



## Charles Ray Baker

May 17, 1947 - August 4, 2020

Funeral service for Charles Ray Baker, age 73, of Somerville, will be Sunday, August 9, 2020, 3:00 p.m. at Shelton Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Earl Holt officiating. Interment will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mr. Baker, known by his friends as Ray, passed away peacefully on August 4, 2020, with his bride, Sherry, by his side. He was born May 17, 1947, in Decatur, to Charles Douglas Baker and Virginia Simpson Baker Tubb. He was a 1965 graduate of Decatur High School, and he married his high school sweetheart, Sherry Jane McDonald, in Georgia in the same year. He attended LeTourneau University in Longview, TX. He was an entrepreneur and businessman who owned and operated six different businesses over his career. In retirement, one of his favorite hobbies was sharing his musical talents on the piano with his family, church, and community, as well as numerous nursing homes and assisted living centers. He was an active member and deacon of Serenity Baptist Church. Mr. Baker was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by the love of his life for 55 years, Sherry; two daughters, Angela Mooney (Jeff) and Amy Bennefield (Mike); two sisters, Anne Baker Wright and Lisa Tubb Jernigan; seven grandchildren, Jonathan Mooney, Rebekah Mooney Dawson (Andy), Mitchell Bennefield, Karis Mooney Rivette (Jason), Micah Bennefield, Addison Bennefield, and Sarah Mooney; one

great-grandson, Elias Rivette; two nephews, Jamey Wright and Grant Varner; three nieces, Amanda Gillespie (Bill), Jennifer Blevins (Brandon), and Kristin Burleson; and many great-nephews and -nieces.

Pallbearers will be grandsons and nephews. Honorary pallbearers will be granddaughters.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial donations be made to Gideons International, P. O. Box 5111, Decatur, AL 35601, or the American Heart Association, P. O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284.

# Tribute Wall

KS

“ *My friend will surely be missed, his smile, his laugh, and the playing of his beautiful music. He could always lift your spirits with a joke or laugh or hug. He loved the Lord and now is healed and with His Savior. Love to Sherry and the family.*



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**Kathy Speegle** - August 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *This my friend will surely be missed. His smile and great laugh would make your day. He could lift your spirits whether with a joke, a hug, or playing his beautiful music. Love to Sherry and all the family.*



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**Kathy** - August 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *We always enjoyed being with Ray, he and Roy talked about playing together at nursing homes, regrets they never got to. Love and prayers for all of you Roy & Mary Cox*



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**Roy & Mary** - August 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Ray was the closest friend of my husband, David, and a dear friend to me. There are so many memories of he and Sherry, it's hard to choose one. But, when I think of him, I remember him just as he is in his picture. Smiling as he played Ray Charles style. He played Amazing Grace at my son's funeral, and I remember being so comforted by it. Ray had a huge heart, he cared deeply for people, especially family and friends. We will miss him so much!



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**Barbara Marsh** - August 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ I was sadden to hear the loss of Ray , what a truly talented and unselfish man .He played countless hours at Cedar Springs for myself and the residents. He touched so many lives with his joy of music He even shared his vegetables from his garden with the residents. Ms. SHERRY and family thank you for sharing this amazing man with us. May God Bless you in your sorrow and give you peace and comfort. Prayers and love to the Baker family fo. PLAY on my friend.....Lou Ellen Neuss



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**Lou Ellen Neuss** - August 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ My Heart is so sadden to hear the news of Ray, He shared his amazing talent with myself and the residents at Cedar Springs . He was such a kind and oh so funny man, so unselfish of his time and talent He even shared fresh vegetables with the residents. I have such sweet memories of Him. Ms. Sherry and family thank you for sharing such a amazing man who touched so many people with he amazing piano playing. May God Bless you in your time of sorrow. Prayers and love for your family...Play on Ray!!!! Lou Ellen Neuss



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**Lou Ellen Neuss** - August 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Ray was one of the few who actually lit up a room just by being in it. Known for his kindness and compassion and...his smile, he will truly be missed by all who were fortunate enough to have known him. My deepest sympathy is extended to his beloved family and friends. Patsy Brooke



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**Patricia Brooke** - August 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Sherryl was saddened to read about Ray's death. He was a good man and I always enjoyed his company. My thoughts and prayers will be with the family.



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**Mike Curl** - August 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Baker*



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“ *Ray was a dear friend and christian brother will be missed but will meet him in heaven*



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**benny** - August 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *During his and Sherry serving at Shiloh Baptist, I enjoy being in the choir as he lead us for a time. He was always a joyful, happy gentleman. I'm sorry for his passing and your loss Sherry, praying for you and the girls. God Bless you.*



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**Peggy Sharp Vaughn** - August 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ray being our Sunday teacher always said he try to make a million. Red said he's got his million, a mansion, walking on golden streets and playing a piano in God's Heavenly band.Love Red and Tish*



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**Red and Tish Speegle** - August 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Red And Tish Speegle lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Baker*



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**Red and Tish Speegle** - August 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *He was one of a kind..really loved life. He will be remembered for always helping others.*



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**Carolyn** - August 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *My favorite memory is anytime that I had the chance to talk with my friend for a few minutes. I truly cherished our friendship and will miss him dearly. With love and my deepest sympathy....*



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**David Cowart** - August 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM