



Steven Gary Baker

January 10, 1964 - October 17, 2015

Steve "Bakes" Baker, age 51, a resident of Berkley, passed away Saturday, October 17, 2015 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He was born January 10, 1964 at St. Joseph Hospital in Pontiac to Gordie and Jeanette. Steve was a graduate of Berkley High School. After graduation he attended Ferris State University, where he played baseball. After Ferris State, Steve began his own business as a painter, SGB Painting. He loved all sports, but his true passion was baseball. His favorite player, the great Johnny Bench. Steve supported all of the Detroit sports teams, especially the Tigers and his NCAA choice was the Spartans. At heart he was a huge University of Florida fan. He supported the Gators in all athletics especially his passion, baseball, and also football and basketball. Steve had a vast knowledge of sports statistics. He enjoyed watching historical documentaries about baseball. He could call a stat at the drop of a hat. Steve always wore a baseball hat. He had collected nearly all of the MLB team hats and took pride in his collection, using his hats to stage the night's match-ups. Steve enjoyed adjusting his roster with Jacob in their Fantasy Football League and playing Playstation sports games like MLB The Show, Madden and NHL. Along with playing sports, Steve was active in his community. He was a longtime baseball coach, and was currently the assistant varsity baseball coach at Berkley High School. Some of Steve's other loves were barbecuing, cooking, hockey, watching Seinfeld and taking his dog, Balou, for walks. Steve's family describes him as a "happy-go-lucky" guy who loved laughter and always had a smile on his

face. Steve was very passionate about baseball and sports, but his true passion and love was his family and his wife Robin. He was an amazing father and loving husband.

Beloved husband to Robin Renee` Baker; married 26 loving years. Most loved father of Jordan Brooke Baker, Jacob Brandon Baker and Jenna Drue Baker. Dear son of Gordon Dale Baker and the late Jeanette. Brother of Mike (Jessie) Baker and Dave (Lisa) Baker. Brother-in-law to Steve Link, Christopher (Michelle) Link and Jeff (Angela) Lemier. Son-In-Law to Jerry (Julie) Link and the late Donna (Guy) Langston. Steve also leaves behind his Golden, four legged friend Balou.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2225 E. Fourteen Mile Road, Birmingham, MI 48009. Arrangements entrusted to Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak, MI 48067. Please share a thought or memory with Steve's family at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family would sincerely appreciate memorials to:
<https://www.gofundme.com/7k6qquq4>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
2225 E. 14 Mile Road
Birmingham, MI 48009

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Steve and I played baseball both as high school rivals and teammates in summer ball in Berkley. We hadn't seen each other in some 20+ years. We reconnected last winter at a camp that I was scouting. I just heard of his passing and wish I could have been there to pay my respects on such a great loss. My condolences are with Robin, their children, and their whole family. RIP Bakes
Rich Sparks

Rich Sparks - December 28, 2015 at 08:08 PM



“ Robin , Jordan, Jacob & Jenna,
Losing Steve has hit home for us...it's so hard to imagine our world without him and that big beautiful smile of his. Our hearts ache for all of you. Robin, The two of you were the "It" couple...in Love & Best Friends we admired so much,, along with the closeness & love shared between you all.

To put it simply, Steve was one of the best guys we've ever known...genuine, kind and positive , a true friend with a big heart and he showed that especially with the influence and support he gave Nitasha during her teen years... that will forever mean the world to us. We will miss him beyond words! But, will remember how blessed we are to have known such a great man & share in so many happy times. We know that you all have a journey ahead of you... Praying that you will find comfort and peace. And, know that he will always be a part of you.

With Love, Paul & Kristiana and Family

Kristiana Fox - November 13, 2015 at 11:22 PM

PM

“ We have known Steve for the past 12 years. He was not only our painter for many of our properties, he became a member of the family. Steve was a fundamentally decent man who took pride in his work and really went the extra mile. One day he was at our house painting and the cable company was here to hook up a new TV as a surprise I was planning for my husband's birthday. The cable guy said he could not run certain wires because it was not part of his job and I was visibly upset because my surprise plans were not going to happen. Steve stopped painting and came over to me and said, "it's ok, let me handle this." He cut a hold in the wall and ran the wires, hooked up the TV, and patched the hole. Before the guy left, I overheard him saying "that wasn't in my job description either." This is the kind of guy Steve was. He took great pains to paint and re-paint my daughters room so it could be just the way she wanted it to look. He painted her first little girls room when she was 2 and painted her teen room when she was 12. Steve was a part of the patchwork of our families life. We considered him part of our family. He spoke so highly about his wife, Robin, and we got updates on Jordan, Jacob and Jenna every time we saw him. He loved you all so very much and he was so very proud of each of you. I hope that you each continue to spread his love through your own accomplishments and through the kindness you spread as you touch the lives of others in your path until you are re-united once again. We wish you the peace we know he would want you to feel.

