



## David C. Baker

December 25, 1936 - November 2, 2015

David passed away suddenly at his home on Monday, November 2, 2015. David was born on Christmas Day December 25, 1936 in Dayton, Ohio, the son of Richard E. and Hazel B. (Dorsey) Baker. In June of 1984 he married Elizabeth “Betsy” Ostrander, and she survives. David went to Auburn High School in Auburn, IN and graduated in the class of 1955. He was a proud member of the United States Air Force and served from 1959 to 1963 in Homestead, FL. Dave received his BS in Electrical Engineering from Indiana Institute of Technology Fort Wayne, IN. During his lifetime David worked as an Electrical Engineer for CTS in Elkhart, IN, as a Production Engineer. Then at Elco Thermoplastics in Mishawaka, IN. Dave was then recruited by Ford Motor Co. in 1990. While at Ford he managed over 45 suppliers with an annual budget of over \$100 million. He made significant contributions in the development of Ford commodity strategies and selection of best in class domestic and international supply base. Dave retired from Ford in 2007 but couldn't sit still so in 2012 he supervised injection molding at Faurecia in Saline. In 2013 he began consulting work again with Ford. David joined the Society of Plastics Engineers in 1974 and was an active member for over 30 years. He served as President of the society from 1976 to 1977. He attended every T-ball game of Michael's and every swim meet. He was at every cross county meet and choir performance of Katie's and every track and field and band performance of Jennie's. He even became an “honorary girl scout” so he could go on camping trips with the girls. David also loved his grandson Alex

very much and shared his love of nature with him. Betsy and David traveled to Ireland, Hungary, and Italy and those trips were some of the highlights of his life. The trip he was most fond of however was to the Outer Banks to see his daughter Jennie be married to Andrew. David was a kind soul and was a friend to everyone he met. Other survivors in addition to his wife include their children Michael Scheeringa, Katie Baker, Jennie and her husband Andrew Skuzenski, his Grandson Alex, and his brother Brian Baker. He was preceded in death by his parents. Cremation has taken place. A Mass of the Christian Burial will take place on Friday, November 27, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. at the St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Saline, with Rev. Fr. Francis Mossholder as celebrant. Military honors will follow under the auspices of the Veterans Honor Guard of Washtenaw County. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, or to the family to cover the cost of flowers. Envelopes will be available at the church where friends may begin calling on Friday, November 27, 2015 from 10:00 A.M. until the time of Mass at 11:00 A.M. To sign David's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Drive  
Saline, MI 48176  
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

## Mass of the Christian Burial

NOV 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Drive  
Saline, MI 48176  
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

## Luncheon

NOV 27. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Drive  
Saline, MI 48176  
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *David C. Baker*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Thank you to all who have shared memories of Dad and sent their condolences. I noticed that a lot of the posts are from Dad's co-workers. This is very appropriate, as Dad loved his co-workers very much! He shared with me many of the memories that are posted here on his tribute wall. Thank you so much for thinking just as fondly of my Dad as he thought of you all. Whether it be from work, from Girl Scouts, the Air Force, or from his personal life, Dad was full of love and attention to detail. In addition to the memory posts, we've gotten a few pictures sent to us already of Dad with people he loved, on adventures that delighted him. If you happen to have any of these, please feel free to share. We'd love to be a part of your memories.*

**Katie Baker** - November 30, 2015 at 11:03 AM



“ *I worked with Dave in Supplier Quality during the mid-90s. It was my 2nd job out of school and I had transferred from out of state. Dave was so welcoming and willing to help. I had no special treatment as this was something Dave was ready to do for anyone. This is clear from the other posts here. But, he certainly made us all feel special. His patience was remarkable, given his own workload and willingness to help so many. Dave's lessons and his influence on my professional approach remain with me, today. My condolences to Dave's family. You must be incredibly proud of the person he was and the influence he had on others. I am honored to have known him.*

**Scott Langley** - November 26, 2015 at 08:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David C. Baker.*



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November 23, 2015 at 10:17 PM



“ *Toni, Julia, Kolja and Charly Braun purchased the Sentimental Dreams for the family of David C. Baker.*



