



Stephen G Baker

June 20, 1949 - November 9, 2025

Stephen "Steve" George Baker passed peacefully on November 9, 2025, at Ava's Hospice House in Sioux Falls, surrounded by love, at the age of 76.

Please join Steve's family at a visitation from 5:00-7:00 pm, Thursday, November 13, 2025 at Jarman Family Funeral Home in Lennox. The Memorial Service will take place at 10:00 am the following day, Friday, November 14, also at the funeral home.

Steve was born in Pierre, South Dakota on June 20, 1949, to parents George and Minnie (Hanson) Baker. He grew up in Sioux Falls, where he graduated from O'Gorman. He went on to attend South Dakota State University and later served as a paratrooper in Vietnam in the United States Army.

After his service, Steve enjoyed a lifelong career on the open road. He built a long and steady career in OTR Trucking, first at Wonderbread/Hostess and later with Midwest Coast. He retired after more than 30 years behind the wheel, having logged countless miles and stories along the way. Steve eventually made his home in Lennox, SD, where he became a familiar and beloved presence at St. Magdalen Catholic Church. He was a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus, serving as the activities director. Whether organizing Turkey BINGO, stirring up soup suppers, or cracking jokes to lighten the mood, Steve brought joy and laughter wherever he went.

He also proudly served with the local American Legion, honoring the bonds of service and community.

An outdoorsman at heart, Steve cherished time spent duck hunting and fishing with family. He had a competitive streak when it came to pool and golf, but it was always the camaraderie that mattered most to him. Above all, Steve's greatest pride and joy was his family. He was a devoted dad to five daughters and a loving grandpa to twelve grandchildren. His quick wit—sometimes a little inappropriate—kept everyone laughing. Steve had a soft spot for Hallmark movies. He loved settling in with his girls to watch stories of love, hope, and happy endings. He was the steady hand and open heart his family leaned on, always ready with a listening ear, a helping hand, or a warm hug. His generosity knew no bounds, extending far beyond his family to friends, neighbors, and even strangers who crossed his path.

Steve's memory will be cherished by his daughters, Shannon (Arlyn) Weeldreyer of Lennox, Erin (Mike) Daggett of Tea, Michele (Tim) Howell of Fenton, MO, Karen (Travis Barker) Christensen of Hudson, WY, and Caitlyn Baker of Lennox; grandchildren, Jordan, Taylor, McKenzie, Courtney, Brenna, Rhett, Emma, Caleb, Rena, Landon, Ethan, and Wyatt. He is also remembered fondly by many extended family members and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and great grandson Pruitt.

Cemetery Details

South Dakota Veterans Cemetery

25965 477th Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jarman Family Funeral Home
408 S. Main St.
Lennox, SD 57039
(605) 647-5163

Memorial Service

NOV 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



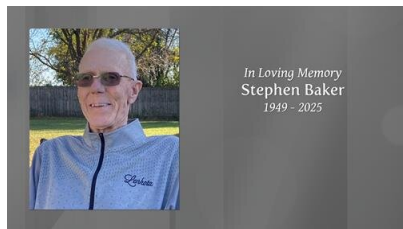
“ Jarman Family Funeral Home created a Stephen Baker Memorial Service in memory of Stephen G Baker



Jarman Family Funeral Home - November 14, 2025 at 12:08 PM



“ Jarman Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephen G Baker



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“ Steve & I met on the road in the 1980s. I always enjoyed visiting with him whenever our paths crossed. Prayers to Family. ❤️🙏

Eileen L Kilian - November 11, 2025 at 02:21 PM

KG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will cherish the memories of your dad and my dad (Dave DeMarteleare) sitting around laughing and sharing stories at the shop. May you find comfort in your memories as you celebrate your dad.

Karmen (DeMarteleare) Groos

Karmen Groos - November 11, 2025 at 10:48 AM

JR

“ Shannon, I am sorry to see of your dad's passing. He and I had some nice visits out by the first hole this past spring. Something fell off my cart and he ran out there to bring it to me. What a guy!

Jeff Radel - November 11, 2025 at 06:49 AM

MA

“ As a kid I remember walking to your house to hang out with you. Thank you for those times Steve. Mike Agnew
I remember when you had Vietnam R&R and you visited my folks in Sydney Australia. Thank you Steve. Dianne Agnew

Mike Agnew - November 10, 2025 at 05:20 PM

SD

So sorry for your loss! Steve was so fun to visit with. Always upbeat even through his cancer journey. His stories were priceless! We were blessed to know him

Shellie Delaney - November 10, 2025 at 06:46 PM

JZ

Heartfelt sympathy to our sweet Baker girls & their families as you say goodbye to the first man you ever loved. Thinking of you all in your loss. 💕

Joe & Pat Zens - November 11, 2025 at 07:32 AM