



## Michael Baker

September 28, 1937 - January 29, 2026

Perry Michael Baker, a lifelong steward of Texas ranching heritage, was born on September 28, 1937, at Bakers Crossing in Val Verde County, Texas. He was a fifth-generation descendant of David and Lizzie Baker, who first settled the area in 1881. From that time forward, the Baker family ranched along the beautiful Devils River—a legacy Michael deeply honored and upheld throughout his life.

Raised on the land that shaped generations before him, Michael developed a strong work ethic, a deep respect for tradition, and an abiding love for the rugged beauty of West Texas. He was riding horses by the time he could walk and milking cows by the age of five. His first schoolteacher was a cousin who lived on a nearby ranch. He later attended schools in Comstock and Del Rio and spent his senior year at Jefferson High School in San Antonio.

Michael attended Texas A&M University and Sul Ross State University, where he earned both a bachelor's and a master's degree. After graduating, he began his career teaching high school in the old San Felipe School District. Many of his students were close to his own age and later became lifelong friends. He also worked in the Del Rio school district.

A man of many talents and interests, Michael was not only a rancher and educator but also a pilot, a builder, and anything else he set his mind to do.

Whatever he did, he did well. He loved books, Texas, and history. His personal library included many rare and first-edition books on West Texas and the surrounding area, and he read constantly. Known as the local historian, he served as president of the historical society.

The Devils River country was more than a home—it was part of who he was, and he carried that pride with him always. Michael was known for his quiet strength, generosity, humor, and unwavering commitment to family and heritage. He took great pride in the Baker name and in the responsibility of preserving the land and values entrusted to him.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Sam Perry and Arlene Baker; his brother, John Norman Baker; and his sister, Judith Lake Baker.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Georgia Phyllis Baker; his sons, Benjamin Michael Baker and John Wesley Baker; and his grandchildren, Emily Baker, Benjamin Samuel Baker, and Daniel Michael Baker; his sister, Molly Lorentzen and her spouse Ed, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Michael Baker's legacy lives on in the land he protected, the history he preserved, and the family he loved—an enduring testament to a life well lived and faithfully stewarded.

Visitation will be held on Monday, February 2, 2026 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Trinity Chapel of Faith.

A funeral Mass is scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 12 noon at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Officiating will be Father Jose.

A private burial will be held at a later date.

Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Trinity Mortuary,  
206 Kings Way, Del Rio, Texas (830) 775-2230.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Mortuary  
206 Kings Way  
Del Rio, TX 78840  
(830) 775-2230  
info@trinitymortuary.com  
<https://www.trinitymortuary.com>

## Catholic Mass

FEB 3. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Church  
307 E. Losoya  
Del Rio, TX 78840

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ I didn't know Mr. Baker, but Phyllis was a good friend of mine from many years ago. After reading many obituaries, it is apparent that he was a fine man who extended love, inspiration, and friendship to those near to him. Many of his students expressed wonderful memories of their times with him.

*I extend my sincere condolences to Phyllis and her family. May they have strength and healing as they bear the loss of their loved one.*

*Michael Masterson*

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**Michael Masterson** - March 14 at 12:09 PM

JP

“ John P. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Baker.

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**John P.** - February 02 at 04:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Baker.



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February 02 at 03:38 PM

AE

“ My heartfelt, sadness and most sincere condolences to wife, Georgia Phyllis Baker; his sons, Benjamin Michael Baker and John Wesley Baker; his grandchildren; his sister, Molly Lorentzen and her spouse, Ed and family during this difficult time of sorrow. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May Perry Michael Baker RIP 🙏

Anabelia “Annabelle” Escamilla - February 02 at 12:53 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Baker.



February 01 at 12:13 PM

MF

“ Mike and Donna Dienst and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Baker.

Mike and Donna Dienst and family - February 01 at 12:13 PM

CC

“ *Michael Baker of Del Rio  
A Texas Original*

*Celebrating the life of Perry Michael Baker. Mike was a TALL TEXAN of rich ranching heritage in Val Verde County. His roots run deep at Baker's Crossing on the Devil's River north of Comstock.*

*Kathy and I have such good memories of our travels in the backroads of Mexico, from Monclova to Muzquiz, as well as our visits to the Baker's Ranch. All good times.*

*We are praying for Phyllis and the family as we remember a Texas original, Michael Baker.*

*Charles and Kathy Carlson  
Rio Frio, TX*

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**Charles Carlson** - January 31 at 10:45 PM

HJ

“ *Deepest condolences to family, friends, and colleagues of Michael Baker: a true American, Texan, San Felipe-Del Rioan, and a truly Honorable, Excellent Human Being. May he Rest in Peace, and May God grant the peace that surpasses human understanding to all those left to cherish his wonderful memory. Adios Amigo, But Never Forgotten.*

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**Heriberto Urby, Jr.** - January 31 at 06:04 PM

AH

*My deepest condolences to Phyllis and the rest of the Baker family.  
Alicia M Hernandez*

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**Alicia Hernandez** - January 31 at 09:36 PM

AF

“ Alva Baker & Family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Michael Baker.



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**Alva Baker & Family** - January 31 at 03:16 PM

LP

“ Mr. Baker was recently honored along with several other teachers by the San Felipe High School Class of 1966. When he was notified by one of our class members, he said that he felt very proud being recognized and that he would attend the banquet honoring the teachers. Unfortunately, the night of the banquet, he had a health issue come up and had to go to the ER at the hospital. Afterwards our class representative visited him and took him the plaque to him and he felt very proud by our class. We, the Class 1966, are the ones feeling honored and proud to have you as one our teachers.  
RIP Mr.Baker!

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**Linda Hernández Padilla** - January 31 at 02:54 PM

JF

“ John and Laura Allen and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Baker.



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**John and Laura Allen and family** - January 31 at 12:43 AM

GB

“ *My deepest sympathies to the Baker's Family on this great loss.  
May the Lord bring you peace and comfort during this time of  
mourning.*

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**Gloria Barrows** - January 30 at 09:39 PM

TP

*Our deepest sympathies to the Baker's family on the passing of our  
beloved teacher Mr. Baker, We feel honored and proud to have had  
him as part of our lives,  
Rest in peace Mr. Baker.  
From the class of 1964*

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**Thellma Buentello Palma** - February 01 at 12:07 PM