



Bobby Joe Baker

August 13, 1932 - April 11, 2017

' Bobby Joe Baker, longtime Barnsdall resident, passed away Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at Jane Phillips Medical Center in Bartlesville, OK at the age of 84 years. Bobby was born August 13, 1932 in Short, OK to Arthur L. and Gladys B. (Denny) Baker. He was raised and received his education in the Nicut and Short communities, graduating from Muldrow High School with the class of 1951. Bobby then attended Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK, where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Education in 1954. Then, in September of 1954, he enlisted in the US Army during the Korean War. He attended basic training in Fort Bliss, TX and then he was stationed at Allison Air Force Base in Fairbanks, AK for one and one-half years. While in the army, Bobby trained and served as a radar operator for the 502nd Anti Artillery Battery. His rank was Specialist 3rd Class and he received a Marksmanship medal and a Good Conduct medal. Bobby served his country until his honorable discharge in August of 1956. In 1962, Bobby received his Master's Degree in School Administration and his Elementary Principal Certification. In addition to his formal education, he took advanced studies at Northeastern State University and Oklahoma State University for his High School Principal Certification and Superintendent Certification. Bobby was an employee of Barnsdall Public Schools for 38 years. He started his teaching career as a business education teacher at the high school and then became elementary school principal. He retired as an elementary school principal and assistant superintendent in 1994. He also did tax work for many individuals for many

years. Baker Tax Service was established in 1957 and the family owned business is still in operation today. On August 29, 1964, Bobby and Dorthea L. Standridge were united in marriage in Poteau, OK. To this union, three sons were born; Alan, Kendall and Joey. Bobby and Dorthea have been married for 52 years. Bobby was a longtime member of the Barnsdall Nazarene Church and a member of the American Legion, Oklahoma Education Association and National Education Association. In his spare time, besides doing tax work, Bobby enjoyed going to auctions, traveling with family and friends, camping, fishing, attending family sporting events, working on his farm, taking care of his cattle, listening to music, whistling, playing the guitar and enjoying what he would call, "living the good lif". However, even amidst of all these wonderful hobbies, family was always a priority, especially the grandchildren. Those that survive and hold many cherished memories are his wife Dorthea of the home; sons Alan Baker and wife Melody of Cleveland, OK; Kendall Baker and wife Kimberly of Bartlesville, OK and Joey Baker and wife Carrie of Barnsdall, OK. Also surviving are his grandchildren Zackary, Avery, Dylan, Brooke, Bobby Joe, Zoey and William; as well as brothers Gene Baker and wife Peggy of Conroe, TX; Clebern Baker and wife Maebelle of Tahlequah, OK and Edward Baker and wife Connie of Short, OK; and numerous nieces and nephews. Bobby was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation will be from 4pm to 8pm on Thursday, April 13, 2017 in the sanctuary of the Barnsdall Nazarene Church. Funeral services will be at 10:30 AM on Friday, April 14, 2017 in the Barnsdall High School gymnasium with Pastor Jim Johnson and Pastor Edward Baker officiating. A graveside service will conclude in the Ethel Reece Cemetery (new addition) with military honors accorded by the United States Army. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, those that would like to honor Bobby's memory, do so by contributing to the Barnsdall Nazarene Church, PO Box 210, Barnsdall, OK 74002. Arrangements and services were entrusted to the Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso, OK. www.moweryfs.com '

Tribute Wall

GB

“ *'Our love and prayers are with all the Baker family at this difficult time. Mr. Baker was such a wonderful Elementary Principal and continued to be an outstanding citizen of Barnsdall through the years. Mr. and Mrs. Baker kept the little Nazarene Church going for years with their dedication and service to Christ and the community. May Dorthea and the family be comforted that he is rejoicing in his Heavenly Home!!! Love and Prayers, Gloria and Tom'*

Gloria & Tom Blackwell - April 15, 2017 at 07:25 PM

DW

“ *'We love you all and you know you are in our prayers.'*

David & Joyce Ward - April 14, 2017 at 11:25 PM

TW

“ *'So sorry for you your loss.'*

Tom Willis - April 14, 2017 at 02:16 PM

KA

“ *'Wonderful memories of Mr. Baker as my elementary principal, a gentle and kind figure of authority for young people growing up in Barnsdall. Mrs. Baker was my 4th grade teacher and I loved her. Many prayers for the entire Baker family.'*

Kim Berg Allen - April 14, 2017 at 03:11 AM

ML

“ *'My condolences. I remember the days in the Barnsdall Elementary School when Mr. Baker was the Principal. He was always very kind to the kids, professional and always proud. God has a new angel, a one of a kind. I pray for comfort and peace for the family and friends during this difficult time. Mrs. Baker, if I could be of help to you at any time, please let me know. '*

Marcia Lanphear - April 13, 2017 at 08:45 PM

AW

“ *'We have lost a good friend. May God Bless you. We love you.'*

Andy and Wilma - April 13, 2017 at 04:30 PM

DD

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Darrel and Sally Daniel - April 13, 2017 at 04:20 PM



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April 13, 2017 at 04:19 PM

JG

“ *'I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Baker was an inspiration to so many children, and was one of the finest men and educators I have ever had the honor to know. God bless your family.'*

Joe Garrett - April 13, 2017 at 12:28 PM

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Joe Garrett - April 13, 2017 at 12:27 PM

JJ

“ *'My heart hurts for the Baker Family. Bob Baker was one of the kindest persons I have ever known. He was my boss for 20 years and I can honestly say he was the best. '*

Jane Javine - April 12, 2017 at 11:14 PM

GD

“ *'Mr. Baker was a very respected man in barnsdall. He will be missed by many of us. Our hearts go out to the family. May God embrace you. '*

Glenn and Rebecca Dildine - April 12, 2017 at 10:39 PM

SP

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Stan & Debra Pinney - April 12, 2017 at 09:05 PM

PH

“ *'So sorry for your family"s loss . Mr Baker was such an inspiration to so many lives . May God bless you all !!!'*

Phillip Hansen - April 12, 2017 at 08:07 PM

VT

“ *'One of the sweetest guys I"ve known, never seen him that he wasn"t smiling. My condolences go out to his family.'*

Vicky Tarwater - April 12, 2017 at 07:49 PM

JS

“ ‘Bob is such a good man, I know his community has a tremendous respect for the person he was on this earth, his legacy of goodness will no doubt continue on through his wonderful family. Loving thoughts to Dorthea, Pand the entire Baker family! \r\n\r\n{A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.}\r\n’

Joel Swanson - April 12, 2017 at 07:10 PM

JV

“ ‘Being from Short, OK myself and around the Baker Family most of my life, Bob was an inspiration to many around him. He did a lot of things and was good at a lot things. I remember him most as a good singer and talented athlete. In later years, we enjoyed visiting at Decorations and etc. He will be missed. Dorthea our prayers are with you and the family. ’

John & Earlene Vann - April 12, 2017 at 05:42 PM

RH

“ ‘Dorthea and family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God bring comfort to all of you at this time. Love to all.’

Rev. John and Jean Hansen - April 12, 2017 at 04:58 PM

RH

“ ‘So sorry for your loss.....Mr. Baker was a kind and gentle man, he will be missed by many.....My heart goes out to all of you’

rhonda adkins hull - April 12, 2017 at 04:51 PM

JD

“ *Mr. Baker was an inspiration and guiding hand to so many in Barnsdall. He had his own way to get through to a student when he had to correct them.* ’

Jerri DeWeese - April 12, 2017 at 04:34 PM

LF

“ *Our deepest sympathy to your family! We are so sorry for your loss. May God wrap his arms around you all and give you comfort and peace* ’

Larry & Lynette Fleck - April 11, 2017 at 09:43 PM