John and Pam McCaskill

Pam McCaskill - November 08, 2015 at 07:29 PM

AP

“ *Aris Papageorgiou sent a virtual gift in memory of Steven Gary Baker*



Aris Papageorgiou - November 07, 2015 at 09:45 AM

AP

I am soooo sorry to hear the Steve Baker had passed away. It is very heart-breaking for me to know that such a great guy has gone to be with the Lord, which is the Good News because he is with Jesus. There is no doubt about it, and I know he is in heaven because Steve had such a great heart for people, his friends, and most of all his family, and that is what made him a special friend. I know he loved the Lord because he acted like a Christian would. He loved his family a lot. He was so proud of his wife Robin and his kids who participated in sports, especially baseball. That is where I know Steve the best, in baseball. He had so much passion for baseball like me. He was the best baseball player around. He could do it all. He was a great pitcher who could throw fast and hard and also had a great curveball. He was always pitching in big games and winning them too. He had a great arm at third base as I remember, and he could also play the outfield if the team needed him to. What a super awesome batter he was with power to hit homeruns. So the stories he may have told about playing baseball and playing at a high level were absolutely all true. He was a competitor who wanted to win and always seemed to be a winner. Like back in 1978 I believe, when I was playing Varsity Baseball at Ferndale High School, we played the Berkley Bears at Ferndale. I didn't know it then because I didn't know Steve until later, but he ended up pitching a double-header against us and won both games. Wow! That was an amazing accomplishment back then. That's why he played college baseball because he was so good. He may have been a Freshman that year too. Then we ended up playing some competitive baseball together in Pontiac for the Ferndale Fasteners. That is when I got to know Steve the most and saw what a great teammate he was with all of us. He was the best. He was such a great guy with everyone and showed no favoritism. He always embraced everyone on the team. Then when I moved in to Berkley I saw Steve again because our girls played softball together and were on the same team. How cool was that? It was great seeing him again. He was such a nice guy. Steve always made you feel welcomed when you saw him no matter how long it's been. He was very positive and influential and always wanted to help you. I am truly sorry he has left us and I will miss him very much. He will always live in my memory as I know he will with those who knew him. He was a great guy as I write this sobbing. I am really sorry Robin for your loss. May God comfort you and your family with the peace of God that passes with all understanding in Christ Jesus. My condolences.

Aris Papageorgiou - November 07, 2015 at 10:28 AM

TJ

“ To my dearest friend Robin. I want to express my deepest sympathy to you and your family. Steve was a great friend, husband and father and will be deeply missed.

Tracy Jovaiss



Tracy Jovaisa - November 03, 2015 at 08:28 PM

DE

“ The family would greatly appreciate donations in lieu of flowers.

<https://www.gofundme.com/7k6qqqu4>



Debra - October 24, 2015 at 11:53 AM

WA

“ To the family & friends of Steven Baker: Please accept my sincere sympathy for the loss of your loved one. While we don't know one another, experiencing the devastation of losing a loved one is something we all face in our lives. The Bible promises a time when "death will be no more" (Rev 21:3.4) and assures us that God hears our prayers (Ps 55:22). I hope this brings you some peace during this difficult time.



Wanda - October 24, 2015 at 09:58 AM

JB

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Jordan Baker - October 23, 2015 at 02:35 PM

JB

I love you daddy, always & forever

Jordan Baker - October 23, 2015 at 02:36 PM

DE

Steve baker, so incredibly missed.

Debra - October 26, 2015 at 12:16 PM

TF

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole Baker Family! My God keep you ! Steve is now an Angel up in Heaven and will always be watching over you all! May God Bless The Baker Family!
With Love, The Coutu Family❤️*

The Coutu Family - November 02, 2015 at 02:12 AM

MB

*My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Steve will be missed.
Love Shelly Baker*

Michelle Baker - November 03, 2015 at 05:07 AM

KW

“ To me, he will always be coach Steve. Coach Steve was of the most influential coaches I've ever had in any sport other than my dad. I will truly miss the heartfelt life advice he was always so willing to give me. Coach Steve is an amazing coach and an even better man. I will miss you so much coach



Keith Waldrup - October 22, 2015 at 10:40 PM

RF

“ Our family is very sad to hear of Steve's passing. We met Steve through sports.
Jake and our son Evan played both hockey and baseball together as little boys.
Steve always had a smile on his face and something positive to say to the kids.
We are fortunate to have known this good man.

Randy & Cathy Fall

Randy Fall - October 21, 2015 at 07:19 PM

DG

“ Steve, will be truly missed our friend. You were always our "Go-To-Guy" for all our painting/drywall needs for many years, and you were always there no matter what. We were totally shocked to hear of your passing. You were just at our house a few months ago working away as you always did. You were such a personable guy, and became such a good friend of ours, YOU became part of our family! Your name was always passed along to everyone who ever asked us "for a great painter" and we always recommended Steve of course. You will truly be missed our dear friend. Our condolences and prayers go out to you and your entire family. Rest in Peace Steve.



Dee and The Grossman's - October 21, 2015 at 07:11 PM

DE

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Debra - October 21, 2015 at 07:08 PM

DG

“ My sincerest condolences to Steve's family. I only knew Steve as a kid growing up, but back then you could see the man he would become. Sports and a good guy. Please keep the most pleasurable, most fun, and most honest of Stevie's life foremost in your memories. God bless you, Baker family.



Don Gates - October 21, 2015 at 06:27 PM

KL

“ Dear Baker families,
We are very sad to hear about Steve's sudden passing and will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. Much love to you all.
Karen and Tim Lankin

Karen Lankin - October 21, 2015 at 03:31 PM

KR

“ I grew up around the block from Steve, I could exit my house, jump my backyard fence, pass through a backyard and be in his front yard in under a minute. As young boys we spent the majority of our time together playing sports with other kids in the neighborhood. Our summers were filled with baseball games, fall meant football, in the winter street hockey. Steve excelled in all of these sports and was always the guy you wanted on your team. He was a great friend and teammate...RIP Bakes

Keith Raisch - October 21, 2015 at 12:21 PM

SC

“ Robin, family, and friends,
We were so sad to hear of Steve's sudden passing. He will be missed but we are very grateful for the fond and lasting memories of Steve, our friend, coach, and painter. Brad and Steve were rivals playing Legion ball and later became good friends coaching together with the same love for "the game". Our sincere appreciation to him for sharing his talents and time with so many young and eager players. One of them being our son, Bobby (he loved Coach Baker!). Steve's energy and passion was contagious. His dedication as a professional painter we know first hand as he painted our home (inside and out) years ago. We are thankful for the example he has set for us...being the family man that he was, his positive energy, and loving life as he did.
Our thoughts and prayers to Robin and family!
Brad and Suzanne Cross

suzanne cross - October 21, 2015 at 12:20 PM

JE

“ It was a pleasure growing up next to him as a child. Sending hugs to you & your family



Jonna Connell Ellis - October 21, 2015 at 11:43 AM



“ A fund has been establish for donations in-lieu of flowers.

<https://www.gofundme.com/7k6qquq4>

Debra La Fleur - October 21, 2015 at 08:54 AM

EC

“ Our deepest sympathy, thoughts, and prayers are with you all during this sudden difficult time. We send our warmest heartfelt condolences. May all of us have peace and comfort by the outpouring of love from others around us...much Love and blessings Eric, Nikki, Victoria, Abigail and Leonardo.

Eric Cipponeri - October 21, 2015 at 07:37 AM

SC

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Steve's passing. We were very good friends for many years. My love, thoughts and prayers are with Robin and the children. Steve was a man with a big heart, and enjoyed life. I know how much he loved Robin and his kids, and was loved by them. We will all miss you Bake.



Scott Camper - October 21, 2015 at 02:07 AM

SC

“ Scott Camper sent a virtual gift in memory of Steven Gary Baker



Scott Camper - October 21, 2015 at 02:02 AM

SC

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Scott Camper - October 21, 2015 at 02:01 AM



“ Heather & I are deeply saddened by Steve's passing. He was a person I genuinely enjoyed speaking with, which last occurred at Warrilows just a few short weeks ago. I'll always remember the many Christmas Eves hanging out with Bakes & the Link clan into the early morning hours. He was a great person who will be sorely missed. God bless Robin & his children during this difficult time.



Joseph Herrera - October 20, 2015 at 08:50 PM



“ Wiffle ball in front of our houses....hockey in your backyard and in the street at night. Playing goalie without a mask while you take slap shots. Hide and go seek until midnight using the whole block. You sneaking me in the back of your dad's pick up truck while he made his rounds. Baseball at Pattengill, Football at the water tower. Riding our bikes on Beaumont Field to try and get chased by the security guards. Nerf basketball in your basement on our knees. Coming home with puffed up eyes after boxing. Fun times and I am thankful that I have those memories of our childhood.

