



Edwin B. Baker

April 7, 1923 - February 10, 2012

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EDWIN B. BAKER, age 88, died Friday, February 10, 2012, after a valiant battle with cancer. He was born April 7, 1923 to Edwin J. and Nellie (Pearce) Baker.

Mr. Baker spent his youth in Mineral Ridge, OH and graduated from Mineral Ridge High School in 1941. He worked tirelessly from an early age to help support his family during difficult times. He enlisted in the United States Navy and earned the rank of Gunner's Mate First Class, heading up the operations on a Liberty ship during World War II. This involvement caused irreparable nerve damage affecting his hearing.

After the war he married Ann Riffle Baker, the love of his life, on July 19, 1946 and celebrated 64 years of marriage on July 19, 2010 at a family party in a loge at Progressive Field. After working for Can Do Company and others and learning all he could from his jobs, even becoming a journeyman carpenter in less than a year, he launched E.B. Baker and Sons General Contractors. He became known for excellent workmanship, service, kindness and humor, ethical practices, and value to his customers—qualities passed down to the next generations.

Ed loved times spent with family and friends, especially when combined with travel aboard cruise ships; he and Ann enjoyed 22 cruises over the years. Ed belonged to the Howland United Methodist Church and to the Buckeye Club of

Warren.

Edwin was preceded in death by his devoted wife just nine months ago, on April 19, 2011, and his parents, sisters Lois Turner (Mrs. George) and Nellie Belle Mrofchak (Mrs. Joseph).

Those remaining to cherish his memory include: sons Roger E. Baker, M.D. (Jan) of Canton, OH, Randall P. Baker (Suzanne) of Lake Milton, OH, and Charles D. Baker (Sue) of Howland, OH; grandchildren Molly Meister (Frank) of North Canton, OH, Brad Baker of Cuyahoga Falls, OH, Alexander Baker (April), of Florham, NJ, Matthew Baker (Tina) of Cuyahoga Falls, OH, Libbey Baumgarten (Adam) of New York, NY, Kristen Gebhardt (Douglas) of Howland, OH, Deanna Andamasaris (William) of Howland, OH, and Julie Lintz (Wade) of Austin, TX; great grandchildren Samuel and Caroline Meister, Keira Baker, Brady, Blake and Beau Baker, Hayley Magrell, Isabella, Lauren and John Baker, Elliot and Avery Gebhardt, Sydney and Ryley Andamasaris, and Wyatt Lintz; sisters Jane Lindsey (Mrs. Robert), Jean Baker, and brother Ronald Baker (Kitty); many cousins, nieces, nephews, dear friends and business associates.

The family will be present to receive friends at the McFarland & Son Funeral Home, Tuesday, February 14, 2012, 5-7 P.M. Services will be held Wednesday at 1:00 PM at the Howland United Methodist Church where friends may call one hour prior to the services. The Rev. Matthew Darrin will officiate. Internment will follow at the Howland Township Cemetery with full military honors. Arrangements are entrusted to McFarland & Son Funeral Services, 271 N. Park Ave., Warren, Ohio, 44481. Please visit www.mcfarlandcares.com to view this obituary and send condolences.

Ed's humor and determination continued to the end, thanks in part to his cheerful and compassionate caregivers at Hospice of the Valley, particularly Diana, and the staff of Hospice House of Poland, and to loving nurses Paula Snyder and Shelley Holton. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to Howland United Methodist Church, 730 Howland-Wilson Road, NE,

Warren, OH 44484 or to Hospice of the Valley, 5000 East Market Street, Suite 19, Warren, OH 44484.

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Tribute Wall

IJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate and give thanks for the life and legacy of a dear father, father-in-law and greatgrandfather.

Irwin and Janet Jennings - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

CT

“ You have my condolences. I share my memories always with my kids.

colleen j. truitt - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

MP

“ My deepest sympathy to each of you for your loss. The Baker family were our neighbors growing up in the Ridge, and later on, Mrs. Baker lived across the street from my Grandmother, Emma Meinzen, on Furnace St. You are in my thoughts and my prayers...
Marsha (Doyle) Pierce

Marsha (Doyle) Pierce - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

TM

“ My thoughts and prayers have been with your family since I heard of your fathers passing. I worked several years for Ed in the late 70's during and following college. His example of hard work and fairness have stayed with me. The skills and experience I gained have helped me through my career. It was a great privilege to work with and learn from him.

Tim Moore - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

JN

“ I'll remember my visits to Mr. Baker at Hospice House because of his beautiful smile. That smile was always there no matter what pain he was feeling. My prayers for his family that they may receive strength from our heavenly Father to sustain them during this time of emptiness and loss. You all were so kind to me when I visited. Thank you and may God bless.

Judy Neyman - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

HH

“ Our deepest sympathy to your family. What wonderful memories we have of your parents. I can picture the huge welcome hug my dad gave his dear friend in heaven. Our love and prayers.

Herman & Peggy Whiteman Frank & H.C. - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

DB

“ I was saddened to learn about the loss of your Dad. The love your family shared was evident by the vigils spent at his bedside and the stories you shared with me when I visited. I understand the pain and loss having just gone through this same experience with my own Dad. My deepest sympathy to all of you.

Debbie Boney - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

DM

“ Dear Roger, Randy & Chuck,

So sorry that I was unable to come to Warren, but we are thinking of you and all of the wonderful work that your Dad did for us. Also the good card games at the Buckeye Club. Great memories.

Dave & Mary McFarland

Dave & Mary McFarland - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

MB

“ *My sympathy to your entire family. On my only trip to Ohio in 1960, Ed & Ann were gracious hosts and made me feel very welcomed. My parents Howard & Beatrice Baker loved visiting with them.*

Margaret Bruhns - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM

EP

“ *I remember well my childhood visits to Aunt Nellie and Uncle Ed's house in Mineral Ridge and my family's visits from Youngstown. My sincere sympathy to all the family and may the message of this Easter season give you comfort.*

Elizabeth (Betty) Gahring Pierce - March 29, 2013 at 12:47 PM