



Dr. Mary Dunn Baker

November 6, 1953 - May 1, 2020

Dr. Mary Dunn Baker, 66, succumbed to heart failure on May 1, 2020 in Tallahassee, Florida. Born in Eufaula, Alabama, she is preceded in death by her parents, Forrest Stapleton Dunn and Clara Allen Dunn. She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Dr. Jay Baker, her sister Dr. Clare Dunn Anderson of Columbus, Georgia, her aunt Alma Allen Norton of Nashville, Tennessee, her uncle David Buford Allen of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and her cherished niece Emily Clare Anderson of St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mary graduated from Columbus High School in Columbus, Georgia and then earned a B.S. in Political Science and Economics from her beloved Auburn University. At Auburn she became active in Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, in which she maintained a lifelong interest. She then received an M.S. in Economics from Auburn at age 22, followed by a Ph.D. in Economics from Florida State University in 1986. She taught as an Instructor of Economics at Auburn University at Montgomery until receiving her doctorate. At that time, she began an illustrious consulting career in Tallahassee, Florida, first at Economic Research Services, followed by Berkeley Research Group, where she held the title of Managing Director. She was a highly-sought and well-respected analyst and expert witness in litigation cases concerning employment discrimination. During her 35-year career she was a mentor to many colleagues.

Mary was an avid reader and music enthusiast. She also mastered the art of shopping. Mary dearly loved her pet dogs, Otis, Daisy, and Ellie. She was a lovely, one-of-a kind friend to her clients, co-workers, friends, and family.

The family would like to thank Dr. Gian-Carlo Giove for the care he provided to Mary.

A memorial service will be held on the anniversary of her passing at Bevis Funeral Home of Tallahassee on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. The service will also be livestreamed via Mary's page on the Bevis Funeral Home website: www.bevisfh.com/obituaries/Mary-Baker-72/#!/PhotosVideos
To watch, click the thumbnail titled "Webcasting Video" at the service's scheduled time. Please note that it will also remain on her page after the service has concluded for those unable to watch live.

For friends wishing to pay tribute, the family suggests a donation to the American Cancer Society or to the Leon County Humane Society.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com)

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dr. Mary Dunn Baker*



Bevis Funeral Home - April 08, 2021 at 04:26 PM

RP

Beautiful service. Thank you for live-streaming the event.

Robin Parente - May 01, 2021 at 02:46 PM

MR

“ Like so many my initial connection to Mary was through her work. In the mid to late 1990's I was staff counsel at Boeing and then later the director of employee relations. Mary helped me, a complete novice, understand compensation analysis. Once, when we were in negotiation with the Dept of Labor, their lead economist had come up with some outrageous theory questioning the analysis Mary had performed on behalf of Boeing. First Mary had to get out one of her old text books to help me understand what he was talking about. Then, the Deputy Secretary knew Mary was going to be unavailable after a certain hour and waited until that hour had passed to make himself available. They did not want to tangle with Mary. Even today, that episode makes me smile. Needless to say, Mary and I became good friends.

Jay, Mary and I talked of having the four of us - Bill, you, Mary and me get together. Especially after that last wine tasting. So sorry to have missed that opportunity.

Claire and Emily, I did not get the opportunity to meet you but feel like i have. Mary loved you both dearly and spoke of you often.

Bill and I both miss Mary dearly. Please accept our heartfelt condolences.

Bill and Marcella Reed

Marcella Fleming Reed - May 01, 2021 at 07:37 PM

JG

“*Mary was a force of nature. In many ways I owed her what became my practice. She taught me about data, about quantitative analysis (not how to do the math but what the math did). She was a remarkable teacher; both opinionated and pragmatic. Along with a few others, Mary pioneered EEO pay analysis. Her voice has been missed.*

Jon Geier - May 01, 2021 at 01:55 PM

BB

“*I knew and worked with Mary for decades. It was a wonderful relationship for me. I watched her grow from a mentee of Joan Haworth into a force and a great talent of her own. She had her own style of approaching a problem- with dry humor, brilliant insights and a way of making the esoteric easy to understand. Our work together on many matters was a pleasure for me. We learned together from litigation consultants - Mary was to pull her hair back, to look commanding and in control. She laughed at the advice but took it and had great success with judges, juries and opposing counsel. She was also great fun to be with on work trips far from home and bar association conferences and meetings. She mentored and supported others with generosity and wisdom. She was a great professional and person and is sorely missed.*
Barbara Brown

Barbara Brown - May 01, 2021 at 11:14 AM

BA

“*1 file added to the tribute wall*



Billy Anderson - April 30, 2021 at 05:50 PM

MR

“ *The lovely photo of Mary that you have posted perfectly captures her essential qualities - beautiful, elegant, and professional all at once. I was fortunate to have known Mary and worked with her over the course of three decades. She was an expert witness, a wise counselor, a valuable teacher and mentor. She spoke slowly, thoughtfully, and carefully - like her hair and make-up, not a word out of place. She was a loyal friend and a caring person. Along with professional colleagues too numerous to name, my wife Shelly and I miss Mary a great deal! - Mike Reiss, Seattle, Washington*

Michael Reiss - April 28, 2021 at 11:45 AM

MW

“ *Mary was not only a very dear friend , she was a wonderful person Mary and I enjoyed each other's company for about 30 years She was brilliant , terrific in the courtroom, and an elegant lady She is noted for exquisite taste in jewelry , her wardrobe and she loved to shop until I dropped She made a mark in our world , her legacy and good work will endure as well as will my deepest and enduring affection for Mary*
She was very special to me and many others and there will always be a warm spot in my heart Rest I. Peace Mary
Maurice Wexler

maurice wexler - April 15, 2021 at 11:08 PM

RY

“ Mary loved to take group selfies!! Just kidding. She did put up with us though because she was so caring, thoughtful, and generous. I remember having a very brief conversation with her about how much I loved Cheetos. For my next birthday after that, Mary gave me two bags of every single kind of Cheetos....that was alot of Cheetos. It was so perfectly on brand for her to remember even the tiniest little detail about your life. Thank you, Mary for your mentorship, but mostly your friendship.

*With Love and Admiration,
Royal*



Royal Yu - April 13, 2021 at 01:02 PM