



## Robert Britton Baker III

May 4, 1940 - February 17, 2023

Robert Britton Baker III, affectionally known as Bob and Papa, was born on May 4, 1940, in St. Petersburg, Florida, to Colonel R.B. Baker, Jr. and Anne H. Baker. Bob was raised as an Air Force “brat” and was privileged to live in many locations, including London and Paris. Some of his fondest memories were of his childhood in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he and his brother Ken would shoot their toy cannon into the desert.

Bob attended the United States Air Force Academy and the University of Florida, where he earned a master’s degree in Educational Administration. Following his service during the Vietnam war as an Air Force pilot, he began his career as an educator. He loved being an educator and served his entire career in the Alachua County School System at Hawthorne High School, Gainesville High School, Lofton Center, and Eastside High School. He was a Tallahassee First Baptist Church member and the Empty Nesters Sunday Morning Bible Study Class.

Bob was predeceased by his parents, Colonel and Mrs. R.B. Baker and his beloved son, Robert Britton “Britt” Baker IV. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia E. Baker; his daughter, Erika Baker Stratton (Kipp), Russellville, Alabama; three stepsons whom he considered his very own: Grant Mullins of Woodville, Florida, Glen Mullins (Michelle) of Bartlett, Tennessee and Greg Mullins (Alden), Tallahassee, Florida; his brother Dr. Ken Baker (Toby) of Windsor,

Colorado, and his sister Patricia Baker Turner (B.D.) of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida; 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren who will greatly miss their Papa.

The family will receive visitors beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road, Tallahassee, Florida. A service will follow at 2:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel.

Instead of flowers, donations can be made to the Big Bend Hospice Foundation. Although Bob's time there was short, the family greatly appreciates the excellent care provided by their staff. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the Baker family with their arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodville Cemetery

Woodville Hwy.  
Woodville, FL 32305

# Previous Events

## The Family Will Receive Friends

FEB 22. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

FEB 22. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Robert Britton Baker III*



Bevis Funeral Home - February 22, 2023 at 01:34 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Baker's passing. He was a good soul. Always kind, generous, smart, funny, encouraging, compassionate... Pick all the good adjectives you can imagine and they all describe him. My girls know all about Mr. Baker through my stories of high school – supporting me through some rough times, helping me figure out my future, letting me leave during my study hall / lunch period to pick up lunch (as long as I brought something back for him too!). I'm thankful for Facebook helping us to stay in touch throughout the years. Please accept my sincerest condolences. He will be terribly missed!*



Heather Simon - February 27, 2023 at 10:50 AM

CW

“ Having had Bob Baker in our lives was quite honestly life changing for us! He was our mentor, champion, counselor, teacher and friend. Because of his support we increased our knowledge and credentials and faced the computer age without fear. But we are especially thankful that he hired Cindy to work in his department at Eastside High School over 30 years ago where we met. We are Bob and Cindy Wendt, because of Bob and Sylvia Baker!

*We will be making a donation to Big Bend Hospice in his memory.*

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**Cindy Wendt** - February 22, 2023 at 09:20 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Britton Baker III.



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February 22, 2023 at 09:05 AM

BW

“ Thank you Mr Baker for all that you did for us as your former students at Eastside High School. You always brought encouragement to each student in the school.

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**Burt Wetherington** - February 20, 2023 at 10:11 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Britton Baker III.



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February 20, 2023 at 07:17 PM

PT

“ Patricia B Turner purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Robert Britton Baker III.



Patricia B Turner - February 20, 2023 at 12:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Britton Baker III.



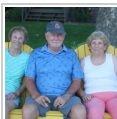
February 19, 2023 at 07:42 PM



“ Dottie Lewis lit a candle in memory of Robert Britton Baker III



Dottie Lewis - February 19, 2023 at 05:00 PM



Sylvia, so sorry to hear about Bob. You and family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Dottie Lewis - February 19, 2023 at 05:01 PM

SY

Thank you Dottie. I would love to see you again.

sylvia - February 21, 2023 at 09:29 AM

PM

“ Bob, we lost you too soon, but now you are at rest. You were a wonderful husband, Dad, grandparent, sibling and friend. You loved people and they loved you and you loved to talk to them! What a great sense of humor and debate you had. I loved our many talks over lunch and Sylvia putting up with us. You so dearly loved her and, as her friend, that made me love you all the more. You were always ready to lend a helping hand and offer support to people, placing others above yourself. Unselfish, giving, spiritual, loving, fun loving, capable, smart, funny, intuitive, honest, direct, full of integrity, inquisitive, humble, sensitive and truly genuine are but a few words that come to mind when I think of you. And I will think of you, often. You were one of a kind and I loved you dearly, my friend. I will miss you. Rest in peace, Robert.

*Patricia “Pete” McDonald*

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**Patricia McDonald** - February 19, 2023 at 12:04 PM