



## Richard A. Baker Sr.

November 11, 1935 - September 26, 2023

Richard A. Baker Sr. 87, of Mount Joy, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on September 26th, 2023 at Paramount Senior Living in Maytown. Born in Marietta on November 11, 1935, he was the son of the late Willis and Anna (Penwell) Baker. Richard was the loving husband of K. Louise (Houseal) Baker who he shared 44 wonderful years of marriage until her passing in 2020. Their love and devotion to each other was demonstrated daily.

Richard was a graduate of Marietta High School class of 1954. He retired from Wyeth Laboratories as a Supervisor in 1994 after 36 years of service. He also worked at the Neidigh Farm, Marietta Foundry, and Penn National Race Course.

Richard was a longtime member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Maytown. He was a highly regarded member of the congregation and served as property chairman for decades and most recently served on church council. He loved Sunday Worship and his church community for which he was a faithful servant for 48 years. His faith and love for the Lord was evident in how he lived his life and his treatment of others. Richard volunteered at the local Meals on Wheels for over 25 years. Richard coached all levels of the Marietta Youth Athletic Association (MYAA) baseball from Pee Wee to American Legion. He served on the Marietta Borough Council. He was also a member of the Maytown Historical Society and a life member of the Susquehanna Beneficial Association.

Richard enjoyed going to sporting events with his dear friend, Bob Long, and

taking trips to the family cabin. He also enjoyed having lunch with his children and playing cards with his family and friends through the years. Richard attended weekly Bingo with his wife for over 25 years. He enjoyed staying busy with volunteering and had a special passion for mowing grass. He displayed unconditional love for his family and friends. Richard's kind and loving spirit, and willingness to lend a helping hand, will be deeply missed by all.

Richard is survived by three children, Richard Baker Jr. (Pamela) of Marietta, Lynn Baker of Maytown, and Jeffrey Baker (Kimberly) of Rapho Township; seven grandchildren; twenty-one great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren; and brother, Bill Baker (Judy) of Mount Joy.

He was preceded in death by a sister Evelyn Keck, great-great grandson Carson Flear, and his uncle and lifelong friend Allen "Bun" Penwell.

The family would like to thank and express our sincere appreciation to Paramount Senior Living, Grane Hospice, and St. Anne's Skilled Nursing for all their wonderful compassion and care provided over the past 4 months.

A funeral service honoring Richard's life will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 11 N. Queen St, Maytown, PA 17550 on Friday, October 6, 2023 at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received at the church before the service from 9:30 AM to 11 AM. Interment will follow in Maytown Union Cemetery (adjoining the church). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, PO Box 96, Maytown, PA 17550.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **6.** 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Johns Lutheran Church, Maytown  
11 North Queen Street  
Maytown, PA 17550

## Funeral Service

OCT **6.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Dick coached me in little leagues, and one game I hit a single. He said nice hit. I responded that it was only 1st base. His response was, and yeah, but you sent a guy to home plate! That was over 50 years ago and I never forgot that.

Bob Smith “Smitty” - October 07, 2023 at 03:31 PM



“ Our condolences to you Rick & Pam, Lynn, Jeff & Kim and Families. We have fond memories of Aunt Louise and Uncle Dick going to each other’s homes to play cards, going to Atlantic City and family gatherings. Uncle Dick was always a perfectionist with whatever he did. We will definitely miss him, but he is now with the women he loved in heaven!



Barbara Houseal - October 06, 2023 at 08:26 AM

EL

“ Lynn, please accept our condolences for you and your family. Dan and I have heartfelt memories of your Dad and Louise over the years while Brianna was growing up. Their kindness and generosity never went unnoticed. I was glad to have tge opportunity to see your Dad recently, and hold his hand. May he rest peacefully beside the love of his life.

kindest regards,  
Dan and Eileen Leaman

Eileen Leaman - October 04, 2023 at 07:47 PM

JR

“ So, so very sorry Kim and Jeff. So hard to lose a parent. You are both in my thoughts

*Janet Rath*

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**Janet Rath** - September 30, 2023 at 08:18 PM

CK

“ Rick, Lynn, Jeff, and families. Elaine and I offer our deepest sympathy. Your dad, or coach as I always addressed him, was one of the men in my life I admired, respected, and try to emulate. Glad we got to spend time with him the past few years. We enjoyed sitting on my mom's front porch with coach having soft pretzels and milk shakes while reminiscing about Marietta and our sports teams.

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**Casey Kraus** - September 30, 2023 at 06:41 PM

AS

“ Father's are awesome people that were put into our lives to make us who we are, your dad was a wonderful provider and made you and those around him better. One of his finest skills he gave to you was love and appreciation for others, as you can see and feel it in your final words of passing. May you and your loved ones find peace as your father rests with those he has missed, especially your mother. Your father was a great man.

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**Alan Secrest** - September 30, 2023 at 06:06 PM

LS

“ Prayers and condolences go out to the bake family, dick was one of my coaches I played for and his son rick and I grew up together playing basketball and baseball in our yards and having dick keep us in line with a boot in the butt now and then with his work boots, great memories RIP dick.

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**Lou sargen** - September 30, 2023 at 12:55 PM

BL

“ I have nothing but good memories of Dick, mostly of him coaching baseball teams I played on. Cindy and I had a chance to talk with him within the past year and I'm so glad now that we did.  
He was a good guy.  
Condolences to the Baker family.  
Bill Libhart

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**Bill Libhart** - September 30, 2023 at 09:57 AM

TB

“ To Rick, Jeff and Lynn. Sorry for your loss. My sincere condolences go out to the entire family, he will be greatly missed by all. Peace be with you

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**Terry L Bosley** - September 30, 2023 at 08:49 AM

FB

“ I'm sorry, Kim and Jeff, for your great loss. Prayers and hugs! 💔

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**Flora Brands** - September 30, 2023 at 08:29 AM

JS

“ Kim, I am sorry to hear of the loss of Jeff's dad. Our sincere condolences.



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**Jen Rath Semle** - September 30, 2023 at 07:03 AM

JR

“ *I learned to know Dick through Bill. Such a great friend! He was loved and respected by so many. I'm sure this has been an extremely difficult past few months for all of Dick's family. RIP to my dear friend.*

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**Jean Marie Reuter** - September 29, 2023 at 11:27 PM