



Dennis Joseph Baker

June 3, 1943 - December 18, 2022

Dennis J. Baker, PhD, 79, passed unexpectedly on December 18, 2022, at his home in Olivet, Michigan.

Dennis was born June 3, 1943 and was raised in E. Grand Forks, Minnesota. Dennis received his doctorate in Chemistry from the University of North Dakota. He taught chemistry for many years at Olivet College. After retiring, he stayed in Olivet. Dennis was always interested in the sciences.

Dennis is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Mike Bricker of Fort Collins, Colorado. Dennis is predeceased by his parents, Francis and Kathryn Baker, and by his little sister, Judy.

Dennis will be buried in the Olivet Cemetery. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Olivet Cemetery

Olivet, MI 49076

Tribute Wall

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“ I just learned of Denny's passing this week and I was so sad to hear it. Dr. Baker was one of the truly "good ones" to have walked the halls of Olivet College. Though I graduated in 1985 (as Susan Allen), I VIVIDLY remember the kind and caring professor that Dennis was. I can recall sitting with a group of students on the floor of his apartment, eating sour cream and cheddar potato chips while watching a movie. I can remember debates and discussions. And I can remember the kind way he made sure every student in his class felt "SEEN". I am sorry he is gone and look forward to seeing him again one day.

Susan Frego - April 01, 2025 at 01:11 PM



“ I was the faculty secretary at Olivet College for years. Dr. Baker would stop whatever he was doing to assist students. He even went with me one fun-filled morning to kick off the Science Fair at the local Olivet Schools. He delighted in demonstrating to the young people how to make slime. Not sure the teachers were delighted. But he enjoyed it! Judy Fales, Olivet

Judy Fales - January 09, 2023 at 02:01 PM

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“ Our condolences to your family. We are a family of three that lives in Olivet. We read of the passing of Mr. Baker in our local paper. Olivet is a loving and caring community that, from the sounds of it, Mr. Baker enjoyed as he chose to stay in Olivet after his time at Olivet College. May Mr. Baker rest in peace. Sincerely, Terry, Sally and Tori Sedlar

Terry, Sally and Tori Sedlar - January 06, 2023 at 05:03 PM