



## Thomas L. Baker

July 16, 1936 - June 10, 2009

Funeral services for Mr. Thomas L. Baker, age 72, are scheduled for 3:00 PM, Sunday, June 14, 2009, at New Hope Methodist Church at Shady Hill with Rev. George Reed and Dr. Hoyt Wilson officiating. Burial will follow in New Hope Cemetery. Pafford Funeral Home of Lexington is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Baker died early Wednesday at his home. He was born July 16, 1936, in Memphis to the late H. E. and Mary Crain Baker. He was a retired Gulf Oil Distributor and a member of New Hope Methodist Church. Mr. Baker was an avid fisherman and enjoyed traveling and visiting his family. He loved Memphis State Basketball. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Mrs. Gail Middleton Baker of Lexington; his son, David L. Baker, his wife Michelle, and children, Drew, Grant, & Michaela Baker of Haymarket, VA; his three daughters, Cindy Baker Hatch, her husband Jimmy, and daughter Jennifer Hatch of Wildersville; Melanie Baker Pergiel, her husband, Christopher, and children, Luke & Jackson Pergiel of Anchorage, AK; and Angie Baker Nichols and her husband, Michael of Burns, TN. He was preceded in death by his brother, Bob Baker.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 13. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN.  
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## Visitation

JUN 14. 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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## Service

JUN 14. 3:00 PM (CT)

New Hope Methodist Church  
4770 Shady Hill Rd  
Lexington, TN

# Tribute Wall



“ Pafford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of  
Thomas L. Baker



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**Pafford Funeral Home** - June 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Gail,

*Because you and Tommy were about five years ahead of me in school, I missed getting to know you there. However, because my brother George and I were good friends of Bobby, we often saw Tommy when visiting Bobby. Of course I essentially left Lexington when I began college and went on to live in Texas and then Washington State.*

*However, one event only few years ago remains crystal clear in my mind. I was visiting Lexington, and with George and his wife Liz, we attended church at New Hope Methodist Church. Tommy was the first to greet us; he welcomed us warmly with open arms, introducing us to others,*

*I know this friendliness was a part of his character. I also know that he was a good man and that he leaves a "hole" in the family that cannot be filled. I pray that God will be with you during this time of mourning and transition, knowing that so many good memories of him will help.*

*Robert###imported-begin##Robert (Bob) Kent Stewart###imported-end##*

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June 23, 2009 at 07:37 PM



“ Dear Gail, David, Cindy and Melanie, my thought sre with you and your family. Tommy was such a kind wonderful man and had such a wonderful impact on my children. Kellye Blue truly thought she was a member of your family. My prayers are with you now. Tommy will be missed but he is truly in a better place. Love to all of you  
*Bettye Blue###imported-begin##Bettye Blue Sullivan###imported-end##*

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June 15, 2009 at 04:22 PM



“ Baker Family, I came by the funeral home when none of you were there, and watched the memorial tribute. Tommy lived such a wonderfully fulfilled life. He was a good man, loved by so many. Be strong in knowing that he is still being fulfilled in going to be with the Lord. Pat Brooks###imported-begin###Pat Brooks###imported-end##

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June 14, 2009 at 12:13 PM



“ Melaine Sorry to hear about your father my sympathy goes to you and your family I know what you are going through. My prayers are with you all###imported-begin###shelia bradfield smith###imported-end##

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June 13, 2009 at 08:26 PM



“ GAIL, I am so sorry for your loss###imported-begin###Laura Medlin(kayrene Tucker)###imported-end##

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June 13, 2009 at 04:42 PM



“ We just want to express our love and sympathy to all the Baker family. Tom was an incredibly fine man, like his brother Bob. We feel lucky to have known him. Blessings and peace, Clark and Caroline###imported-begin###Clark and Caroline Kinsler###imported-end##

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June 13, 2009 at 02:36 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Gail and all the family.##imported-begin##Noel and Vivian Blankenship##imported-end##

