



# Francis J. Baker Jr.

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**F**rancis J. (Mickey) Baker, Jr., born in Wilmington, DE, on October 25, 1937, passed away on September 16, 2024. He was born to the late Francis J. Baker, Sr., and Lora L. (Eaton) Baker. He was the oldest of three brothers: Bill, Dick, and Tom.

Mickey went to Brown Vocational High School where he graduated in 1955 with a diploma in radio and TV Repair. Two weeks after completing High School and receiving his diploma, Mickey enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. This is where he spent 4 years on active duty and another 4 years in reserve at his home base of Camp LeJeune, North Carolina. During his enlistment, he achieved the rank of Sergeant.

Mickey married the love of his life, Frances M. Nowak, three years into his service in the military. After marrying, they spent a year and a half at Camp LeJeune until his discharge on July 19, 1959. Mickey and Franny lived a happy marriage of 61 years before her passing on August 17, 2019.

Following the military, Mickey joined DuPont working in the marketing department in Textile Fibers. He took early retirement in 1992 after 33 years of dedicated service and hard work. After retiring in Sussex County, DE, Mickey thoroughly enjoyed being captain of his pontoon boat and booze cruising around Rehoboth Bay with his wife Franny, and many of his friends and family members.

Mickey was an active member of the American Legion, Post 28, where he rarely missed the shuffleboard Wednesday tournaments. Red wearing Friday was always on his weekly agenda, where he enjoyed being with his buddies at American Vets – Post 2.

Mickey is preceded in death by his wife Franny, and brother Dick. He is survived by two children: son Keith Baker (Margie) of Wilmington, DE; and daughter Karla Engle (Donald) of Rehoboth Beach, DE; two grandchildren: Andrew Baker (Dianna) of Wilmington, DE, and Brandon Baker (Allison) of Wilmington, DE; two brothers: Bill Baker (Pat) of Millsboro, DE, and Tom Baker



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(Karen) of Rehoboth Beach, DE; along with numerous nieces and nephews and his beloved dog, Albert.

Mickey thoroughly enjoyed his family and grandchildren. He was truly a family man and cherished any time spent with them. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. His smile will always remain in our hearts.

A Chapel Committal Service with military honors will be held on Wednesday September 25, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Millsboro, DE.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Mickey's memory to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford DE 19963.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES, DE ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 BY 3:00 PM.





## Events

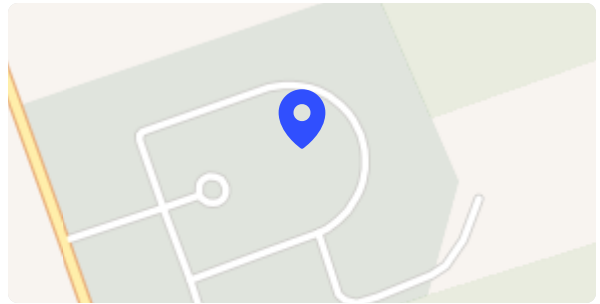
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### Chapel Committal with Military Honors

 **Wednesday**, September 25, 2024

 11:00 AM ET

 **Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery**  
26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro DE





# Tribute Wall

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**Love, The Duplessis' And Songs** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.



September 24 at 7:33 AM



**Love, The Duplessis' And Songs** sent a Joyful Memory to the Baker family.



September 24 at 7:33 AM



**Peggy Craven** posted:

Mickey was the best neighbor. He even rescued my Father and I in the bay once when I got stuck on a mud flat as the tide was going out. He was always cheerful, always happy, and always looked out for me. He will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathies to Karla and Keith and all your family. I hope the happy memories will quickly fill in the empty space you feel when you think of him right now. With sympathy, Peggy Craven

September 23 at 12:10 PM



**Margaret C.** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Francis.



September 23 at 11:59 AM



**Our Condolences, Your White Cap Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.



September 23 at 11:06 AM



**Our Condolences, Your White Cap Family** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Baker family.



September 23 at 11:06 AM



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**Tim Molnar & Friends At Gem** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.

September 23 at 9:24 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Baker family.

September 23 at 9:24 AM



**Cindy Baker** posted:

Mickey and Fannie were always good to me, even after I divorced his brother. Rest in peace my friend. Cindy

September 19 at 11:36 AM



**Tommie, Melanie And Aimee** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.

September 18 at 2:22 PM



**Tommie, Melanie And Aimee** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Baker family.

September 18 at 2:22 PM



**Tommy, Melanie And Aimee** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.

September 18 at 2:01 PM





# Memories only last if you share them

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



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