



William Ray Baker

May 9, 1930 - February 4, 2019

William R. Baker, born May 9, 1930 in New Market, TN passed away Monday, February 4, 2019 at his home in Newport, TN after a long illness. William was a gifted storyteller and wrote and published a novel at age 82. He was always ready to tell a story and had a great sense of humor. He was a Vols Football Fan and loved Saturdays when games were on. He was loved so much by his family and will be missed beyond words. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Bobbie Hill Baker; daughter and son-in-law, Brian and Karen Andresen of Talbott; granddaughter and husband, Jim and Melissa Venerable of Newport; great-grandchildren, Jack Oakes and wife Miranda, Jesse Oakes, Chelsey Oakes, Joseph Oakes, and Tyler Venerable all of Newport; four great-great grandchildren; nieces, Sherry Howard (Kenny) of New Market and Allison Wilson (Jerome) of Talbott; nephew, Colt Howard (Liz) of New Market; and sister-in-law, Polly Seals of Morristown. The family would like to say a special "Thank You" to Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice. Graveside service will be at 1:00 pm, Wednesday, February 6, 2019 in Jefferson Memorial Gardens. Burial will follow the graveside service in Jefferson Memorial Gardens. Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Ray Baker*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Prayers, so sorry for your lossá*

Don and Ella Mae Large - February 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *My heartfelt condolences for your loss. Please find comfort in the knowledge that God promises to eliminate all the things that have plagued mankind for centuries including pain, suffering and death (Revelation 21:1-5). May these promises from God give yo*

Mary - February 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bobbie I am so very sorry. áI hadn't seen Ray in quite some time but I know now he's in peace. áMy thoughts and prayers are with you and all you are going thru at this time.*

Nancy Swanger - February 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Praying for you all, Gail*

gail Metcalf - February 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go with the family. If I can do anything please let me know.á*

Mitzy Hall - February 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *God Bless and prayers from our family to yours...*

Terryl Denton - February 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Jim, Melissa and Tyler, Thinking of you and all of the family. So sorry your loss. Tommy & Karen*

Tommy & Karen Smith - February 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM