

Homer enjoyed working on his computer. He also enjoyed spending time on his tractor mowing. Homer loved music and singing karaoke throughout the region.

He was of the Christian faith.

A Graveside Service honoring the life of Homer Baker will be conducted Thursday morning, September 5, 2024, at 11 A.M. at Taylor Cemetery, north of Vienna. Pastor David Faulkner will officiate. Interment will follow.

Those attending the service are invited to gather at the cemetery at 10:45 A.M. Thursday morning.

Memorials may be made to the Hugs Project of Western Kentucky, 4931 Epperson Road, Paducah, Kentucky 42003 or to Taylor Cemetery, c/o Connie Taylor, 5340 U.S. Highway 45 North, Vienna, Illinois 62995.

Cemetery Details

Taylor Cemetery

5616 Highway 45 North
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

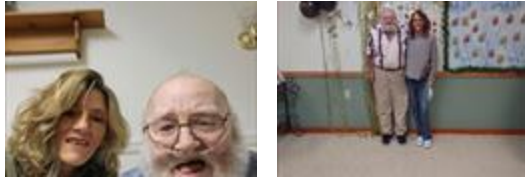
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Taylor Cemetery
5616 Highway 45 North
Vienna, IL

Tribute Wall

LC

“ *I miss you more than I can bare at times.*
Laurie Chapman



Laurie Chapman - September 19, 2025 at 02:45 PM

RH

“ *Homer was a lifetime friend and the world will not be the same without him. We were long time Facebook friends as well. My sincere condolences to Gloria and to all his family.* *Rosemary Williams Hinrichs*

Rosemary Hinrichs - September 17, 2024 at 12:30 PM

BH

“ *I meant Homer at the karaoke barn in West Vienna. He made me several CD's and gave me one of his ready mades of old-time hymns. I still have them and use them. Think of Homer every time I use them. Last time I saw him I learned he had gone to the computer.*



Bonnie Holman - September 15, 2024 at 11:40 PM

JH

“ *Jerry Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Homer Andrew Baker* ”



Jerry Hawkins - September 07, 2024 at 04:43 PM

EK

“ *Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Homer Andrew Baker* ”



Elizabeth Kerley - September 07, 2024 at 11:23 AM

CB

“ *Carol Orange Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Homer Andrew Baker* ”



Carol Orange Bryant - September 04, 2024 at 11:25 AM

BR

“ *Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Homer Andrew Baker* ”



Bobby Rentfro - September 04, 2024 at 10:52 AM

GH

“ Gary & Janet Hacker lit a candle in memory of Homer Andrew Baker



Gary & Janet Hacker - September 04, 2024 at 07:51 AM

GB

“ You always told me that I was one of them Brown girls every time I saw ya!
Love and Hugs for you! Give my mom (your cousin) a great big hug in heaven for me!



Georgia Berkley - September 04, 2024 at 02:55 AM

MM

“ I remember when Homer had the first GPS equipment in Johnson County—now we all have it on our phones! Homer was always at home with technology.



Margaret Mathis - September 03, 2024 at 11:06 PM

RI

“ Thank you Homer for all the people ypu helped along the way



Rich - September 03, 2024 at 11:05 PM

JS

“ *John Slack lit a candle in memory of Homer Andrew Baker*



John Slack - September 03, 2024 at 10:44 PM

JC

“ *We had some good times my friend....RIP*

Jeff Carlton - September 03, 2024 at 09:58 PM

VL

“ *You will be missed tremendously Uncle Homer!*



Vicki Lerch - September 03, 2024 at 09:30 PM

RN

One pf my first neighbors. WE sure had fun on our bikes.

Ron Newton - September 05, 2024 at 04:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Homer Andrew Baker.*



September 03, 2024 at 09:22 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of Homer Andrew Baker



Dorothy Bacon - September 03, 2024 at 09:05 PM

JT

“ John & Tammy Thomas lit a candle in memory of Homer Andrew Baker



John & Tammy Thomas - September 03, 2024 at 07:46 PM

KB

“ Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Homer Andrew Baker



Karen Brumley - September 03, 2024 at 06:56 PM

L(

“ Homer, my dad, Bob and my uncle Rich were all very good friends. My uncle had a great time with Homer doing karaoke. I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a very good man and will be greatly missed.



Lisa Whittington (Woodworth) - September 03, 2024 at 06:53 PM