



Timothy E. Baker Sr.

August 20, 1955 - March 31, 2019

Timothy Edwin Baker, age 63 and current resident of Northville, former resident of Richmond and Gaylord, found eternal peace and went home to be with the Lord on March 31st, 2019.

Tim was born in Richmond, the third son of Thomas and Victoria Baker. He was born with a smile on his face on a sunny day; August 20th, 1955.

His early years were spent mostly on his bicycle with his dog, Curley by his side, fishing the Belle river. He used that same bike to travel miles and miles to work and back at many of the local farms around Richmond in his younger years.

In 1973, Tim graduated from Richmond High School where he excelled at academics, baseball, football, and wrestling. These accomplishments eventually earned him a full scholarship to Olivet college where he very quickly became a star athlete as a running back on the football team.

Before he was finished at Olivet, he had been voted the Most Valuable Player in the MIAA Conference and had been a great part of his team's successful championship title in 1974. After college, he became a truck driver, got married, moved to Northern Michigan and became a father to six children, over the next ten years. While raising six kids and working long hours, he still found time to go fishing every chance he could on the Jordan and Sturgeon rivers with his kids.

He was very proud of his children, who they had become in life, and loved to share stories of their successes. The same can be said for his two grandchildren.

In his professional life as a long-haul semi-truck driver, Tim had an excellent safety record and loved his work. While driving for Kilwins Chocolates, he was presented with an award for having traveled over one million miles accident free. For many more years until his retirement he maintained his excellent safety record.

His passion for music has left us with many volumes of original songs and unique recordings that will be cherished for many years to come. They can be heard and enjoyed at his website: TIMBAKERANDTHEMUSICMAKERS.COM

He is survived by his children Bethany, Timothy Jr, Benjamin, Reuben, Gloria, and Joel.

Also his two grandchildren Kaylyn and Rosalyn, parents Tom and Victoria Baker, Brothers and sisters Tom and Marie, John and Michelle, Mike and Karna, Dave and Shelly, Chris

and Teresa, Mary and Steve, and Liz “Bean” Baker.

Tim was a traveler, a dedicated man who loved life, lived what he believed in, and had a genuine love for people, animals, the open road, and his family and friends. He will be sorely missed.

Cremation arrangements by - Anchor Bay Cremation Services - Chesterfield. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

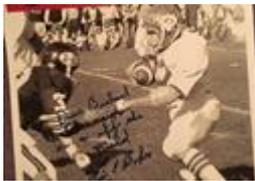
Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:7-8

Comments



“ To Tim E’s family...this is Dave Burland from Utah, a former football teammate at Olivet College many years ago...I just heard of his passing and want to send my deepest condolences to all his family...I played guitars with him at college and was a member of his first band...I was on the offensive line and had the privilege of blocking for the finest running back in the MIAA. A MVP on and off the field. I last saw Tim at our team Hall of Fame induction in 2016 at Olivet and enjoyed many “remember-when’s” with him and our teammates...when we would gather the time between visits would disappear and we would just pick up from when we last saw each other, be it a year or twenty...I know he enjoyed those times, as we all did...a special man with a heart of gold, don’t let the music stop. I’m sorry for your loss.



Dave Burland - May 18 at 12:58 AM



“ I have no photos, nor memories of "Bake" since high school, and find myself saddened by that fact. I have not seen him since high school graduation. He went his way, to Olivet, and I went my way, to Albion. In reading his obituary, I was stunned to learn he was an MIAA MVP in football, and led his team to a league championship. I'm certain he must have played at Albion, but I never went to any games even though the field was right across the street from where I spent most of my Albion years. I knew he excelled in football at Richmond High, but had no idea he led his college team to a championship. I regret letting such a good friend drift away.

I reconnected with him on Facebook about a year ago, shortly after I moved back to Michigan after being gone for 36 years. It was one more chance to connect in person, but again I let life get in the way.

I'll always remember what a decent person he was, never unkind, never proud, always humble. His greatest physical feature was not his speed and agility on the field, but his eyes. They always smiled. Always.

They smile now in heaven, as God's eyes smile back at him, now resting peacefully in the palm of his hand.

Dennis Ernst - April 10 at 03:47 PM



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timothy edwin baker Jr - April 01 at 05:31 PM