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Ralph Durwood Baker went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, July 16, 2008, at the age of 63. He was born February 3, 1945, and was preceded in death by his parents Ralph and Marjorie Baker. Ralph graduated from Highland Park High School in 1963. He graduated from SMU in 1967 with a degree in Business where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega. After attending SMU Law School for a year, he gave in to his love of entertainment and entered the world of fashion modeling with Kim Dawson. He was known as the Sanger Harris Man and was a disc jockey for KLIF. He went to New York to model for Wilhelmina Modeling Agency for six years and then on to California where he worked for eight years. Ralph was a producer, industrial film star, performer, auctioneer, consummate master of ceremonies, Bible teacher, and counselor to many friends. In 1992, Ralph came back to Dallas to pursue his career, but also to connect with the love of his life, Elizabeth McCord, whom he watched grow up at First Baptist Dallas. He had loved her since she was fifteen years old, but did not have the opportunity to marry her until July 8, 1995. Ralph was the Penguin and the Joker in the Batman show at Six Flags. He was the host of the Home Life Show, the anchorman for KTEN News, and his voice was known throughout Dallas as the traffic man for KRLD. He is survived by his loving wife, Elizabeth, his adoring daughter, Bailey Margaret, 12 years of age, his wife's three children, whom he loved as his own, Chase Paschal and wife Leigh Ann, Cash Paschal, and Parris Lovvorn and husband Ben. He was blessed to have grandchildren and is survived by Blake, Tristan, and Julie Ann Paschal. Ralph is also survived by his sisters and their husbands, Carole and Doug Adkins of Dallas and Barbara and Tip Harris of Nacogdoches. In addition to his immediate family, many extended family and friends will miss this marvelous man after God's own heart. Services will be held on Monday, July 21, at the First Baptist Church of Dallas, at 2:00 p.m. A visitation will be held on Sunday, July 20, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Restland



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Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Bailey Baker Education Fund in care of Mark Lovvorn at Providence Bank of Texas, PO Box 94003, Southlake, Texas 76092; or to the Media Ministry at First Baptist Church Dallas.



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BB

Bailey Baker posted:

My daddy was and still is very loved. My mother and I will miss him dearly. We know the Lord will be with us and help us through this. Daddy, thank you so much for everything you have done!

August 24 at 4:47 AM

JH

Jennifer Ellis Harp posted:

I worked with Ralph at Metro Networks and always perked up when I saw his name on caller ID. I knew he had a traffic tip for me and that I could trust his info. He had such a way with words when it came to doing traffic reports and always brought a smile to my face when I heard him on the air or visited with him in person. Ralph was a classy guy and a joy to know. It was obvious that he loved the Lord, and we had that in common. May the peace of God comfort you at this sad time.

August 24 at 4:47 AM

MM

Max Miller posted:

It was my pleasure to work with Ralph at Metro, and a happier person has never lived. Judging from the outpouring of love and affection at his funeral, I'm not the only one who thinks so. Rest in peace, big boy.

August 24 at 4:47 AM

LP

Lucile Ball Perry posted:

The first time I met Ralph was at Sunday School at First Baptist Church downtown Dallas, way back in the early 60's. I believe he was always a strong Christian believer and always a good friend to everyone—always respectful and kind. He was a gentleman. I know he is with his Lord today. Someday we'll meet again. I sent a message earlier but am not certain it went through...the computer locked up. I hope this time it makes it through!!!

August 24 at 4:47 AM

RR

Richard Reich posted:

My thoughts are with you Elizabeth, Barbara and Carole. What fun I had with Ralph and the Baker family. I will miss Buddy so much. I am out of town and unable to attend but I will be thinking about all of you wherever we are.

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DD

Ds Danza posted:

Dear Baker Family; Please accept my sincerest condolences. I am always saddened to see the loss of a loved one, although they are at peace, we still miss them very much. My prayer is that, 'Our Father who art in heaven' grant your desire to see Ralph again thru the sacrifice of His son; the Resurrection and Everlasting life. 'Thy will be done on earth..' Amen. 'He will wipe out every Tear, Death will be no more, Neither Mourning', Rev21; DS DANza. DAV. Grief Support dsd2@netzero.com

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CL

Cheryl Lovett posted:

Carol, Barbara and Elizabeth, my heart aches and I can't imagine the pain you must feel. Memories have flooded my brain and I grieve from afar. Carol, my sister Char passed on your hug via the phone lines yesterday. I was so very happy to hear that Ralph married and had a daughter. Children make life so special and I'm so happy that Ralph was able to experience the special relationship with a wife and a child. My love and thoughts are with all of you today.

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LG

Lorena Guadron posted:

Mr Baker will be missed dearly. I am still in shock. Even though he may not be here with us he will be in our hearts. You will be missed.. Lorena Guadron

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SH

Susan Helt posted:

To the Family: Chet and I are praying for your well being as you work your way through this sudden loss of your loved one. We will miss his always smiling face. He was the most awesome friend and neighbor. God Bless You, Ralph, for being in our lives. To know you was such an honor. You enriched our lives so much and will be so greatly missed. Elizabeth and Bailey and Parris and Chase and Cash and families: we are here for you. Just call us. We love you all so much. God Bless. Chet and Susan Helt

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ralph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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