



## Raymond Wallace Baker

June 14, 1940 - February 12, 2017

Dateline: Grafton

Raymond Wallace Baker passed peacefully on February 12, 2017 surrounded by his loving family. Ray was the youngest surviving of eight children born to John and Mary Ann (Springman) Baker of Jerseyville, IL. His brother Norman remains. Ray spent his early work years as an auto mechanic and never lost his love of cars. He went on to become a master carpenter. During his formative years, he became an enthusiast of kids sports. He enjoyed nothing more than coaching, fishing, camping and laughing with all kinds of kids. Dad had many interests and several passions. He was a gifted writer, he enjoyed reading and loved sports and music. He and his wife Marilyn spent their retirement as passionate care-givers to critters of all types. They spent many hours enjoying nature at their home in Grafton. Dad leaves behind Marilyn Campbell, his adoring wife of 29 years who shares his sly sense of humor. He is survived by six children, Kathy (Rich) Lawson, Steve (Kathy) Baker, Chris (Ken) Hall, Tim (Kelly) Hazelwonder, Scott (Julie) Propst, and Tracy Yewell, many grandchildren and great grands. Peggy Knopp remains a friend and supporter to Marilyn and Dad. Services were private. There is to be a celebration of life at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, February 16, 2017 at the Do Drop Inn. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or an animal shelter of choice. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.co](http://www.gentfuneralhome.co)

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# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 16. 4:00 PM (CT)

Do Drop Inn

# Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Wallace Baker*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Raymond Wallace Baker*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Laura Reed lit a candle in memory of Raymond Wallace Baker*



**laura reed** - February 15, 2017 at 10:13 AM



*What a fun loving, caring individual. Always participated in family events & we SO enjoyed his company, Love Laura & Kevin Reed*

**laura reed** - February 15, 2017 at 10:15 AM



*Ray will be missed by all who knew him. He was compassionate, observant, and such a caring husband/father/grandfather. Condolences to the entire family - you're in my thoughts.*

**Beth Campbell** - February 15, 2017 at 12:56 PM



*Ray was a very good man who raised wonderful children. My condolences to all his family and friends. May he rest in eternal peace.*

**Mary Carlin** - February 16, 2017 at 12:29 AM



*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*George and Marsha Pounds*

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**George & Marsha Pounds** - February 16, 2017 at 09:06 PM