



Jon A. Baker

December 12, 1932 - February 15, 2019

Jon A. Baker, 86 of Grand Island died Friday, February 15, 2019 with his loving family at his side.

Services will be 10:30 AM Wednesday at All Faiths Funeral Home. Daniel Naranjo will officiate. Military honors will be rendered by the U.S. Air Force and the United Veterans Honor Guard.

Burial will be 2:30 PM Wednesday at the Rosehill Cemetery in Palmer.

Visitation will be from 5-7 PM Tuesday at the Funeral Home.

Jon was born December 12, 1932 at Palmer, Nebraska the son of Robert and Gladys (Zehr) Baker. He attended the Cottonwood School in Palmer until the 8th grade, graduated from Palmer High School in 1950.

Jon entered the United States Air Force on February 4, 1952 serving in Korea from December 1, 1952 until December 1, 1953. He was honorably discharged on February 4, 1956. He was awarded the Korean Presidential Citation, Korean Service Medal, Bronze Star, Korean Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Medal.

He married Sharon Rowe in 1952. To this union he was blessed with children, Jon, Jeff and Julie. In May 1983, Jon was united in marriage to VirJeanne Thede. Along with this blessing are daughters, Monica and Michelle.

Jon's career included being a Realtor/Broker since 1967. He served on the Board of Governors from 1972-80. He opened Nein & Baker Realty – Boulder, CO in 1973. In 1974 he started Baker Realty – Grand Island and was elected President of Grand Island Board of Realtors in 1975. From 1975-79 he served

on the State Association Board of Directors. From 1982-87 he had Baker Realty – Rock Springs, Wyoming and from 1987-96, owned First Realty Group of Phoenix/Scottsdale, Arizona. He served on the Education Committee – Grand Island Board of Realtors and as a Director of the Grand Island Board of Realtors. He received the Realtor of Distinction Award in 2006. Jon was a lifetime member of the Palmer American Legion and a member of the Platt Duetsche.

Those left to cherish his memory include the love of his life, VirJeanne; children, Jon S. (Leslie) Baker of Schertz, TX, Jeffrey A. (Loquetta) Baker of Pottsboro, TX, Julie d'Antoni of Covington, LA, Monica (David) Brandt of Windsor, CO and Michelle (Rick) Vavrik of Thornton, CO; grandchildren, Myra (Tony) De La Garza of Hudson Oaks, TX, Jon T. Baker of Schertz, TX, Eric (Julie) Baker of Frisco, TX, Christine (Jeff) Berglund of Pottsboro, TX, Kari (Rick) Fluckey of Hastings, NE, Master Sargent Bryan Lonowski (fiancé Janet Walker) of Tucson, AZ, Brittany (Justin) Fortado of Richmond Hill, GA, Ashley Toye of Las Vegas, NV, Alexis DeMers of Wellington, CO and Erik (Monica) Hart of Thornton, CO; and great-grandchildren, Sharon, Antonio, Emma, Michael and Lucas De La Garza, Zachary Baker, Bree, Emma and Kate Fluckey, Braylon and Kynlee Fortado, Caleb and Camden Toye, Eli Glassford and Scarlett Hart; brothers, Wayne (Patricia) Baker of Ogden, Utah and Robert J. Baker of Grand Island and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to St. Francis Oncology.

Online condolences may be sent to www.giallfaiths.com

Cemetery Details

Rosehill

Palmer, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Jon A. Baker*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Just thinking of Jon and Virjean with great memories of the olden days. My thoughts and prayers to all the family. Cheerfulness should have been Jon's middle name. RIP*

Sharon Lovell Gergen - February 20, 2019 at 07:58 PM



“ *VirJeanne, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. I loved that man, he will be greatly missed.*

Jim DeMers - February 20, 2019 at 07:04 PM



“ *Jon was like family to me. He was in my life since the day I was born and I'll remember his fun and beautiful spirit for the rest of my life. I've never met anyone else quite like him, and I always felt about 10 feet taller after visiting with him. "By golly, you'd better get over here and give me a big ol' hug". I'm deeply saddened I'll never get another chance to hear you say this to me, but so grateful I got to know you and have you in my life.*



Kaylie Gomez - February 20, 2019 at 10:50 AM

DC

“ VirJeanne, our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family at this time, in hopes of providing comfort, caring and peace to you. We realize there are no words to take away your heartache and sadness but we hope that time will help you heal and your memories of Jon will remain with you and give you joy in remembering the life and love you shared.



*Premiere Lawncare
Darin & Kacey Drage
Grand Island Sprinkler Guy
Tim & Lisa Bennett*

Darin Drage & Kacey Cabbage - February 20, 2019 at 10:20 AM

JP

“ Sending our sincere condolences to the family!! Steve and Judy Power

Judy Power - February 19, 2019 at 08:35 PM

NW

“ We offer sympathy to the family of Jon. Gary and I had exciting and fun times with Jon . traveling, and sharing our cabin acres on the Loup river.
Gary and Nanna Wieck

Nanna Wieck - February 19, 2019 at 10:03 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jon A. Baker.



February 18, 2019 at 11:52 PM

CW

“ *Virjeanne, my deepest sympathy. I was sorry to read of Jon's passing.*

Love in our Savior, Jesus Christ

Carla Warneke - February 18, 2019 at 01:28 PM

HR

“ *Vir Jeanne May God give you strength and BLESSINGS during this time of need.*

Always admired Jon and his dedication to family and the Real Estate business.

Are prayers are with you and the family

Harold and Judy Rosenkotter

HAROLD ROSENKOTTER - February 17, 2019 at 04:18 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jon A. Baker.*



February 16, 2019 at 10:46 PM

RW

“ *Many hours spent reloading and hunting with Jon and his boys...Butch and Jeff were with us one night hunting out by Palmer. Jon turned and said "are you boys still awake?" Jeff said " I'm so wide awake my eyes hurt!"...GOOD TIMES.*

Reo

Reo Weeks - February 16, 2019 at 06:26 PM

CR

*Vir Jeanne, please know my heart is with you.
Your cousin,
Cynthia Armatys Rutledge*

Cynthia Rutledge - February 18, 2019 at 01:31 PM