



Lawrence James Baker Sr.

February 11, 1940 - March 15, 2024

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Obituary

Lawrence James Baker, Sr. was born February 11, 1940 to Augie Lee Baker Sr. and Ada Bell Wilson Baker in Bastrop County.

Lawrence married Orangie Ree Staples and to this union five children were born: Lorie Ann, Lawrence Jr., Randy, Stephanie, and Tracey. He later married Peggy Berry and to this union one son was born: Buddy James Baker (BJ).

Lawrence believed in God and acknowledged Him as his Lord and Savior. He faithfully attended St. James Baptist Church via livestream every Sunday and enjoyed hearing the word of God preached by Dr. B.W. McClendon Sr. and did so until his health declined and his demise.

Lawrence started his career in the restaurant business as a bus boy and dishwasher with Night Hawk Restaurants in 1958 at the age of eighteen. He worked his way through the company's rigorous management program, becoming the manager of the Night Hawk Frisco Shop in 1967. He was a hard worker and didn't believe in missing work. Lawrence was responsible for

creating many of the Frisco Shop's specialty dishes, including the chocolate, coconut, and banana cream ice box pies. In 1994, Lawrence formed a partnership with Attorney R. Harry Akins, the Night Hawk's founder nephew, and purchased the Frisco Shop. He worked forty-nine plus years for Night Hawk until his health wouldn't allow him to continue.

Lawrence loved playing the lottery, dominoes, and cards. He played guitar in his younger years. He was often called to help others and he did so without hesitation. He was an avid Dallas Cowboy fan during the good and bad times. He sacrificed everything for his children, and we will forever cherish and love him for that.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his Mother and Father, Daughter Lorie Ann, Sons; Lawrence Jr. and Buddy James (BJ), Brothers; Augie Baker Jr., Byrdell Baker, Henry Baker Sr., Jim Baker, John Baker Sr., Willie Baker, Wayne Baker Sr., Half-Bother; C.B. Basped Baker, Sisters; Bernice Baker Hodge, Half-Sisters; Augerine Baker McShan and Effie Lee Baker Taylor and both ex-wives.

He leaves to cherish his memories his Son; Randy Baker, Daughters; Stephanie Maxwell (Greg), and Tracey Baker, Seven Grandchildren; Randy, Randnesha, Taron, Brittney, Greg II, Johnnie Lawrence Sr., and Lorie; Eleven Great-Grandchildren; Jeremiah, Malachi, TJ, Briah, Johnnie Lawrence Jr., Justin, Malaysia, Randy Jr., Royalty, Renzo and Raniyah, One Brother; Johnny Baker (Delores), Two Sisters; Mary Baker and Louise Brown. He also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Littig Cemetery

11241 Bitting School Road
Manor, TX 78653

Previous Events

Celebration Service

MAR 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. James Baptist Church
3417 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Austin, TX 78721

PUBLIC VISITATION ONE HOUR PRIOR TO SERVICE

Tribute Wall

WM

“ Wayne and Tina Maxwell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence James Baker Sr..

Wayne and Tina Maxwell - March 26, 2024 at 12:03 AM

WM

“ Wayne and Tina Maxwell purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Lawrence James Baker Sr..



Wayne and Tina Maxwell - March 26, 2024 at 12:03 AM

HA

“ Lawrence Baker was a truly wonderful person whom I was privileged to know, both personally and professionally, for more than 60 years. His competence, integrity and generosity shone in everything that Lawrence did.

During Lawrence's management of the Frisco Shop, where he worked a split shift for decades, the Frisco Shop was ALWAYS the most successful of the various Night Hawk restaurants.

When Julia and I were considering purchasing the Frisco Shop, we told Lawrence that we would do so only if he joined us as manager and part owner. At that time, Lawrence was managing Dan's Hamburgers on Airport Blvd. Lawrence did join us and on our first day of business, Dan Junk, the owner of Dan's Hamburgers, sent flowers to wish Lawrence well in his new endeavor.

Lawrence treated other persons, including employees he supervised, with dignity and respect. People trusted Lawrence completely, and he never disappointed.

Lawrence consistently gave preference to the needs of others and sacrificed greatly to help family and friends. He was very proud of his family and was always happy to discuss the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren.

We appreciate very much the excellent care which Lawrence received from Tracy and other family members during his declining years.

Harry and Julia Akin

Harry and Julia Akin - March 25, 2024 at 07:50 PM

MC

“ Mandy Coffman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lawrence James Baker Sr..



Mandy Coffman - March 25, 2024 at 01:01 PM

EA

“ E. Ayodele planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence James Baker Sr..

E. Ayodele - March 21, 2024 at 06:30 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence James Baker Sr..



March 21, 2024 at 06:30 PM