Rich - October 20, 2015 at 08:40 PM

TW

“ *My life and the lives of so many students and coaches at BHS have been made greater by our association with Steve Baker. We met about two years ago, and I quickly jumped at the opportunity to bring him on board as our pitching coach.*

His pride, joy and passion for baseball came a close second to his wonderful family. On the ball field he wore his heart on his sleeve, and was fiercely protective of his players. While this did occasionally get him in bit of trouble, one incident left us all with one of the most hysterically funny ejections in baseball history.

Your passion, friendship and mentorship can never be replaced. While it won't seem right to have someone else coaching 3rd or throwing BP next spring, your spirit will live forever in the hearts (and hopefully bats and gloves) of every ball player in Berkley.

Rest in Peace my friend, you will be forever missed.

Tom Whinham

Tom Whinham - October 20, 2015 at 07:47 PM

KA

“ *For Steve:*

I saw you on your porch just a few weeks ago, and I am thankful I got to talk to you not knowing it would be the last. So proud of your kids and you seemed so at peace and at such ease. Thank you, Steve for being so very kind each time we've run across each other. You and your family will always be in my prayers - be at peace until we catch up again!



karl - October 20, 2015 at 07:12 PM



“ Our hearts break for Robin and her children..can't even imagine what they are going through..I have known Robin for over 30 yrs and Steve for many as well..our sons played baseball together..we hope that they can find some comfort in knowing that they have friends and family who love, care and are praying for them

Tracey Cavazos - October 20, 2015 at 07:04 PM



“ Kevin & Pamela Marquis purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Steven Gary Baker .



Kevin & Pamela Marquis - October 20, 2015 at 05:57 PM



“ Red Poinsettia (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Steven Gary Baker .



October 20, 2015 at 05:49 PM



“ Please donate to this fund in-lieu of sending flowers. The family would greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

<https://funds.gofundme.com/dashboard>

Debra La Fleur - October 20, 2015 at 05:43 PM

DT

“ One of the best baseball players and nicest guys i ever knew. My condolences.



Dave Thomas - October 20, 2015 at 05:34 PM

RC

“ I remember a trip in the mid 1980's to Robin's mom's timeshare as Steve started dating Robin and the 2 car convoy down to Ft. Myers Beach. It was obvious to me they would certainly be a couple. From sports talks there to the one I had with him in August. Same smile and laugh about teams we both rooted for. Such a great man who found his love in Robin and together the joy they had watching Jordan, Jake and Jenna grow into incredible adults with Steve's welcoming smile . God blessed us all with Bakes. Not right he was taken too soon. My deepest condolences to Steve's family.



Ralph Clemens - October 20, 2015 at 05:17 PM



“ A fellow coach at Berkley High School Steve and I had many nice conversations. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to Robin and family.

Scott Baltes

Scotty B Baltes - October 20, 2015 at 02:23 PM

ER

“ We are so saddened to hear about Steve's passing. He was such a great family man. He adored Robin and his kids so much. Steve coached my son Ryan on a few baseball teams, and I'm glad we got to catch up a few years ago when Berkley played Lamphere. I'm sure Steve and Mrs Baker are watching MLB playoffs in heaven. God Bless to the Baker family. Love from Jeff, Elaine and Ryan Roman



elaine roman - October 20, 2015 at 01:25 PM

NO

“ Nick Lapich and Kate O'Brien purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Steven Gary Baker .



Nick Lapich and Kate O'Brien - October 20, 2015 at 10:18 AM

KJ

“ Coach Baker was a huge positive role model to all the boys he coached. My son Conner played for him for a few years. Loved Coach Baker. He will be missed. Deepest sympathies to his family.
Kelley & Jamie Jemison & Conner Archambault



kelley Jemison - October 20, 2015 at 09:55 AM

MC

“ I meet Steve when he started dating my niece Robin. He was so sweet and so good to her. Their wedding was so beautiful and then the children started coming. Steve was such a proud father. He was always so involved into everything they did. He loved his baseball and was great at it. The love that Steve had for Robin and Robin had for Steve was very real. The girls Jordan and Jenna adored their father and Jacob looked up to his father. This is so heartbreaking to be writing because Steve was taken way too soon. My heart is broken for everyone who knew Steve, but the deep hurt will always be with Robin, Jordan, Jacob, and Jenna. Steve you will always be in our hearts.

Marylynn Cipponeri - October 20, 2015 at 01:09 AM

SE

“ I was so saddened to hear of Steve's passing. He painted our house many times over and each time he came in with a smile and kind words for my children. He was always ready to talk about whatever sporting event was going on that day and that radio was always on sports talk radio. He talked non-stop about his 3 kids - I never got to meet them but I felt like I knew them based on the wonderful stories he shared.



somrak etnyre - October 19, 2015 at 09:31 PM