



Rex Douglas Baum

July 10, 1957 - January 7, 2017

Rex Douglas Baum, 59, of Charlotte, died peacefully surrounded by his family on Saturday, January 7, 2017, in Detroit. Rex was born July 10, 1957, in Charlotte, MI, the son of Francis "Vern" and Nettie Mae (Lee) Baum. He graduated from Charlotte High School in 1975, before attending Western Michigan University. He married Lori Campbell on October 18, 1980, in Charlotte. Rex served 10 years in the United States Air Force, where he trained in munitions and meteorology. He worked primarily in weather forecasting, an important job to the safety and success of the mission. Rex was stationed in Florida, Ohio and California as well as Saudi Arabia and South Korea during Operation Desert Storm and Desert Shield.

Following his time in the Air Force, he and Lori, moved back home to Charlotte in 1994 to raise their family. He volunteered much of his free time to the local chapter of the American Youth Soccer Organization. He spent countless hours coaching his children's soccer teams, training young referees and painting the soccer fields every week. He was instrumental in the opening of the Parkview soccer fields in Charlotte. Rex served as Boy Scout Troop 45 Quartermaster, and went on many scouting trips and adventures with his son, Patrick. Some of Rex's favorite times were sitting around a campfire and telling stories, a treat many friends and family enjoyed. Rex will be remembered as a loyal, generous, encouraging husband, father and friend.

Rex is survived by his wife, Lori Baum; 3 children, Ryan (Nicci) Baum, Patrick Baum, and Holly (Chip) Nevins; grandsons, Dayton Cubis, Camden and Caysen Nevins; siblings, Joyce (Stewart) Taylor, Denise Baum, and David (Judi) Baum; siblings-in-law, Charles Cutting, Andy (Cammi) Campbell, and Mary Jo (David Hosey) Campbell; mother-in-law, Wilma Campbell; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Harold Baum; sisters, Diane Cutting and Debra Baum; and father-in-law, Norman Campbell.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at Pray Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 2:00 - 4:00 and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 13, 2017 at Pray Funeral Home. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to The Aplastic Anemia and MDS International Foundation at www.aamds.org. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Rex on his tribute page at www.PrayFuneral.com The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

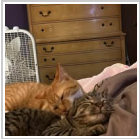
Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Rex Douglas Baum*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 14, 2017 at 09:33 AM



“ *Lori, so sorry to hear about Rex. I just glimpsed a post & found him on website. Can I do anything for you?*
Diane Brenton

Diane Brenton - February 14, 2017 at 10:59 AM

CA

“ *Dear Lori and family,*
We are so sorry for the loss of Rex. He truly touched our hearts at Karmanos. We loved every moment we were fortunate enough to care for him.
Love,
10wn :-)
Call us ANY time. You are family.

Cathi - January 19, 2017 at 12:23 PM

LB

Thank you so much Cathi.... We knew that he was so very well cared for, and that you and your staff enjoyed his stories, and him. I am missing each of you. What a special collection of very loving and caring individuals cared for him!

Lorraine Sue Baum - January 26, 2017 at 11:59 AM

PW

*“ Dear Lori and family,
So sorry for your loss. Rex was a one-of-a kind great guy! We pray for God's comfort for you all.
Steve and Pat Willard and family*

Patricia Willard - January 13, 2017 at 09:58 PM

LT

“ I have many memories of rex! One of them that stands out though is during s summer fest a few years back and Rex found my parents hammock...I swear the next thing I know he has a book and drink for the rest of the summer fest in that hammock! I thought to myself that man has got it figured out! We love and miss you Rex!! Lisa Thorndyke

lisa thorndyke - January 13, 2017 at 06:34 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rex Douglas Baum.



January 12, 2017 at 07:58 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rex Douglas Baum.*



January 12, 2017 at 04:11 PM



“ *Lori and family- So sorry for your loss - sending prayers to you all- Denise and Taylor Thocker*

Denise Thocker - January 12, 2017 at 01:18 PM



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Wilma Campbell - January 12, 2017 at 01:10 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rex Douglas Baum.*



January 12, 2017 at 01:09 PM

WC

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Wilma Whiting Campbell - January 12, 2017 at 01:30 AM



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Lori Baum - January 11, 2017 at 11:42 PM

NM

“ *Dear Lori and family: We send our sympathies in this difficult time. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. Noel and BJ Mohberg*

noel mohberg - January 11, 2017 at 03:29 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rex Douglas Baum.*



January 11, 2017 at 12:39 PM

JW

“ I can remember when Rex played trombone in the high school band. Then getting married to Lori. Then visiting y'all in the FI panhandle when he was stationed there. And on throughout all three children. So many memories,him laughing his unique laugh,telling stories,driving the tractor for the Dancing Deputies float in the parades. He may have died,but will live on with so many memories. Our sincere condolences to you Lori and the whole family.

John and Sue Whiting - January 11, 2017 at 08:30 AM

KM

“ Lori-
I heard about Rex's passing and just wanted to reach out and let you and your family know I am praying for peace for you during this difficult time.
Karen (Gammage) MacWilliams

Karen L. MacWilliams - January 11, 2017 at 08:24 AM

NB

“ Rex has been a father to me and a grandfather to my son Dayton since Ryan and I began dating almost 8 years ago. We've spent countless weekends and days with them. I know my son has many cherished memories such as the time he and Rex slept in the tent out back and checked out the stars. I myself will miss the crazy long winded stories/history lessons on just about anything at anytime. In fact you could get away from him once he got started. He will be missed and remembered for ever. Love you! ❤️Nicole Baum

nicole baum - January 11, 2017 at 08:24 AM

LB

I love you and Dayton so much! The memories of Dayton and Rex camping and enjoying the together time!

Loraine Sue Baum - January 26, 2017 at 12:00 PM

“ To Lori, and all of the family our deepest condolences.

My time with Rex...

Rex and I were best men in each others weddings and knew each other beginning really with our time together as Detroit Free Press Paper boys. We spent some great times together and I will never forget him. Rex was always one of the more intrepid and inquisitive among whatever group he was in, and he was a catalyst for more than one interesting event, mostly wholesome in nature....a couple stick out in addition to the huge number of great events that happened related to band.

We were probably 12-13 and in 7th grade when we both won an all expenses paid trip to Boston as a reward for growing our paper routes. As the trip progressed Rex pointed out to me that we were among the youngest guys there, and that the chaperones appeared to be distracted. We were under minimum supervision!! why not walk over to the "battle zone" on our own and get a pizza. We did, and I was scared beyond belief but Rex's confidence gave confidence as well and we had our pizza. I'm still convinced that we were left alone because the locals were surprised that a couple of kids would even do this. I think we got a little flack but it all worked out in the end. As always.

Rex was wiry and a great non traditional athlete. At least non traditional for the time. He was into bike road racing and cross country skiing when they were hardly heard of. Our fantastic teacher John Wismer helped both of us learn both of these sports. One memorable effort that we made was to perform in the Holland Tulip Festival, then drive across the state to Belle Isle to try to complete a 200 miles in 24 hour challenge. You had to go around the island 100 times I believe, but the trouble was we got there about 6 hours into a 24 hour event. Even though we were already dead tired from Holland we were still going to try. As I recall I made it about 45 laps and gave into exhaustion. I do believe that Rex made the entire 200

miles. If he didn't he got close enough to count it given our circumstances.

Again our deepest condolences. I like to remember my friends and family who aren't here now by also remembering that I didn't see them everyday, but our time together means that they are always with me.

*Craig and Diane Holmes
Brighton, MI*

Craig Holmes - January 11, 2017 at 07:47 AM

LB

I love this story and so appreciate your participating in the service! You are a wonderful friend!

Loraine Sue Baum - January 26, 2017 at 12:01 PM



“ *Shaun Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Rex Douglas Baum*



Shaun Mitchell - January 10, 2017 at 04:04 PM



Also, I would be there but I live in California.

Shaun Mitchell - January 10, 2017 at 04:06 PM



“ *Doug, Thank you for so many great childhood memories & to all of the Baum Family, may God give you Peace during this time!*

My Prayers are with you,

Shaun Mitchell(Cook)

Shaun Mitchell - January 10, 2017 at 03:57 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Your in my prayers.*

Tamara Franks - January 10, 2017 at 02:12 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Lori Baum - January 10, 2017 at 12:44 PM



“ *Donna Allen lit a candle in memory of Rex Douglas Baum*



Donna Allen - January 10, 2017 at 11:13 AM

GP

“ Sorry to hear this. Prayers to family!

Gwen de peel - January 10, 2017 at 08:26 AM

RS

“ Ron and Leighla Smith purchased the Pretty Plea
se for the family of Rex Douglas Baum.



Ron and Leighla Smith - January 10, 2017 at 07:47 AM

PA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Patrick - January 10, 2017 at 01:52 AM

ME

“ I DIDNT KNOW REX BUT HEARD LOTS OF WONDERFUL
THINGS ABOUT HIM FROM RYAN AND NICCI IORI MY HEART
GOES OUT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

mARIAN eVANS - January 09, 2017 at 10:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rex Douglas Baum.*



January 09, 2017 at 09:44 PM



“ *Our sympathy & prayers for comfort to your family during this time of loss! Rex will be remembered as a good man and we have many fond memories of him from our Troop 45 scouting adventures, especially South Manitou Island.*

Gary, Terry & Matt Isham

Gary Isham - January 09, 2017 at 08:17 PM



“ *Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Rex Douglas Baum.*



January 09, 2017 at 03:22 PM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss rex was a great guy and will be greatly missed.*

*Paul Congleton
Cadillac, Michigan*

Paul Congleton - January 09, 2017 at 03:13 PM



Maggie
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Love to all the Baum family and friends.

Maggie Campbell - January 09, 2017 at 07:09 PM

CR

So sorry to hear this Lori. Our thoughts and prayers are sent out to you and your family. Sincerely, Cindy and Lyle Robinette

Cindy Robinette - January 09, 2017 at 10:00 PM

MC

I know it's been really long, tough year for you guys caring for Rex while he was in Detroit, and also trying to manage life at home. You all did a great job advocating for him and looking out for each other. Your strength, faith, family and friends will get you through this heartbreaking loss. Help is all around you just for the asking.

Rex left this world way too soon and will be missed by all that knew him. I'll miss his quick wit, his intense and interesting conversations, and all the surprisingly unique tidbits of knowledge he picked up over the years. He had such a natural curiosity to learn and share about so many topics. (I'm not sure why he never went on the Jeopardy show - he would have been awesome!) You just never knew quite where a conversation or good story would go with him!

It's been an honor to know you Rex and share a family together. Please know I'll always be there for Lori and the kids (and what WONDERFUL kids they are!) I'll quietly smile inside when I hear a Jimmy Buffett song, and picture you out on a sailboat somewhere with the wind at your back, and the sun on your face. Sleep well Rex.

Love Mary Jo

Mary Campbell - January 10, 2017 at 02:08 AM

JR

I am so sorry , my heart aches for all of you. Joan Raines

Joan Raines - January 10, 2017 at 12:21 PM



Lori and family, I was saddened to hear about the loss of Rex. It breaks my heart to know you are going through such pain and loss. He obviously was a special, fun and loving man. Keep the memories close to your heart for they are now your treasures. I pray that God brings you peace and surrounds you with love. My sincerest condolences.
Annette

Annette Nealy-Herrick - January 13, 2017 at 06:21 AM