



Dr. Hw Charles Baker

February 6, 1935 - August 13, 2020

BAKER, Dr. Hw Charles (85) passed away Thursday, August 13, 2020 with loved ones at his side. Charles was born in Dallas, Texas on February 6, 1935 to Audrie and Bryan Baker. At the age of 14, Charles accepted Christ as his Savior and Lord, beginning his new life. After graduating Valedictorian from Norman Robert Crozier Technical School in 1952, Charles attended Southern Methodist University for his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Electrical Engineering. He attained his Ph.D. from the University of Texas in 1962. Charles began teaching at SMU in 1956 through 1968. He married the love of his life, Barbara Anne Allen, in 1967. He became the Telecommunications Advisor for Exxon Company in 1968 through 1979. In 1980, he returned to teaching at SMU and continued through 2012. He was a Registered Professional Engineer for the state of Texas for over 50 years, having been recognized by former Governor Rick Perry, and was among the first Registered Engineers among his peers at SMU. During his tenure, he taught telecommunications, electrical engineering, and computer science and engineering, as well as developed the telecommunication and network engineering degree plan. Aside from his time in education, he devoted his life to the distribution of God's word through the Gideons International, connecting people to Christ through testimony and placing Bibles in the hands of people all over the world. He served in the Sons of the American Revolution, keeping the institutions of American freedom and true patriotism and the value of American citizenship. Dr. Baker inspired countless people during his time with us. He was preceded in death by his mother, Leta Audrie Thomason Baker, and father, Jennings Bryan Baker. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Baker, daughter Jennifer and son in law Anthony Halstead, grandsons Nicolas and Ryan of Napa, California, and daughter Rachel and son in law Christopher Barker and granddaughters Randi, Alison, and Charlotte of Dallas, Texas. A service will be held at Restland Funeral Home on August 21, 2020 at 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donation be made in his memory to the Gideons International, PO Box 831505 Richardson, Texas 75083.

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/35299>

Events

AUG **Visitation** 09:00AM - 10:00AM

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The Memorial Chapel at Restland Funeral Home
13005 Greenville Avenue at Restland Road, Dallas, TX, US, 75243

AUG **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery - August 20, 2020 at 06:13 PM



“ A webcast video has been added.



Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery - August 18, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ Loving Family !
Godly man !

Darlene Brooks - August 20, 2020 at 11:56 AM



“ Dr. Baker was leaving Exxon in 1979 at the time I joined the company after college graduation. Later in my career I met many graduates of his Telecommunications program at SMU and I finally got the chance to take the program myself. His lectures were delivered with a spirit of humanity and interest in the student which are sometimes unusual among college professors. I remember he told us once his family had always named their cars and one in particular was "Cottontail," presumably because it took off from a stop like a rabbit. In the first class of the semester he would humbly mention his incredible list of experience and then say, "If you've been paying attention, you realize that makes me 110 years old..." He seemed ageless to me.

Dr. Baker was a very important influence on my own career as it draws to a close. My thanks to his family for sharing him with us all those years. May God continue to bless you richly.

--David Snavely
Washington, DC

David Snavely - August 29, 2020 at 08:26 AM



“ Thank you! This is beautiful.

Rachel - August 30, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ And yes, Cottontail was a 1979 Datsun 210 station wagon stick shift. Lol!

Rachel - August 30, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ Barbara and girls, and all the extended family: I cannot be with you tomorrow, but please know that my heart is with you all. Sending large hugs. Alison

Alison Parks - August 20, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ Thank you!

Rachel - August 30, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ Believed in Murphys law. Best teacher I ever had during my entire academic years

Amjad Rizvi - August 19, 2020 at 10:32 PM



“ Thank you!

Rachel - August 30, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ Mr. Baker had a heart larger than life. He was like a dad at times to many who may not have had fathers. I was blessed to go on so many trips with the family. He would always laugh at us as we made up dances in the living room. He was larger than life and will be missed by many. Sending my love and prayers to the family. My thoughts are with you.

Martyanne

Martyanne Bailey - August 19, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ Beautiful memories that bring laughter as I cry. Thank you!

Rachel - August 30, 2020 at 03:57 PM