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Richard Henry Baker of Georgetown, Delaware, originally from Baltimore, MD, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at the age of 71.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia (nee Wright); his children: Samantha Baker and Jesse Baker and his wife Amanda Baker (nee Ressin) and his adorable grandson Dylan.

Richard was an award-winning social worker who quickly won accolades wherever he was employed. This included the Maryland School Psychologist Outstanding Educator Award in 2006. In 2007 he was honored to be named by the Maryland Chapter of National Association of Social Workers as School Social Worker of the Year. But it was his passion to address the needs of children and improve their lives with the inception of the Homewood Center (Howard County Public Schools). Through that, a new community for students was developed. The focus was on human values and creating a family atmosphere where positive relationships were fundamental. His creed was "to start where the child is."

Richard was loved by the students and was affectionately known as "Baker". He always was a tireless advocate for students and always went beyond the call of duty. Richard was devoted to the students and staff at the Homewood Center. As a reminder of Richard always remember your local artists, musicians, and poets for it is they who keep us going.

Services are private.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Homewood Center, 10914 MD RT 108, Ellicott City MD 21042 410-414-7081.

Services will be private.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



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CC

Charlene Cofiell posted:

So sorry to hear Richard has past and my condolences to his family. I met Richard in the 70's through my husband , we were close friends and it was Richard that inspired me to be a foster parent. We all spent time listening to music and we would play backgammon and most the time he would beat me and when i would win he would always one to play one more game . You have given us the gift of so many good memories.

December 14 at 5:35 AM

LW

Leslye Walton posted:

I remember Richard as being a great friend with a Great personality may he now RIP

November 20 at 6:35 AM

NS

Nicole Spaller posted:

I have so many Richard memories & I am going to miss him so much. He's been in my phone as "2nd Dad" for over 10 years, and he'll remain in there that way. There were no Patty shows like the ones with him, crashing outside venues, sing alongs, duets at jam sessions. He was one of a kind, and will be missed! Leaving Rams Head Tavern one night after a show and some drinks, he put his arms around my shoulders and said "Nicole, you're my other soul mate!". It stuck. Ever birthday wish would be "Happy Birthday Soul Mate!" I will miss hearing his voice, but grateful for so many memories and so many good times!

August 29 at 5:54 PM

TF

The Portney Family posted:

Dear Patty, Sam, Jesse and Baker family, We are all thinking of you so much and want to express our heartfelt condolences . We have so many great memories of Richard playing music , trick or treating in Colonial Village . Sending you all support and love and comfort. Leslie, David , Jess and Ben Portney

August 23 at 5:27 AM



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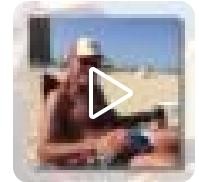
Bob Sugar posted:

I knew Richard since we were 5 years old. Going through many iterations of change, growth, challenge, years of being out of touch, life experiences, and reconnecting later in life the one constant is the love and respect that I had for him. You will be dearly missed my friend!!

August 21 at 9:12 AM



Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared an album called **Memories Album**.



August 14 at 5:16 AM



Wendi August 16 at 5:33 AM

I can't find the words to express how deeply saddened I am: Thank you for being a friend-



Neil Cohen August 16 at 9:07 AM

Bravo! Well Done!!



Bob posted:

Knowing Richard since we were 5 years old leaves me absolutely grief stricken with his passing. He was a dear friend, a productive and contributing member of society, and he had a circle of dear friends and a loving family. So many memories that I will Cher and hold close to my heart. You will be sorely missed my dear friend!

August 12 at 2:54 PM



Neil Cohen posted:

With great sadness "BakerByrd" has taken his final "Flyte". Hopefully he has found "Shelter from the Storm". May the family find comfort. Go ride the music... Neil & Lois Cohen

August 10 at 11:41 AM



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Wendi sent a virtual gift in honor of Richard.



August 9 at 2:31 PM



Wendi August 9 at 2:35 PM

We were so cool and had so much fun together. Fly like a Byrd and have a Burrito. See you on the other side. May your journey be filled with song.



Media

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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a video to the **Memories Album** album.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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