



Atty Richard A. Baker

March 10, 1942 - February 16, 2022

LONGTIME CAMBRIDGE ATTORNEY LEAVES LASTING LEGACY

Richard Albert Baker of Cambridge Ohio passed away February 16, 2022 from

idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. He was 79.

Dick is survived by his wife Missy and their four children: Dr. Ann Sherry (Paul), John

Baker (DeAnn), Kathleen Weaver (Kevin), and Faith Sichman (Matthew). He is also

survived by their ten grandchildren: Emma and Jake Baker; Lauren and Megan Sherry;

Isaac, Samuel, James and David Weaver; and Arthur and Eddie Sichman.

Born March 10, 1942, he was a son of the late Jacob C Baker and Margaret Ann (Mess)

and the eldest of ten children. He is survived by all of his siblings (and their spouses):

Margaret Ziehler (Tony), Daniel Baker (Connie), Susan Poling (Bill), Mary Lou Baker

Jones (Merrel), Patricia Baker (Bill), Jeannette Mellion (Nick), Theresa Baker, Paul

Baker (Tanya) and Elizabeth Tucker (Craig).

A graduate of Archbishop Hoban High all boys School in 1960, Richard (Dick)

played

the Sousaphone in the band. Like his parents before him, and so many after him, he

attended college at The University of Dayton (UD). There, while working as Editor at

the Flyer News, UD's student newspaper, he met who would become his wife of 55 years:

Marilyn (Missy) Musterman.

Dick graduated from UD in 1964. Missy, having actually declined his first proposal

because she wanted to finish her education first, moved on to Vanderbilt for her Masters

degree. Already having been active in Army ROTC at UD, Dick had his sights on the

military. But, he wanted to go to law school first. So, he deferred enlistment until after

Law School at OSU and passing the bar exam. Dick and Missy maintained a long

distance relationship between Columbus and Nashville until she finally accepted his

proposal March 17, 1966. They married December 26 that same year. They have been

side by side ever since.

Attorney Baker graduated from the Moritz College of Law at the Ohio State University in

1967. He served as a Judge Advocate General (JAG) Officer in the US Army at Ft Bragg,

NC where he earned his pilot's license, became a Paratrooper in the Army Special Forces

(Green Berets), and was inducted into the National Society of Pershing Rifles.

He

retired after five years in the military having achieved the rank of Captain. By then, the first two of their four children had been born. Dick and Missy were ready to find a place to plant their roots and grow their family.

When the law office of DeSelm and Moore in Cambridge, Ohio recruited him, Dick piloted himself into the Cambridge Municipal Airport to investigate. He would later be active with the Cambridge Airport Authority. Missy and Dick decided he would take the job and they would make the move. During his career, he made many good and important contributions at the state and local levels including serving as Governor for the Ohio State Bar Association and being the Guernsey County Law Librarian. A special thanks here to his devoted Secretary Maxine Sala, who stayed with him and his practice all this time. The sign that was removed 50 years later from the historic building at 819 Steubenville Ave said: Law Offices - Attorney Richard A. Baker.

Dick was a family man. He believed in the power of family and the need for a strong nuclear family. He was dedicated to the extended and immediate family he knew personally. He also enjoyed researching genealogy and the connections we have with the family who came before us. He was genuinely interested in each individual and had

no hesitations when it came to reaching out with a call, email, or text if he was thinking

about you. One of his sisters commented that, "He always professed to be interested in

what I was doing and that is a pretty good quality in an older brother." Yes, that is also a

pretty good quality in a husband, a dad, an uncle, a grandpa, a friend, a neighbor...

His family extended to the entire community and he found numerous ways to serve

others. Dick was an active leader with decades-long tenure in Kiwanis (President,

Foundation), Christ Our Light Parish - St. Benedict church and school (Parish Council

President), Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army (Board of Trustees), Explorers, and

especially the Boy Scouts of America (Scoutmaster, Troop 526, where he helped develop

many Scouts into Eagles). For many years, the Bakers hosted foreign exchange students

and Dick still kept in touch.

Dick believed in family being together. Christmas was the time for gathering at their

place. Do you know that the mantle at their home held 22 stockings for the Christmas of

2021? And if the family was gathering elsewhere, he and Missy hopped in the car.