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June 13, 2009 at 02:26 PM



“ Cindy,

*I am sorry to learn of your father's passing. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers during this time.*

*Elizabeth Vineyard (aide at Southside)##imported-begin##Elizabeth McDaniel Vineyard##imported-end##*

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June 13, 2009 at 10:49 AM



“ Mrs. Gail, David, Cindy, Melanie, and Angie: I have so many wonderful memories of Mr. Tommy in my childhood! He touched my life when I was very young and I have always loved him because of the lessons he taught me. His infectious laugh and the way he loved his children. You could see in his eyes, everytime he talked to or about one of his children, his unwavering love for them. He worked so hard and provided a wonderful life for each of you and it didn't go unnoticed by me. I can remember when he taught me how to pump gas at the age of 5 (the pump was larger than me)! Even though I wasn't his child he never treated me any different. I just joined the flock and he would let me in and feed me anytime he saw me standing outside the window. Childhoods are made of memories, and your family helps make mine. The friendship that Angie and I have is one that knows no time and isn't affected by miles. You've all suffered with your father and I hope that each of you will now find peace. I am sorry that I am out of town and will miss each of you, but know this; I may not be there, but I will be giving tribute to a wonderful man who touched my life and gave this world 4 beautiful children and a legacy that lives on!

God be with each you!##imported-begin##Kellye Blue Sullivan Franklin##imported-end##

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June 13, 2009 at 09:23 AM



“ Mel, Chris, Luke and Jackson: We are so sorry to hear that you've lost your dad/grandpa. We'll be thinking about you and hope you know that we are here for you if you need us. Safe travels home.##imported-begin##Charissa, Tim, Anna, Olivia and Kate (Yellowstone)##imported-end##

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June 13, 2009 at 01:25 AM



“ Mel, Chris, Luke and Jackson - we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our best to you and the Baker family.

Jay and Deb (Anchorage)###imported-begin##Jay and Deb###imported-end##

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June 13, 2009 at 12:41 AM



“ Gail,  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Tommy. I will always have fond memories of playing basketball with him at LHS in 1954. He was one of the finest men I have ever known. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family at this time.

Joe Grissom###imported-begin##Joe Grissom###imported-end##

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June 12, 2009 at 10:23 PM



“ Sent with love and support for our dear friends Melanie, Chris, Luke and Jackson and the whole Baker family. Melanie tells great stories about her Dad; he sounded like such a life-loving and fun man - I had always hoped to meet him. All our very best to your whole family. Love, Rene, Dan and Annabelle (Grand Canyon)###imported-begin##Rene Westbrook###imported-end##

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June 12, 2009 at 08:05 PM



“ Peggy just let us know about Tommy. We are so sad, yet we rejoice that he is with the Lord and no longer suffering. We love you and will be praying for the family in the days to come.###imported-begin##Warren and Mary Ellen Ward###imported-end##

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June 12, 2009 at 02:22 PM



“ Angie, I can say I understand what you may be going through. Keep God first and I promise you will be able to handle the pain. Your father is in a much better place. You will cry, and that is ok. The rain will continue to fall until the storm pass. Take one day at a time. Take care and know I am praying for you and the family.  
Cheryl###imported-begin###Cheryl Dotson###imported-end##

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June 12, 2009 at 09:44 AM



“ How time passes. It only seems like yesterday that Tommy was our escort and in charge of us boys in Nashville for our boys basketball team trip to the state tournament in 1960. God love and bless all of you in this time of grief. Love Jerry E. Wood, Jacksonville, Florida###imported-begin###Jerry E. Wood###imported-end##

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June 11, 2009 at 04:00 PM



“ Dear Angie,  
Your Dad looks like a fun guy and I liked reading about his passions in life. I am sorry to hear of his passing and I send my respects to you and your family.  
Susan###imported-begin###Susan Shockley###imported-end##

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June 11, 2009 at 02:13 PM



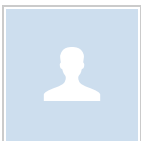
“ Gail and family,

*We are thinking of you and praying for you during this time. I will be seeing you a little later on.*