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**Toni, Julia, Kolja and Charly Braun** - November 23, 2015 at 12:48 PM



“ *I came to CTS in 1985, as a young impetuous molding engineer. Dave was who I worked with and shared an office with, down at the old plastics building. We both worked for John Gietzen. I learned so much from Dave while he and I worked at CTS. He then left CTS and went to Elco Thermoplastics. He "recruited" me to come and join him there, so I did. It was one of the best things that I ever did, and I thank Dave for his leadership and encouragement. After he joined Ford, he helped me out again and again, by being such a great STA for Thermoplastics to have. I returned to CTS after 10 years at Thermo and once again Dave was there for me and CTS through some troubling times. I will always remember his smile, his positive attitude, and his tremendous attention to detail. My deepest condolences to his family and all of his loved ones. He will be missed, but never forgotten.*

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**Paul Daiber** - November 23, 2015 at 08:51 AM



“ *Yokohama Industries Americas (YIA) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David C. Baker.*




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**Yokohama Industries Americas (YIA)** - November 23, 2015 at 08:41 AM



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**Fred Wilson** - November 16, 2015 at 09:51 PM



*Shy David and I performed "Please Mister Custer" at a variety show in Homestead Florida in 1961 - Fun time.*

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**Fred Wilson** - November 22, 2015 at 10:51 AM



*Goodbye, Dave - I knew you a little and liked you a lot. It's so hard to believe you are gone. Love and prayers go with you. Love also to Betsy and the family. Peace.*

*Kate Eaton*

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**Kate Eaton** - November 27, 2015 at 08:13 AM

BE

“ *Bettina lit a candle in memory of David C. Baker*



**Bettina** - November 16, 2015 at 08:02 PM

MV

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family...Joey Valentine.*

**Mary Jo Valentine** - November 14, 2015 at 05:49 PM



“ *Sympathy Chocolates was purchased for the family of David C. Baker.*



November 13, 2015 at 12:13 PM

TM

“ *Dave was truly an inspiration to me. As a Supplier he guided, rather than dictate. I learned a lot from him and will forever remember his smiling face.*



**Tomi Mayville-Greanya** - November 13, 2015 at 11:03 AM

PP

“ I had the great pleasure of meeting Dave as I was leaving the fuel team at Ford. I worked briefly with Dave, handing off my work deck. He approached everyday with enthusiasm and joy. I enjoyed getting to know him & will miss his gentle soul around the office. Prayers to his family and loved ones.



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**Pranav Patel** - November 12, 2015 at 01:34 PM

NK

“ My condolences to the Baker family. I had the great pleasure of working with Dave in the early 2000s and then again over the past year or so upon returning to Ford. He was truly one of the nicest people I've worked with over the years, and unfailingly helpful and supportive. He has been a great example for me over the years and will be missed by all.

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**Nathan Konopka** - November 12, 2015 at 12:17 PM

JP

“ I knew Dave from Plastic Omnium in New Boston MI. He would come here to the plant for Ford. I looked forward to seeing him when he would come because he was the sweetest and most caring person I have met. It breaks my heart knowing that he has left us to soon! God Bless you Dave and until we meet again! All my Prayers and thoughts for the family during this rough time. Judy Parrish-Plastic Omnium New Boston MI.



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**Judy Parrish** - November 12, 2015 at 11:57 AM

CH

“ To Dave's Family -

*I was so shocked and sad to hear that Dave passed away. I just recently came to know him here at work and always enjoyed talking with him. He had a smile and a pleasant word for everyone he worked with here at Ford. I will be out of town for his funeral Mass, so I wanted to let you know how much I loved working with him. God Bless you!*

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**Cynthia Hodges** - November 12, 2015 at 11:21 AM

JH

“ *The best legacy a person can leave are those happy memories stored in the minds of friends and family. Ever notice that it was no coincidence that Dave chose to sit in the first cubicle directly outside the main conference room at Ford Motor Company NA Purchasing-STA? All of us had to walk by Dave on the way to our desks. He chose that site because it announced that Dave was ready to be of service to Ford Motor Company.*

