



## Garth Larry Baker

June 15, 1936 - July 3, 2025

Garth Larry Baker was born June 15, 1936, at Iowa City, Iowa to his parents Kenneth L. Baker and Eunice L. Bushnell Baker. His early years were spent growing up in the farm communities of Northeastern Iowa. He graduated from High School at Marion, Iowa in 1954. From 1954-1957 he served in the United States Navy. In 1956 he was united in Holy Matrimony to the love of his life, Carolyn Marie Stade Baker. To their union four children were born. Angela, Gary, Lisa and Gregory.

Desiring to serve his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the pastoral ministry of the Lutheran Church, he entered Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Illinois in 1957. Following his graduation in 1963 he served the following congregations of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod: Crosby/Iron Hub, Minnesota 1963-1965. St. John Lutheran Church, Winsted, Minnesota 1965-1969. Zion Lutheran Church, Wilton, Iowa 1969-1977. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rolla, Missouri 1977-1997. Garth retired from active ministry in June 1997.

He was preceded in death by twin sisters, Beverly and Barbara Baker who died in infancy in 1932, His father Kenneth in 1973, and his mother Eunice in 1993.

Survivors include: His loving wife Carolyn. Children include Angela (Baker)

Stark and husband David of Rock Island, Illinois, Gary and wife Casey of Hermitage, Tennessee, Lisa Baker of Kansas City, Missouri, and Gregory and wife Andrea of Tallahassee, Florida. His remarkable lineage includes 9 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. As well, he had numerous friends, colleagues, previous parishioners and many dear sweet individuals that made his life journey immeasurably richer.

A celebration of Garth's life will be held at 1:30 PM, Friday, July 18, 2025, at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 8300 Deerlake Road, Tallahassee, FL 32312. Contributions may be sent to St. Judes Research Hospital. Todd Wahlquist is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)).

# Cemetery Details

## Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL 32311

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 18. 1:30 PM (ET)

Epiphany Lutheran Church  
8300 Deer Lake S  
Tallahassee, FL 32312

# Tribute Wall

CO

“ *Chuck Perry and friends from Dayton Ohio purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Garth Larry Baker.*



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**Chuck Perry and friends from Dayton Ohio** - July 14, 2025 at 12:50 PM

TF

“ *Tim&Kathy, Terry, Deb& Families purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Garth Larry Baker.*



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**Tim&Kathy, Terry, Deb& Families** - July 13, 2025 at 09:11 PM

RC

“ *Angie, we are so very sorry for the loss of your dad. He was such an amazing man. I only met him on a few occasions but always felt like family. We are sending our deepest sympathies to the entire Baker family and know that you are in my prayers*

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**Rick and Priscilla Child** - July 09, 2025 at 05:14 PM

MW

“ *Thinking of the Baker family, my sympathies are with you all. We have a lot of great memories of going on vacation together down to Lake Odessa. Sure do miss you all and it would be wonderful for us all to get together sometime soon.*  
*Maurita Wacker-Voss*

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**Maurita Wacker-Voss** - July 08, 2025 at 02:51 PM

UW

“ *Es ist schwer, einen geliebten Menschen loszulassen, aber die Erinnerung bleibt.*

*Liebe Caroline, wir senden Dir unsere aufrichtige Anteilnahme und sind sehr traurig über deinen Verlust.*

*Wir verbinden mit Euch ganz viele schöne und sehr lustige Momente in eurer Familie.*

*Wir werden Garth immer als einen sehr liebevollen und warmherzigen Menschen in Erinnerung behalten.*

*Fühl dich ganz fest gedrückt, wir wünschen Dir viel Kraft und Zuversicht für die nächste Zeit.*

*Uwe, Nicole und Noah*



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**Uwe Weidmann-Zimmermann** - July 07, 2025 at 12:31 PM

KD

“ We send our sincere condolences to the wonderful Baker family. Our heart goes out to you all at this difficult time. So many fond and great memories being friends with Lisa and spending time at the house plus the McQuillen family seemed to have children the same age as Garth and Carolyn so we knew Angie, Gary, Lisa and Greg. My parents were neighbors with Carolyn's parents. Spent a lot of time in the yard talking with them over the years. Thinking of you all and sending much love, hugs and prayers. God Bless!! Kandi (McQuillen) and Kim Dieckman and family - Wilton, IA

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**Kandi (McQuillen) Dieckman** - July 06, 2025 at 10:52 PM

MJ

“ Angie and family, so very sorry for your deep loss. He is surely resting in the arms of the Lord. Thinking of you all with love and prayers.  
Mary and Jay Joerger

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**Mary Joerger** - July 06, 2025 at 11:43 AM

TM

“ To the wonderful Baker family. You have our deepest sympathies. A great Pastor who married Teri and I and taught us so much. We so enjoyed visiting with Pastor and Carolyne in 2017 at their home church in Tallahassee.



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**Tom Moeller** - July 05, 2025 at 03:05 PM