



# Donald Eugene Baker

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**W**e are heartbroken to announce the death of our father, Donald Eugene Baker, born October 17, 1949. He passed away peacefully in his hometown of San Diego, California at the age of 72, surrounded by loved ones. Born and raised in Fredricktown, Missouri, our dad enjoyed a long 28-year career with the United States Navy, one of which he was extremely proud of during his lifetime.

After Dad retired from the Navy in 1997, he started his second career as an IT Administrator in the Core Bio Services division with the University of California San Diego. After 20 years with UCSD, Dad retired in 2018.

Dad met the love of his life in the mid-70's, Sharon Decker Baker, who preceded him in death in 2013. Their story started in a local San Diego bowling alley, continuing wonderfully throughout the years, showing us what true love really means.

Dad was the kindest and most caring man in our lives, always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. His daily "dad jokes" helped bind our family together with his loving sense of humor. He just wasn't our Dad without attempts to constantly make us laugh!

Our Dad leaves behind his children, Timothy Baker, Dennis Baker (Ginny) and Leah Baker Hunter (David), along with grandchildren Jessica (Justin), Caitlin, Daniel, Ryan (Katlyn), Addison, Allen (Keilah), Chelsey, Braxten, Cecilia (Bryan) and Gareth (Veronica). He also leaves behind great grandchildren Alana, Finn, Declan, Lexi, Lilah and Ruby, along with brothers John Baker and David Baker.

- Viewing is September 8th, between 4-7pm, at Clairemont Mortuary in San Diego
- Service is September 9th , Noon, at Clairemont Lutheran Church, San Diego
- Interment is September 9th, 2:15 pm, at Miramar National Cemetery



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- Reception is September 9th, 3:15 pm, at Al Bahr Shrine in San Diego



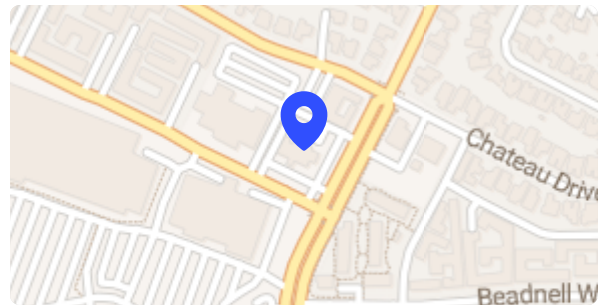
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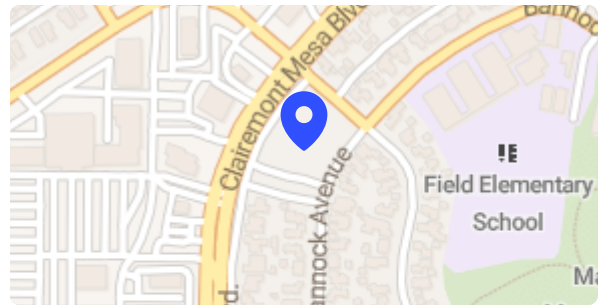
## Viewing

- Thursday**, September 8, 2022
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM PT
- Clairemont Mortuary**  
4266 Mt Abernathy Ave, San Diego CA 92117



## Funeral Service

- Friday**, September 9, 2022
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM PT
- Clairemont Lutheran Church**  
4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego CA



## Burial

- Friday**, September 9, 2022
- 2:15 PM - 2:45 PM PT
- Miramar National Cemetery**  
5795 Nobel Drive, San Diego, CA 92122 CA





# Tribute Wall

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**Kenneth Mcdougald** posted:

My deepest condolences to Don's family. Don was one of my closest friends when we were stationed together at CNARF in New Orleans from 1993-1997. He was one of the nicest Senior Chiefs we had on staff. I learned so much from him. I am sad to hear of his & Sharons passing! They were a super nice couple! Kenneth McDougald AMCS Ret

October 27 at 3:19 PM



**George Dalrymple** posted:

Don was a true gentleman and a great work colleague at UCSD. I was tasked with shadowing him to learn how to do the monthly billing when he retired. He was very articulate and patient, very witty with a good sense of humor. Even after retirement he volunteered to come in monthly to make sure I did the billing right, such was his commitment to his job. He would speak proudly of his wife, his family and his military service. I am sure that anyone who has crossed his path will have fond memories of him. My sincere condolences to his family and may you forever cherish the memories. Rest in peace and rise in glory 🙏

September 9 at 4:41 AM



**The Smith, Larin, & Loera Families** sent an A New Sunrise Spray to the Baker family.

September 8 at 12:36 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Baker family.

September 8 at 8:45 AM



**All Of Our Love, Dennis And Diana Lochner** sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Baker family.

September 8 at 5:44 AM





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**Carletta Kendall** posted:

Don was part of the 1967 graduating class of Marquand Zion High School. He always made it to our anniversary gatherings. He and Sharon were a much loved part of our group and will be sorely missed. Love and comfort to his family. Carletta (Leach) Kendall

September 8 at 2:54 AM



**The Seale's With Deepest Sympathy** sent a Serenity Wreath to the Baker family.



September 7 at 3:14 PM



**Brady** sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Baker family.



September 7 at 4:09 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Baker family.



September 6 at 6:17 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Baker family.



September 6 at 12:42 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Baker family.



September 6 at 11:59 AM



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DH

**David Hunter** posted:

I'll never forget the first time I met Don - it was at Leah's (Denise) installation reception for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. At the time, I think Leah was 19-years old (I was 20), so Don was still on high-protect mode when it came to his little girl. In fact, he was always on high-protect mode when it came to Leah, like most fathers should be with their daughters. I was helping Leah load some flowers in her parents Toyota Corolla, and I could hear Don behind me grunting orders in how to load the flowers correctly! Ha. It was his way of advising me, as he was only trying to help, while figuring out how to be nice to this new guy dating his daughter. Needless to say, he was polite and respectful to me in his own way the first time we met, but it wasn't until months later I really got to experience the man I knew today. I had my impacted wisdom teeth cut out, not a simple procedure in the early 90's, and instead of letting me fend for myself in my own apartment, Don and Sharon opened their doors to me at their Clairemont house and let me stay on their couch for a few days. Don made me soup, brought me Jell-O, pretty much did anything and everything to keep me comfortable while I recovered. Initially, I thought it was Sharon making sure that Don was helpful and accommodating, but later I found out it was Don's idea to have me come stay. Don was open and kindhearted to me and was a great friend in my life, not just a father-in-law, and I will truly miss him in my remaining years on this earth. This is just one of many examples where Don opened his heart to me. I'm grateful to have the memories of Don and my family. Leah, Cecilia, Garet and I miss him so much already, and while we celebrate his life, we hope he knows now in the afterlife how much he was loved by his family and friends. Don, we love you so much. -David

September 4 at 5:36 AM

WB

**Willa D. Berry** posted:

My deepest condolences to Don's family. Don was a very good friend and one of the nicest people I knew. I will miss him dearly.

September 1 at 3:45 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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