



Brian C. Baker

March 23, 1961 - September 12, 2013

Baker, Brian C. age 52 of Plymouth, September 12, 2013. Loving husband of Sally. Beloved father of Melanie, and Sarah. Dear son of William and the late Ann. Dear brother of Cathy (Bob) Regan, David (Sandy) Baker, and Jim (Stacey) Baker. Visitation Saturday 10 AM until the 12 Noon Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154 or ALS of Michigan, 24359 Northwestern Hwy. Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48075. To share a memory, please use the View and Send Condolences tab on this web page.

Tribute Wall



“ *Brian C. Baker*

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“ *When I sat down to think about it, I couldn't remember a time that I hadn't worked with Brian. I believe at one time, we were in the same technical support department of IBM, even though he was in Michigan and I was in Texas. His knowledge and technical expertise made him one of the best people to have at your back when dealing with a customer. His enthusiasm and smile made him a joy to work with any day. My deepest sympathies to his family. Sincerely, Andrea*

Andrea (Keip) Oberascher - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM



“ *An excellent technician a great colleague and a good friend went away from us. A colleague who always could be asked for help, and never refused. Brian was his whole working live, since more than 30 years, always committed to CAD and PDM products. He started in the early time of CADAM and CATIA. In various roles in IBM and Dassault Systemes our ways crossed since nearly twenty years when he was in Paris. I remember dozens of customer engagements around the world where we had lot of fun. Brian was always so positive and always ahead with latest technology and knowledge. Brian we will miss you. Markus and the whole Team*

Markus Maier and your Team - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

PG

“ I remember this week last year in Montreal where we worked very hard, but had great fun too in some fine restaurants, eating great food and drinking some goog french wine. You were very funny and positive and it was really a pleasure to work together. Rest in peace Brian, we all miss you.

P. Goaziou - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

BC

“ Brian and I worked at IBM and DS for many years. It was always a pleasure working with Brian, he always challenged everyone to be better while keeping a good sense of humor. I feel fortunate to have known Brian and will miss him. My sincere condolences to the Baker family.

Bill Canning - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

JF

“ Sally, Melanie and Sarah, Brian brought us All many fond memories! Growing up in the Newfane home, playing pool in the basement, any fun games in the backyard, and going to High school in Barker speaks for itself. He always loved the girls with their sports. When you guys moved, that family bond grew more stronger each time we were together. He is with his Mom now and sometime in the future we all will be reunited. May God Bless you all and his strength help you through this difficult time. Your family will Always be here for you. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you Saturday when you Rejoice Brians memories. "Cousin" Jeff Miner, Barb and family

Jeff Miner & Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

MB

“ My heart goes out to Sally, Melanie, and Sarah. I was lucky enough to call Brian an uncle and am deeply saddened by his loss. While I can't be there in person this weekend, know that my heart is with you ladies during this difficult time. Love you guys.

Megan Baker - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

JT

“ To Brian's family - Please accept my heartfelt condolences on your loss. Brian and I worked together for many years at IBM and Dassault Systemes. Through our many discussions I learned that we grew up together at adjacent school districts north of Buffalo, NY. Brian was an integral part of our extended work family and will be greatly missed by all. Sincerely, Jeff Toelsin

Jeff Toelsin - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

LA

“ Brian, You will be deeply missed by many, many colleagues ... you were always there for us. The memory of your never ending assistance will be with me forever. And although I never met you in person, I will never forget your wonderful voice always there to help me. My heart goes out to the Baker family... Brian will always be remembered.

Lynn Armstrong - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

RM

“ I am really sorry to hear about Brian - we met in Charlotte many years ago. I was always envious of Brian's lab in Detroit - he used to joke with me about the amount of equipment he had compared to me in the UK. Brian was always very helpful, professional and friendly - a decent gent and a good friend from 'across the pond'

Russ McKay - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

BC

“ I am very saddened by the news of Brian's passing. He was both a friend and colleague at IBM. I thoroughly enjoyed working with Brian as he was a smart strategist, and also a thoughtful, caring friend. He will be missed sorely. My condolences to his family and my sincerest well wishes.

Bill Carley - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

KL

“ I first met Brian while at IBM some sixteen years ago while trying to integrate IBM and DS products (PM and CDM). Brian was always the one to work the bleeding edge of our domain. We all learned so much from him technically as well as how to live a full life. Like others have mentioned Brian had a way of looking at difficulties as a "battle" to "win" and in the process of the battle have humor and fun. Brian will be sorely missed by the technical communities within DS and IBM. I send my most sincere condolences to his wife, daughters, and relatives. It was a pleasure to call Brian a friend and a colleague.

Kerry Lamb - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

MH

“ I was so sorry to hear about the loss of Brian, my deepest sympathies to the whole family. I worked with Brian on a number of occasions at IBM (more correctly Brian helped me out on a number of occasions), he had a true talent in turning complexity into simplicity and getting things done. A gentlemen in every sense.

Martin Harris - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

LH

“ My deepest sympathies to the family and friends of a dear colleague in my years at IBM and DS. I started with IBM in 1989 and crossed paths with Brian many times and one can definitely say Brian is in a class of people that had a dedication work ethic that is hard to even think of matching. Brian, may you rest in peace our beloved friend.

Lee Harmon - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

BR

“ My deepest sympathy to Brian’s family. I worked with Brian for many years, first knowing him as the expert on PDM, then as part of the architecture team working with some very demanding customers before he moved to Dassault Systemes. Brian’s optimism and ability to find a way around the most challenging problems made him who everyone looked to when in trouble ... and he always came through. Brian was respected all over the world for his technical ability, his willingness to help in any situation, and mostly for his ability to keep a great sense of humor, a positive attitude, and the focus on doing the right thing for the customer.... I respected and learned a lot from Brian, and considered him a good friend.

Buddy Raines - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

MH

“ Brian and I worked together for many years at IBM. Brian was always the enthusiastic optimist, and wore a smile with good humor most of the time. I always enjoyed my travels with Brian and appreciated his friendship. My prayers will be for his family.

Mark Holt - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

DR

“ My deepest condolences to the Baker Family. I was lucky enough to be a longtime colleague of Brian’s at IBM. He was the Rock of the Technical Community. His combination of skill, inquisitive nature and great humor made him magical to work with.....and his blunt and at times brutal honesty made him an absolute favorite with many customers. I can’t tell you how many times he personally saved me in times of crisis. He will be dearly missed. Rest easy my dear friend!

David Reese - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

MW

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to the Baker family. I was stunned to hear the news about Brian, and saddened by his loss. I worked with Brian for many years at IBM, since his move to Michigan through his transition to DS. Many will tell of his technical brilliance and ability to manage any challenge large and small, but it was his humor and constant optimism that brought me many times to his lab area, just to lift my spirits and share a good story. I do and shall miss my friend and colleague Brian Baker.

Matt Wilde - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

PR

“ I will always remember the entertaining discussions we had, especially when he attempted to simplify technical problems for my mechanical engineers' brain to understand. Memories of Brian will always be happy ones.

Peter Robison - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

KP

“ When I first joined IBM in 2003 I used Brian's office on the 2nd floor for nine months. I used to call it "Brian's Space control station". During those nine months and recently at DS we spent quite some time together. He was someone who is always willing to help. Few times I called him during his vacation; he was there to help. Last couple of sessions we spent at The Bailey's in Canton. He will be missed.

Kandarp Patel - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

CS

“ I am so sorry about your loss. Brian and I worked together at IBM some years ago. He was fast with a smile, slow to speak an unkind word (except maybe about computer software), and honest to a fault. His love of his family came up regularly and with pride.

Chuck Sawicki - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

RB

“ I was deeply saddened by the news, I felt that we lost a good man and colleague. I had the honor of working with him at DS, enough to consider myself lucky to have known him. My sincerest condolences to you and your family, from one of his many friends from all over the world.

Ricardo Becerra - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

ST

“ My deepest sympathy to Biran's family. We were colleagues when he was at IBM. Brian was a special talent. A person I truly enjoyed discussing the many complex challenges we worked at solving in the engineering and manufacturing world. He was on a "technical pedestal" for me and someone I respected from the time we first met many years ago at the Southfield office. Brian had so much to offer. You will be missed my firend.

