



William "Joe" Baker

September 26, 1932 - January 5, 2026

William "Joe" Baker, age 93 of Garden City, passed away peacefully on January 5, 2026, at Trinity Health Livonia Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.

Beloved husband of Doris for 59 years. Cherished father of Stephen (Darlene) Baker and Kristen (Tom) Westemeier. Proud grandfather of Allie Baker, Sarah Baker, Matthew Westemeier, Jonny Westemeier, and Joseph Westemeier. Dear brother of the late Leonard Baker.

Joe was born on September 26, 1932, in Huntington, West Virginia, to the late Cecil and Zell Baker. He graduated from high school in 1951 and went on to serve his country with pride in the United States Air Force from 1952 to 1960, achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant.

On May 14, 1966, Joe married Doris in Redford, Michigan. He built a long and steady career at General Motors Hydramatic, where he worked for approximately 30 years before retiring in 1994.

A man of deep faith, Joe was a devoted member of the Palmer Road Church of Christ in Westland. He found joy in bowling, cheering on Michigan State sports, and, most of all, spending time with his family - especially his grandchildren, whom he adored.

Visitation Sunday, January 11th from 2 PM until 6:30 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Funeral Service Monday, January 12th at 2 PM also at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8517.

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Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 2:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

Funeral Service

JAN 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
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Plymouth, MI 48170
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Doris & Family,
Our hearts break for your family at this time of sorrow. I remember the good times we had at the Chapman Reunions. We shared the like precious FAITH of our Savior. This is what will get you through those tough days and NIGHTS that will come in the days ahead. Mom & Dad loved you both so much. I'm sure they are now having a heavenly Reunion with Joe.
Love You,
James and Cheryll (Chapman) Witherington*

Cheryll Witherington - January 17 at 09:23 AM

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“ *Love, Willie, Lauren, and Marcos. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William "Joe" Baker.*



Love, Willie, Lauren, and Marcos. - January 11 at 05:00 PM

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“ *Love, Willie, Lauren, and Marcos. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Joe" Baker.*

Love, Willie, Lauren, and Marcos. - January 11 at 05:00 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of William "Joe" Baker.*



January 10 at 08:49 AM