



Dr. Byron W. Baker

January 1, 1932 - March 1, 2012

Dr. Byron W. Baker, of Richmond, passed away March 1, 2012. "Doc" departed this earth peacefully to join his Savior, Jesus Christ and his wife, Shirley Baker. He was born in 1932 in Houston. Doc graduated from the University of Texas Dental School and practiced dentistry in Houston for over 50 years.

Doc is survived by his brother, Dr. John Baker and family of Houston; children, Khrisana and Michael Edwards of Austin; Pamela Gleason of Wake Forest, North Carolina and Mike Martin of Houston; seven grandchildren; and loved caregivers, Osby Thompson and Mary Varela. His list of beloved friends is countless.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Baker; and sons, Steven and David.

Doc's great love was music - "real" country music. For many years he led a band that performed in and around the Houston area. He developed a close relationship with Ernest Tubb and Ernest went on to record Doc's original song, "Who's Gonna Be Your Santa Claus This Year". Doc twice performed on stage at the Grande Ole Opry in Nashville, TN.

Doc enjoyed his afternoon coffee discussing politics, great literature and

music, and the travails of being a Houston sports fan. He lived each day to the fullest.

A memorial service to celebrate Doc's life will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Chapel in Rosenberg.

Words of condolence may be left for the Baker family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Tribute Wall

KG

“ Pam, I am so sorry about your loss. I loved him dearly! I am praying for you! I love you!

karen Mathews Gardner - March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Doc Baker and I were regular performers on the Fort Bend Opry show in Rosenberg, many years ago. What wonderful memories I have of those times. Doc could really sing an Ernest Tubb song like it was suppose to be sung. What great times we had on that show. The fans were wonderful, and we were all a big happy family back stage. I will cherish those memories forver. Good-bye Doc glad you are re-united with your beautiful Shirley. Yvonne Mays

Elizabeth Yvonne Mays Wright - March 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ We would like to extend a heart felt condolences to the family and to let u know we are praying for you. Lovingly David & Rosalin Williams

David & Rosalin Williams - March 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Barbara and I are so sorry for the loss of our dear old friend. We spent many happy days with the Bakers. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Carl & Barbara Ferguson

Carl S. Ferguson, Jr. - March 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ I think I may be the president of the Byron Baker Fan Club. I loved that man like a surrogate uncle - and he was my favorite dentist also! My world is a better place because Byron Baker occupied a place in it. Who's gonna be our Santa this year.....

Debra Abshier - March 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ He led a good life. I have so many memories and photos of Dr. B and Shirley. He and my late husband Bill Rice were good buds. He leaves a great vacancy!

Linda Rice Cook - March 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Pam,
I am so sorry to hear about your loss of both parents. I heard too late to attend for your mom's funeral. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Love always,
Denise Marietta Kennedy

Denise Marietta Kennedy - March 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM