



## Terry Ray Baker

March 29, 1946 - November 2, 2022

Terry Ray Baker of Dimondale, a man who was always ready to help anyone in need, died surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, November 2, 2022. Terry, 76, was born on March 29, 1946, in Charlotte, MI, the son of Ivan and Maxine (Russell) Baker. After graduating from high school, Terry attended MSU where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. On July 10, 1966, Terry married Kathryn Beckman and they raised five children together. In 1969, Terry was drafted into the Army. After his discharge, he proudly served in the National Guard for 20 plus years. In 1986, Terry started Kater Engineering which he proudly owned and operated for 36 years in Mid-Michigan. Throughout the years, Terry and his wife, Kathryn, fostered many children and over the years these children have become part of his own family. Terry was a man of God and was an active member of Sycamore Creek Church - Potterville. His hobbies included working on jigsaw puzzles, walking, working in his flower garden, bird watching, anything MSU, and spending time with his church family. Above all, his proudest accomplishment over his lifetime was his family.

In 2016, Terry lost his wife of almost 50 years. Following Kathy's death, Terry joined a mall walking group. In this group, he got paired with Ruth Schaar because they both were the "fast" walkers. This started a connection with Ruth that Terry had not felt for some time. He started attending church with Ruth where he would sit right next to her. On April 2, 2022, Terry and Ruth

were married.

Terry is survived by his wife, Ruth; children, David (Marilyn) Baker, Dawn (Jeffrey) Mitzel, Karen (Darren) Craig, Stephen Baker, and Gretchen Williams; grandchildren, Kirstyn (Austin) Baker, Kassandra Hilliker, Aaron Love, Dakota Rolison, Jordan (Chelsea) Love, Rebekah Craig, Joshua Craig, Hope Williams, and CJ Williams; great-grandchildren, Annabel, Elin, Tanner, Benjamin, Evelyn, Michael, Harper, and Elliot; siblings, Gary (Carolyn) Baker, Larry Baker, Douglas (Deb) Baker, Cheryl (Sam) Odom; foster children, Alpha, Youssouf, Tiffany, Scott, Tabitha, and Jessica. He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn; parents; brother, Dale Baker, sisters-in-law, Cynthia Baker and Alma Baker, and Kathy's sisters Judith Parker and Kristine Beckman.

Friends are encouraged to support Terry's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation is Sunday, November 13, 2022, from 3-6:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home Charlotte. Funeral services are Monday, November 14, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Sycamore Creek Church - Pottersville with visitation just prior to the service from 10-11:00 a.m. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Terry's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Sycamore Creek Benevolence Fund. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

4444 West Grand River Avenue  
Lansing, MI 48906

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **13**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sycamore Creek Church (Potterville)  
105 N Church Street  
Potterville, MI 48876

# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Terry Ray Baker



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 14, 2022 at 09:29 AM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Terry Ray Baker



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - November 11, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ Mr. Baker brought a bok choy salad to many of the monthly Potlucks at Pennway Church of God. I heard him comment once that he wished some of the salad had been left. Everyone loved it.!

Juanita Calkins - November 15, 2022 at 02:15 PM



At Pennway Church of God's Fall Kickoff Hog Roast, Terry sat across from my friend Kathy & I. We were new to Pennway. He visited with us. He was friendly. (2016)

Juanita Calkins - November 15, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ 50 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - November 11, 2022 at 11:59 AM

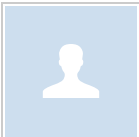


“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of Terry Ray Baker.



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November 11, 2022 at 10:31 AM



“ *Tender Tribute* was purchased for the family of Terry Ray Baker.



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November 07, 2022 at 05:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Terry Ray Baker.*



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November 07, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Terry Ray Baker.*



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November 06, 2022 at 04:07 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Terry Ray Baker.*



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November 06, 2022 at 03:22 PM



“ *My thoughts & prayers go out to the Baker family. I've known them for many years. Terry was a wonderful, kind man. He will truly be missed.*

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**Bobbie Snow** - November 06, 2022 at 08:12 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Terry Ray Baker.*



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November 05, 2022 at 08:17 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Terry Ray Baker.*



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November 05, 2022 at 09:02 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Terry Ray Baker.*



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November 04, 2022 at 11:38 PM



“ *Chuck Brandon lit a candle in memory of Terry Ray Baker*



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**Chuck Brandon** - November 04, 2022 at 11:35 PM