Shawn Thudium - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

BH

“ Brian and I shared an office on the 4th floor at IBM for several years, along with several others from the good ole IBM team. We talked about many things over the years including what to do when our work days come to an end. Brian had a great calming influence on me and our customers as well, he would not let us fail. I cannot imagine the stockpile of Unix machines that Brian has had a hand in configuring over the years, often making lemonade out of a pile of lemons right before our eyes. My sincere condolences to the Baker family

Bob Hellow - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

FT

“ I did have chance to work with Brian Baker in Dassault Systemes few years ago, he did help a lot for deploying software in US. He was a great guy. Sincere condolences to all you family

frederic thiollier - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

BV

“ Brian, we met 20 years ago, when you were in IBM. Our paths crossed so often in Detroit at Chrysler, at IDSICC and now in DS. Words are so weak in such circumstances, but they can always bring to your family some reconfort. Sincere condolences to all yur family.

Bernard Vermersch - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

AD

“ You are in my heart and prayers. Thankful for the 52 years of blessiings with Brian. We will have a party when we are all together again. Will be with you in spirit Saturday. Another angel to watch over us. Love to all, Aunt Donna xoxoxoxoxo

Aunt Donna - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

TF

“ We are very sorry to hear about the loss you are dealing with. You are in our thoughts & prayers. Paula, Carl, Lauren and Adam Slavick

The Slavick Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

DD

“ Please accept my deepest sympathies for the loss of Brian. I had worked with Brian as an employee of both IBM and Dassault Systemes over the years and considered him to be an Expert Architect, friend, and advisor. He will be truly missed by Dassault Systemes personnel and their customers worldwide.

Dan Dusnik - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

BK

“ *Sally, Sarah and Melanie - Sorry for your loss. Brian was my colleague from IBM/DS. We miss him.*

Bhavani Kodali - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

MS

“ *Brian will be missed. Although I have very briefly interacted with him, his presence was always felt at the Auburn Hills office. Very knowledgeable person with an energetic voice. My deep condolences to the family.*

Muthu SIVANANTHAM - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

BD

“ *Very sad news. I always enjoyed Brian's company while watching our kids' soccer matches. I will remember him for his intelligence and easy-going good humor. I felt like we were friends five minutes after we met.*

Bill Dean - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

PO

“ *Brian and I worked together at IBM/DS for over 10 years, we were joint at the hip sometimes, we travelled to Indian, Sweden, France and many other places, I learnt so much from him and the little he learnt from me will never be paid back now, I have missed him this past year and will in the future, I send my most sincere condolences to his wife and daughters. It was a pleasure to call Brian a friend and a colleague.*

Paul O'Donovan - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

TF

“ Sally, Sarah and Melanie...We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Brian! May the strength of Gods love help ease the pain and sorrow you are all feeling at this time. Know we have you all in our prayers. God bless all of you during this difficult time. Jim, Linda and Jimmy and Kyle Dexter

The Jim Dexter Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

KD

“ Sally, Melanie and Sarah, my heart goes out to you all. Brian was such a wonderful man, who always showed his love for his family. Prayers are going out from our family to yours.

Kathy Dean - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

KR

“ I worked with Brian at Dassault Systemes and have only known him for a short time, but feels like I have known him forever. He was a very cheerful, happy, very sweet, friend. His energy will be very missed around the office. Never was he in a bad mood. Always had a smile. It was a Pleasure to know him. May God bless the Baker family through ths difficult time, but know that heaven is that much happier with Brian there.

Kelly Rizzo - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

RS

“ My good friend Brian who I worked with at IBM and Dassault Systemes for many years. Very talented, knowledgeable and respected by everyone. It is our loss and I will always remember Brian.

Roy Smolky - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

JB

“ *Sally, Sarah and Melanie....I'm so sorry for your loss. Brian was such a great guy. We had such great times sitting out at all those soccer games. You could tell he was so proud of his family. Sending you love and prayers.*

Jill Bubenheimer - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM