



Robert "Rob" David Baker

August 13, 1972 - March 5, 2026

Robert ("Rob") Baker, age 53, passed away peacefully to be with the Lord on March 5, 2026 at the Mayo Clinic Hospital in Rochester, MN surrounded by his family. Rob was born on August 13, 1972, in Petoskey, MI to David and Susan Baker.

Rob graduated from Rudyard High School in the class of 1991, earned his pilot's license, and obtained his certificate in HVACR from Northern Michigan University. In 2000, he married the love of his life, Deidre, and they later welcomed their precious daughter, Brooke.

Rob was known for his admirable work ethic, dedication, positivity, and generosity. A successful business owner, he ran his HVACR business, Rob's Service & Sales, for over 20 years. He was skilled at helping customers troubleshoot over the phone, and had an impressive ability to manage many projects and tasks. Always open to new opportunities, he recently discovered great enjoyment out of sharing his knowledge with high schoolers in an HVACR class through Pickford's CTE program.

With a fun-loving, zestful approach to life, Rob found happiness in many hobbies: boating, jet-skiing, side-by-side rides, driving new cars, flying drones, hunting, and traveling. Rob also had an enthusiasm for the latest updates to technology. Above all, he particularly enjoyed sharing these hobbies and

interests with loved ones and friends.

Not only did Rob find good company in steady friendships, but he had a knack for making fast friends as well. Rob made sure to stay in close touch with his family and friends, always just a phone call away. Encouraging and trustworthy, he was both a supportive confidant and great listener to many.

A true family man, Rob held his role as a devoted husband and adoring father very dear to his heart. Rob always kept “his girls” at the forefront of everything he did. He was a devoted provider and encourager, and never held back on his unconditional love for them.

Rob continuously honored God through his good works, selfless love, and sincere faith. His steadfast relationship with the Lord gave him great strength as he navigated the difficulties of a cancer diagnosis, which he fought with tremendous grace, perseverance, and courage. A truly remarkable representation of strength, he never complained about the pain he experienced. His selfless desire was to lead people to the Lord by demonstrating unrelenting faith, even through challenging times.

Rob is survived by his wife, Deidre (Smith) Baker; daughter, Brooke Baker; parents David and Susan (Pesenski) Baker; siblings Jaime Baker and Michael Baker; siblings' children: Trevor Quinn, Brea Quinn, Zachary Brewster, Tanner Baker, and Trenton Baker; grandmother, Faye Stevens; uncle, Pat Tague; siblings in law, Bridget Beatty and Mike Smith; and cousins and friends.

Rob is preceded in death by grandparents Louis Pesenski; Arvie Stevens; Edward and Evelyn Baker; uncle, Louis Pesenski, Jr.; aunt, Pamela Tague; and parents in-law Gerald and Bertha Smith.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026, from 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

at Family Life Funeral Homes, 4951 S. M-129, Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783, with a Memorial Service from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. The family would appreciate any tributes or stories shared later during the visitation.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, March 20, 2026, at 10:30 AM at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, 606 E. Fourth Ave., Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783.

Condolences may be given to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Obituary as submitted by family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **19.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Sault Ste. Marie
4951 S. M-129
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 632-4951
flfh@familylifefh.com
<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR **20.** 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church
606 E. 4th Ave.
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Tribute Wall

AH

“ Albert Heating purchased the Simply Elegant Spathephyllum for the family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.



Albert Heating - March 19 at 11:54 AM

AH

“ Albert Heating planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Rob" David Baker.

Albert Heating - March 19 at 11:54 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.



March 18 at 09:10 PM

BD

“ Bill&Debbie Hopper/Marc&Sonomi Douglas purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.



Bill&Debbie Hopper/Marc&Sonomi Douglas - March 18 at 06:58 PM

MM

“ Mike & Patricia McKay purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.



Mike & Patricia McKay - March 18 at 06:55 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.



March 18 at 06:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert "Rob" David Baker.

March 18 at 06:40 PM

DK

“ Don, Michelle, Cory, Bob, Jackson & Ken purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.



Don, Michelle, Cory, Bob, Jackson & Ken - March 18 at 02:55 PM

DK

“ Don, Michelle, Cory, Bob, Jackson & Ken planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Rob" David Baker.

Don, Michelle, Cory, Bob, Jackson & Ken - March 18 at 02:55 PM

KM

“ Kim & Tawnya McCullough purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.



Kim & Tawnya McCullough - March 18 at 01:58 PM

KM

“ Kim & Tawnya McCullough planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Rob" David Baker.

Kim & Tawnya McCullough - March 18 at 01:58 PM

KH

“ Kerri, Jeremy, Kyler, and Jacob Hotlen purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.



Kerri, Jeremy, Kyler, and Jacob Hotlen - March 18 at 09:06 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.*



March 17 at 08:12 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.*



March 17 at 06:13 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert "Rob" David Baker.*

March 17 at 06:13 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.*



March 17 at 06:09 PM



“ *Comfort & Sweetness Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.*



March 17 at 03:19 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.*



March 17 at 01:09 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert "Rob" David Baker.*

March 17 at 01:09 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.*



March 17 at 08:42 AM



“ *Express Sympathy and Condolences "I Have You in My Heart" with Butterfly Wind Chime* was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.



March 16 at 03:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert "Rob" David Baker.

March 16 at 03:02 PM



“ *Love Tom Thatcher and Karen purchased the Serene Retreat* for the family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.



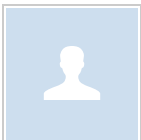
Love Tom Thatcher and Karen - March 16 at 12:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.



March 16 at 10:03 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert "Rob" David Baker.

March 16 at 10:03 AM

TH

“ The Hillberrys purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.



The Hillberrys - March 15 at 08:04 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.



March 15 at 02:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert "Rob" David Baker.

March 15 at 02:09 PM

JK

“ Jim & Tammy Kennedy purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.



Jim & Tammy Kennedy - March 14 at 01:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.



March 14 at 12:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert "Rob" David Baker.

March 14 at 12:54 PM



“ So sorry to hear this, Sue and Dave. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.
Jane Ouellette

Jane Ouellette - March 14 at 10:56 AM



“ Granny purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.



Granny - March 14 at 09:38 AM



“ Susan, Dave and family,
We send our condolences and love during this difficult time.
Dennis and Lynda Burgess

Dennis Burgess - March 13 at 08:57 PM

SP

“ So sorry to hear of Robs passing
I remember him as a little boy riding our school bus and although I
was older remember him being such a cutie! My condolences to his
family during this difficult time xo

Sharlene Petkus - March 13 at 08:04 PM

BS

“ Ben Schultz purchased the *Pretty Please* for the
family of Robert "Rob" David Baker.



Ben Schultz - March 13 at 05:44 PM

SC

“ Sarah and Drew Collins purchased the *Sweetest
Sunrise Bouquet* for the family of Robert "Rob"
David Baker.



Sarah and Drew Collins - March 13 at 05:21 PM

BC

“ Benito camarena purchased the *Sentiments of S
erenity Spray* for the family of Robert "Rob" David
Baker.



Benito camarena - March 13 at 04:38 PM

BC

“ Benito camarena planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Rob" David Baker.

Benito camarena - March 13 at 04:38 PM

NJ

“ I am very sorry for the loss of Rob. He was a beautiful soul.



Nikcole johnson - March 13 at 04:33 PM

GD

So sorry for your loss, he was a great guy !

Gary DeMerse

Gary DeMerse - March 15 at 09:32 PM

CH

Susie & David, so sorry for your loss. Char & Clyde Haapapuro

Charlene Haapapuro - March 16 at 11:39 AM