



Thomas Houston Baker

April 12, 1928 - April 13, 2017

Thomas Houston "T.H." Baker was born to Edna Earl McClanahan Baker and Houston Guthrie Baker on April 12, 1928 in Sutherland Springs, Texas. He went to be with the Lord on April 13, 2017, at the age of 89 years.

T.H. joined the army at a young age and was a World War II veteran, having served in Italy in the 1940s. In the early 1950s, T.H. and his brother, Elmo, opened their first used car dealership, Baker Brothers Used Cars. T.H. was a pioneer in the used car business, and he had a dominating presence in the used car industry on the south side of San Antonio from the 1950s on.

In the 1960s, T.H. discovered a passion for racing quarter-horses. Ruidoso Downs in Ruidoso, NM and Delta Downs in Vinton, LA were second homes to T.H. and his wife, Janie, for many years. T.H.'s pride and joy was Turf's Best, his 1967 and 1968 world-champion quarter-horse.

In his later years, he enjoyed life on his ranch in Elmendorf and continued involvement with Texas Auto Sales. He loved the Lord and was a faithful member of Glory Bound Baptist Church. He enjoyed having his family attend church with him and eating out afterwards.

T.H. was predeceased in death by his parents, step-mother, Alpha Maggie Claire Baker, his brother, Varas Elmo Baker, and wife, Janie Gomez Baker. He is survived by his children, Thomas Wayne Baker, Carol Anne Barlow, and husband Jon, Donald Elmo Baker, Roy James Baker, and wife, Leslie, Edna Mae Hild, and husband, Russell, Edward Ray Baker, Gary Lee Baker, and wife, Becky, Dora Lee Cavazos, and husband, Daniel, Diana Jean Gonzalez,

and husband Jose, Debra June Kirchner, and Darryl Houston Baker. T.H. is also survived by twenty-three grandchildren and thirty-three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Monday, April 17, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Brookehill Funeral Home, with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at Brookehill Funeral Home on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. Graveside services will be at Sutherland Springs Cemetery. A reception will follow at Hollow Creek Ranch.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Glory Bound Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

Sutherland Springs Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Brookehill Funeral Home
711 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 923-7523
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Prayer Service

APR 17. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Chapel Service

APR 18. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Houston Baker*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - April 17, 2017 at 05:35 PM

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“ *We would like to offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Baker.*
-Randy Witte
-Jarrett Witte

Randy Witte - April 18, 2017 at 10:03 AM



“ *Tommy Baker was my step father for over twenty years. He was the greatest dad to me. He always loved me , and he knew how much I love him. I will always love him. Not one time in all those twenty years did he ever treat me different than all of his other children. I've missed him for so many years now, because of his illness. I will always carry all the love & all the memories we have made & shared together. Rest in peace Tommy till I see you again. You will never be forgotten, missed&*

Rhonda McKinney - April 16, 2017 at 09:49 AM