



## Wade Roy Baker

September 26, 1941 - March 30, 2026

Wade Baker went home to be with his sweet Kathy and wait upon the Lord, on Monday, March 30, 2026, at 4:27pm with much of his family by his side. Wade was born in Kannapolis, NC on September 26, 1941.

The first-born grandchild and nephew born to his mother (a sister of five girls).

A

“military brat” as a child, he traveled and lived in various states before his family settled in Orlando in the mid to late 50’s.

Wade attended Edgewater High School where he met his sweetheart and lifelong love

Kathy Jo Nelson. Wade married Kathy, December 16, 1961. They remain forever in

Holy Matrimony. Together they raised their family being active at the ball field where

almost every child and parent knew “Mr. Baker”; cooking burgers at pool parties and

occasional drive-in movies with homemade bags of popped corn. He enjoyed muscle

cars, going to the races and horses.

At age 62 Wade retired after working 32 years at what he called “The Mouse House...Disney World”!

Wade and Kathy were members of Church at the Cross. And they enjoyed serving in the church! Monthly luncheons with the Legacy Adults and bus road trips were always a fun way to make memories along with their church family. He and Kathy attended concerts of Gospel artists including The Gaither’s and CC Wynans and Neil Diamond annually. Wade was a Freemason for many years, however believed in salvation through Jesus Christ.

Wade and Kathy were blessed to travel and see and experience wonderful places of God’s creations in this world. Wade and Kathy loved their family, and the blessings of grand and great grandchildren God gave to them.

Wade R Baker is survived by: children Dennis M Baker, Babette A Baker-Alfaro and her husband Otto R Alfaro, Rickie A. Baker and his wife Lilli, Grandchildren; Damien L Dunn, Dustin R Dunn, Deven L Dunn, Sr, and his significant other Whitney Shelton, Kristian and her husband Nelson Rincon, Joshua Baker and his wife Brooke, Jordan Baker and Troy Scuderi, Great Grandchildren, Kaleighya, Natalia, Cameron, Jaxon, Mason, Nicholas, Deven L, Jr, Isaiah, Isaac, Lucas, Elliot, Carter and his sibling on the way!

Wade is preceded in death by his brother Larry Baker, his parents; stepfather Hercules Baker, biological father David Daniel Lapish, mother Mary Fay Fowler Baker, and his sweet eternal wife Kathy Jo Baker.

A kind, humorous, gentle, loving and caring man we all came to know and love named Wade, Buster, Dad, Friend and Papa, will truly be missed. We love you!

Immediately Following the Burial Services the family welcomes you to join them for a celebration of life at The Lake House at Isle of Catalina, 2703 Catalina Drive, Orlando, Florida 32805.

To view the service life stream:

<https://catcorlando.churchcenter.com/channels/26630>

# Previous Events

## Friends visitation

APR 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church at the Cross  
700 Good Homes Road  
Orlando, FL 32818

## Funeral Service

APR 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Church at the Cross  
700 Good Homes Road  
Orlando, FL 32818

## Burial

APR 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

Chapel Hill Cemetery  
2400 Harrell Rd  
Orlando, FL

## Celebration of Life

APR 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

The lake House at Isle of Catalina  
2703 Catalina Drive  
Orlando, FL 32805

# Tribute Wall

SG

“ Such a wonderful Man loved getting together with my family and going to the pool on the boat and cooking out. You Wade love to see my grandbabies Well I have 2 more now I have 5 you only got to see 2 of them. Wish we got to see you before you went to heaven. Hope you and Kathy are having a blast right now. God bless your family. ❤️❤️💔💔💔💔💔

Susan Gushee - April 22 at 04:31 PM

LE

“ Wade was always a gracious host. We had many a cookout at his house. Will always have fond memories to remember.



LEE - April 21 at 05:44 PM

AM

“ Amma2007 lit a candle in memory of Wade Roy Baker



amma2007 - April 13 at 08:24 PM

JP

Wade was always a gracious host to our family. We had many of cookouts at his house. His memory will always put a smile on our faces!

Jeffery L Pool - April 21 at 04:33 PM

AM

“ A Memory of Wade

*I 've had the honor and privilege to know and live with Wade Baker. I met Wade and Kathy Baker when I moved into their neighborhood. What a solid wonderful married couple these two love birds made...I thought to myself. I was blessed to see his close and personal love for his wife Kathy. If only I could be a quarter of a man, he was. I would be as complete in Christ as he was.*

*Sadly, Miss Kathy became ill, and Wade began to take care of Kathy with so much dedication and love, which left me stunned. I did not know that kind of love existed. Now their souls are together. Probably taking a boat trip (cruise) as they used to enjoy. I might say that Wade remained completely faithful to Kathy even though there were several ladies interested in Wade.*

*Wade was a very caring, thoughtful and intelligent person, who enjoyed reading the Word, attending church services and spending quality time with loved ones and friends at the beach*

*I had the pleasure to invite Wade to my native country, Guatemala. He had a wonderful time visiting my family; likewise, my family enjoyed him so much he was named "Don Wade" very much like my grandfather named "Don Guicho" or like "Don Corleone" in the movie "The Godfather".*

*I'm going to miss you..." Don Wade", your muscle cars, drama, murder and western movies, your favorite band Abba, popcorn – (not the coffee because it was too weak for me), potato chips and bagels. But you have a very special place in my heart.*

*I will see you in God's Kingdom.*

*God Bless you.*

*I love you, Otto*

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amma2007 - April 13 at 08:10 PM

DH

“ Don Holmes lit a candle in memory of Wade Roy Baker



Don Holmes - April 12 at 03:47 AM



“ We were so fortunate to have lived next to the Bakers for the past 20 years. Wade was a truly incredible and authentic man, and we feel deeply blessed to have known him. His kindness, character, and presence will always be remembered.

We pray that he is now at peace, reunited with his beloved wife, and that his family finds comfort in knowing he has moved on to a better place.

Brittney Whitt - April 10 at 01:11 PM

SS

“ Scott & Megan Skinner purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wade Roy Baker.



Scott & Megan Skinner - April 10 at 11:38 AM

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“ Scott & Megan Skinner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wade Roy Baker.

Scott & Megan Skinner - April 10 at 11:38 AM



“ Sympathy Gift Vintage Wind Chime - "I Have You In My Heart" was purchased for the family of Wade Roy Baker.



April 10 at 06:58 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wade Roy Baker.



April 10 at 06:45 AM

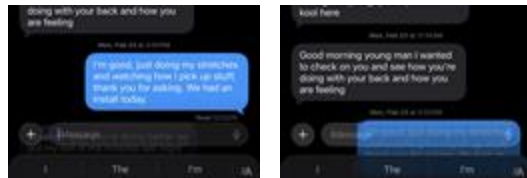


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wade Roy Baker.

April 10 at 06:45 AM



“ Mr. Baker barely knew me, but he still treated me like I mattered. In a world where genuine people are hard to come by, he stood out. He would check on me out of nowhere, just to make sure I was okay. That kind of kindness stays with you. He even offered me his boat, no strings attached. That wasn't just generosity—that was love.



Jeremy Ford - April 10 at 01:14 AM

RG

“ ROB &. GAIL purchased the Strength & Solace S  
pray for the family of Wade Roy Baker.



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**ROB &. GAIL** - April 09 at 02:35 PM

RG

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**ROB &. GAIL** - April 09 at 02:35 PM

KP

“ Kelly Joyner-Womack & Janine Pardee  
purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the  
family of Wade Roy Baker.



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**Kelly Joyner-Womack & Janine Pardee** - April 09 at 12:56 PM



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



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April 09 at 09:56 AM

FF

“ From the Pina family purchased the Adoration Casket Spray for the family of Wade Roy Baker.



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From the Pina family - April 08 at 02:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wade Roy Baker.



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April 07 at 08:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wade Roy Baker.

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April 07 at 08:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wade Roy Baker.



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April 07 at 09:35 AM



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“ *This is Deven sr. I love you and mismyou so much papa*

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**Deven Dunn** - April 06 at 07:33 PM