*Dave loved his fellow STA engineers. However busy he might be, Dave's face would light up in a broad smile as he greeted us. It was a disappointment when he wasn't at his desk.*

*May God richly bless the Baker family during the days to come.*

*John Hintermaier  
Site STA  
FNA Purchasing-STA  
Fairlane Business Park II  
D-213  
17425 Federal Drive  
Allen Park, MI 48101*

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**John B. Hintermaier** - November 12, 2015 at 10:29 AM

KR

“ *My deepest sympathy for the Baker Family. I worked with Dave in the early 90's with EFHD supplier quality. His smile and wondrous gaze will be missed my many.*

*Ken Rettmann  
Wiper/Washer Systems Engineering  
Body Exterior, Ford Motor Company  
20901 Oakwood BLVD PDC 2BB24  
Dearborn, Michigan 48124*

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**K. Rettmann** - November 12, 2015 at 06:30 AM

CW

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**Carolyn Christensen West** - November 09, 2015 at 03:59 PM

BE

*This is an 'old' picture, look at that flat top. Dave loved animals and our house was always filled with them.*

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**betsy** - November 15, 2015 at 08:15 AM

KB

*This is a picture of Dad with his beloved cat, "Boots."*

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**Katie Baker** - November 30, 2015 at 10:48 AM

EF

“ *Betsy, Katie, Jennie and Michael- I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. B was a great man. I have so many fond memories with him and your family. I love you all.*  
*Love, Emily Frye (Bailey)*

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**Emily Frye** - November 09, 2015 at 10:26 AM

TT

“ *The CooperStandard Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David C. Baker.*



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**The CooperStandard Team** - November 09, 2015 at 09:08 AM

KM

“ *Hugs and prayers for all.*  
*You are in our thoughts and prayers always.*  
*Sr. Khadejah and family*



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**Khadejah Malek** - November 08, 2015 at 06:33 PM

AP

“ *Augie and I are very sorry to hear of Dave's sudden passing. May God bless you all and we will keep you in ours prayers.*  
*Augie & grace*

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**August and Grace Parker** - November 07, 2015 at 01:48 PM

JS

“ *Joann Scerbak-Hall lit a candle in memory of David C. Baker*



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**Joann Scerbak-Hall** - November 07, 2015 at 12:40 PM

JS

“ *Dave welcomed my kids into his home (pool) during a very difficult time in my life. I am grateful to God for both Dave and Betsy's hospitality and opening their hearts to me and my kids. Your smile and silent support meant so much to me. May you rest in peace you good and faithful man.*

*Peace,  
Joann Scerbak-Hall*

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**Joann Scerbak-Hall** - November 07, 2015 at 12:38 PM

AV

“ *Betsy, Katie, Jennie and Alex, I am so sorry for your loss. Its hard to think of Dave and not smile. He was an engineer to the core with his attention to all the details. He was crazy about his family and he made a heck of a girl scout! He leaves a hole. I am sorry for your loss.*

*Ann Valentine*

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**Ann Valentine** - November 05, 2015 at 07:25 PM

FW

“ Fred Wilson lit a candle in memory of David C. Baker



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**Fred Wilson** - November 05, 2015 at 06:29 PM

FW

“ Betsy, Jen and Katie and all - Dave and I served together at Homestead Air Force Base in the late 50s and early 60s. A better friend I could not have had then and throughout the last 50 plus years. I thank Dave for that time.

*He is now trying to engineer changes in Heaven, but I think he will find that all is well.*

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**Fred Wilson** - November 05, 2015 at 06:29 PM

BB

“ Betsy, I am very sorry for your loss. Dave is a great husband, father, and friend. He will be missed by all.

*B. D. Bailey*

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**Bryant Bailey** - November 05, 2015 at 03:55 PM

SK

“ Betsy, may you and your family make it thru this very difficult time. I am very sorry for your loss.

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**sue kotlarek** - November 05, 2015 at 01:25 PM

DR

“ *Betsy, I was very sorry to hear about Dave. Please accept my sincere condolences on your loss. So sad.*

*Deb Royal*

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**Deb Royal** - November 05, 2015 at 01:24 PM