Reunion? School play? Sporting event? Thanksgiving? Graduation? You know it - He's

packing his camera and his laptop, so get ready for the slideshow! Easter in Louisville

with Missy's family? Baker Christmas Brunch in Dayton? Week on the coast of NC?

He's making the waffles! For 50 years, he welcomed all who could join that time at the

Beach. Funeral?... yes. Even in the hard times, he was there.

But there comes a time when the body cannot last. What will we do without him?

After a recent family dinner, when he and Missy had gone up early to sleep and the

grown kids were still gathered at the table, he emailed from their bed, "It warms my

heart to hear the muted voices downstairs of your enjoyment of each other's company.

Keep these relationships strong and fulfilling."

There it is.

That is what we will do.

Visitation will be held at Christ Our Light Parish (St. Benedict's Church) on Saturday, March 5, 2022 from 11 am to 12 pm with funeral mass beginning at 12 pm. Father Robert Borer will officiate the service. In lieu of flowers:

donations may be made to, Christ Our Light Church/School 701 Gomber Ave Cambridge, OH 43725, Boy Scout of America Muskingum Valley Council 734 Morehead Ave Zanesville, OH 43701 or to

Samaritan Center 1207 Chestnut St Cambridge, OH 43725. Please identify in the mailing that it is in memory of Richard Baker. Dick's online tribute wall may be viewed and signed at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

At a later date

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Christ Our Light Parrish
701 Gomber Avenue
Cambridge, OH 43725

Service

MAR 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

Christ Our Light Parrish
701 Gomber Avenue
Cambridge, OH 43725

Celebration of Life

MAR 5. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Theo's Restaurant
632 Wheeling Ave.
Cambridge, OH 43725

Tribute Wall

 Deb
Thornton

“ I had no idea until today and am so sorry for Missy,my first cousin(my father,Vince Schoo&her mother,Sis were siblings.) Missy babysat us a lot and I clearly remember their wedding!I once sent her a polaroid I took of it.Dick was an amazing man and I remember the family at Sis’s big Birthday party in Louisville. Take care all and I will mail Missy a card now.
Much love,
Deb Schoo Thornton

Deb Thornton - January 14, 2023 at 11:53 AM

 JV

“ Our Deepest Sympathies to the Family of Atty. Baker. He was our attorney for many years. His kindness and warmth in the office or on the phone made him special . When NCR closed and we moved to New Hampshire and left our house in Cambridge, we were very fortunate to have him to take care of our house. Will miss him at future Salad luncheons and other St.Benedict functions. RIP Attorney Baker . We pray God will give comfort and Peace to your family at this time. Joetta and Vijay Varanasi

Joetta Varanasi - March 06, 2022 at 07:56 PM

 MO

“ Dick was a friend from grade school in Cuyahoga Falls until our last meeting in September 2021. Our first trip away from home without parents took place in 1959 with Dick, Steve Dougherty and myself. He was a member of my wedding party in 1965. It's been an honor and a pleasure to have known him.

Mike O'Connor
Los Gatos, CA

Mike O'Connor - March 05, 2022 at 03:43 PM

BW

“ Dick was great resource and advisor to the local Cambridge Salvation Army Advisory Board for many years. His counsel and dedication to the work of the Army was a significant factor in setting up and guiding several notable estates that were highly beneficial to the operation of the local Corps.

Bob Wilhelm

Bob Wilhelm - March 04, 2022 at 07:46 PM

RK

“ Good friend & highly trusted attorney. Saddened of his passing.

R. Gene Kerr - March 04, 2022 at 01:33 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Atty Richard A. Baker.



March 04, 2022 at 08:35 AM

JS

“ Dick will be missed. Such a good man . Enjoyed working with him with the Knights of Columbus. Always kind and caring. Prayers for Missy too. He was always there for her no matter what. A great husband and father. Prayers of the rosary.

John and Connie Sprouse - March 04, 2022 at 06:18 AM

BM

“ I'm praying for Missy as she deals with so many changes especially the loss of her tender caring spouse. How devastating for her. I will always remember Dick and Larry approaching with their headlamps in the early morning as they walked their route. My daughter Emily has good memories of riding horses at Bakers Acres. Such a wonderful family. Such an inspiring soul.

Barb Mingione - March 03, 2022 at 05:31 PM

FS

“ Spent many hours with Dick at church and Boy Scouts. Even went flying with him. Prayers for all the family.



Fred SCHELTZ - March 03, 2022 at 03:58 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Atty Richard A. Baker.



March 03, 2022 at 01:07 PM

DF

“ Dan and Connie Baker and Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Atty Richard A. Baker.



Dan and Connie Baker and Family - March 03, 2022 at 09:39 AM

TF

“ *The Mellion Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Atty Richard A. Baker.*



The Mellion Family - March 03, 2022 at 07:09 AM

CA

“ *So sorry
Many good memories.
A good man , a good friend.
I will miss.
Hope to see you again Mr. Baker.*

Chester and Janet Adkins

Chester Adkins - March 03, 2022 at 03:32 AM

SJ

“ *I was honored to meet Dick.And I was honored to spend time with him .He was a very kind and special person. He will be missed by not only family but also all those who had the privilege of knowing him. My condolences to his Wife and Family. Sue Johnson.*

Sue Johnson - March 02, 2022 at 07:59 PM



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



March 02, 2022 at 02:20 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Atty Richard A. Baker.



March 02, 2022 at 01:17 PM



“ I babysat my neighborhood on 13th Street, which included the fabulous Baker children. I remember Mr. Baker being very kind and an overall nice human being. My condolences to them and to Mrs. Baker.

Phyl Sites - March 02, 2022 at 10:27 AM



“ Dear Faith & Baker Family,
Faith, I haven't seen you since we graduated but I always thought so highly of you and your family!
I'm so sorry to hear that your wonderful Father has passed. He sure left a beautiful legacy! I hope you keep your precious memories close to your heart and lean on one another for strength. Prayers, hugs and love to you ❤️
Jennifer (Johnson) Sikora & family

Jennifer Sikora - March 01, 2022 at 07:05 PM



“ So sorry to read of Dick's passing. We always enjoyed chatting with him and Missy at ball games. They were always so supportive of their children and grandchildren. Rod Johnson, Mandy Stark, Meredith Nash.

Rod Johnson - March 01, 2022 at 03:11 PM



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



March 01, 2022 at 10:21 AM



“ *On behalf of Muskingum Valley Council, Scouts BSA, we send our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Richard. His support and inspiration in the lives of youth in Scouting will forever be a blessing. May you all be comforted to know how much good he brought to the lives of others. Anne Herriage, Executive Director, Muskingum Valley Council.*

Anne Herriage - March 01, 2022 at 09:25 AM



“ *I deeply appreciated Richards advice and wisdom throughout my years as Executive Director with the Boy Scouts. His devotion to Missy was inspirational. Prayers for Missy and family during this difficult time.*

Ed Mulholland - March 01, 2022 at 08:58 AM



Sending thoughts and prayers to Missy and the family. I first became acquainted with this wonderful family many years ago when our children were in school together and later became reacquainted with Dick when he and Larry crossed paths with me and my dog on our early morning walks. It has been a privilege to share time with all of them.

Barb Allen

Barbara Allen - March 04, 2022 at 03:20 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Atty Richard A. Baker.*



February 28, 2022 at 04:58 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*
Liz Lewis
Michael Bakos
Jim & Paula Bakos

Paula Bakos - February 28, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ *Mr. Baker was such A blessing for his Wife and partner and A blessing for All who Knew Him Walk with God now Mr. Baker*

Mary Brothers - February 28, 2022 at 09:22 AM



“ *So many fond memories of Mr Baker on camping and hiking outings with the Boy Scouts! He was always an encouragement and willing to share a story of past adventures and to take time to teach those willing to listen and to share his love and knowledge of the outdoors, history, or life in general.*

Aaron Craig - February 27, 2022 at 09:12 PM

VL

“ *Victor Lagneaux lit a candle in memory of Atty Richard A. Baker*



Victor Lagneaux - February 27, 2022 at 08:27 PM

MH

“ *Michael Holmes lit a candle in memory of Atty Richard A. Baker*



Michael Holmes - February 25, 2022 at 12:09 PM