*Love, Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy and Rodney  
Russell##imported-end##*

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June 11, 2009 at 02:05 PM



“ I;m so sorry to hear of Toms passing .I wasn"t aware he had gotten so serious.Best wishes to all of his wonderful family.I wish we could relive some of the great times we all enjoyed as friends and as a group. I will miss Tom greatly.as well as so many more. He was always a pleasure to do busness with and as a friend James Roy##imported-begin##James R williams##imported-end##

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June 11, 2009 at 01:09 PM



“ We are thinking of you all and saying a prayer during this difficult time. Mr. Baker was such a nice person and so is your entire family. We have missed seeing you all over the last few years. May God bless your family and surround you with his loving peace today and every day.

*Love,  
Steve, Karen, and Ivy Lane Wyatt and Laveda Reeves, and Tommy and Marsha Reeves, and Blake and Stephanie O'Briant##imported-begin##Steve Wyatt and Family##imported-end##*

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June 11, 2009 at 12:14 PM



“ Gail my heart goes out to you and your family. Tommy was a fine person we went to school together and as you know the family at Lexington High is a big Family and we will all miss him.

*My prayers are with you and the Family.*

*School Friend*

*Frances Scott Barnett##imported-begin##Frances Scott Barnett##imported-end##*

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June 11, 2009 at 10:33 AM



“ STEVE AND I ARE SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. I HAVE VERY FOND MEMORIES OF COMING OVER TO YOUR HOUSE WHEN WERE YOUNG.YOUR DAD WAS SUCH A GOOD PERSON. YOU ALL WILL BE IN OUR PRAYERS THROUGH THIS TIME OF SORROW.

*SINCERELY*

*DONNA ROSS DARROUGH##imported-begin##STEVE AND DONNA DARROUGH##imported-end##*

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June 11, 2009 at 09:45 AM



“ Gail, Melanie, David, Cindy, and Angie, we are very sorry for your loss.

*Tom was a true friend and loved by everyone who knew him.*

*Tom and I had driven to Memphis to see the Tigers some years ago when the Tigers made a half court shot to win the game. I'll never forget seeing Tom with his arms stretched over his head and that great big smile. He was a Tiger fan through and through!##imported-begin##Phillip and Dachele Renfroe##imported-end##*

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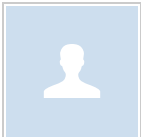
June 11, 2009 at 09:08 AM



“ What a Loss!!!!!! and Heavens gain, so so sorry, will keep all of you in our prayers and may God give you comfort during these difficult days and in the days to come. Our love to all, Glenn and Anna##imported-begin##Anna W. Kirk##imported-end##

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June 11, 2009 at 08:49 AM



“ Gail and family, I am sorry to hear of Tommy,s death. He was a great friend to all who knew him and I know he will be truly missed.My prayers are with you and the family as they travel home to be with you at this sad time. Sarah Lewis##imported-begin##Sarah Lewis##imported-end##

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June 10, 2009 at 11:35 PM



“ Our condolences in the loss of Tommy.  
We have fond memories of him and his  
family. Our prayers are with you and  
family at this sad time.

Fred and Imogene##imported-begin##Imogene Frye##imported-  
end##

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June 10, 2009 at 09:59 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult  
time...We have many memories of Tommy while we were teaching  
and coaching in Lexington..He would take our old beat up car while  
in high school and go pick up our sons at City School and take them  
to the baby sitter after school.....A truly great fellow.....Admired by  
all.....##imported-begin##Gill and Sara Gideon##imported-end##

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June 10, 2009 at 08:56 PM



“ Tommy was a fellow classmate of mine in the class of '54. He was  
always a happy, fun person and we all loved him.  
My sincere condolences to his family in this sad time.  
Always remember all the good times and the fun you had with  
him.##imported-begin##Shirley Wood Brooks##imported-end##

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June 10, 2009 at 08:37 PM