



Craig Morgan Baker

July 6, 1945 - September 11, 2016

Mr. Craig Morgan Baker, age 71, passed away Sunday, September 11, 2016. Memorial services will be held Friday, September 16, 2016 at 4:00 PM in the Great Hall of the First United Methodist Church of Eatonton. The family will receive friends from 3:00 Pm until the service time.

Mr. Baker was a native of Philadelphia, PA. He was the son of the late Melvin Hervey Baker and the late Constance Kane Baker. Mr. Baker was the owner of FM 100.7 Star Station, WLRR Milledgeville. He was a licensed pilot who loved planes and flying. He acquired his HAM Radio license at the age of 13. Mr. Baker loved music. He played the banjo and steel guitar. He was the inventor of the Li'l Izzy for steel and electric guitars.

Mr. Baker is survived by his wife Debra Baker of Eatonton, daughter Mallory Lauren Baker of Eatonton, step-daughter Melanie (Michael) Brown of Kiefer, OK, step-son Matthew (Amanda) Seamans of Eatonton, brothers Kenneth Baker of Womelsdorf, PA, grandchildren Shilo Jade Seamans and Emily Grace Seamans of Eatonton, Corinne Ellis, Ashley Ellis and Braiden Ellis of Kiefer, OK

In Lieu if flowers donation can be made to Samaritans Purse at www.samaritanspurse.org

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16.** 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Eatonton
103 Magnolia St.
Eatonton, GA 31024
<http://eatontonfirstumc.com/>

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Tribute Wall

MR

“*Condolences and prayers for Mallory and Debra. I knew Craig from grade school. We had a small class. He always kept in touch with many of us through the years, even though we had all scattered around the world. Before he moved to Georgia, he organized a reunion that included some of our former teachers. It was so great to see everyone again.*

Craig was one of the kindest and nicest people you would ever want to meet. It is heart-whelming to know that so many others thought highly of him.

Mary Catherine Rubert - April 23, 2017 at 07:47 PM

JY

“*My deepest condolences to Craig's wife and daughter. I only knew Craig for a few years, starting back when I needed assistance with a project and I called the radio station. He went above and beyond the call of duty, and long story short, we became friends. I just today (12/29) learned that he passed away in September. I will miss his sense of humor, his interesting stories, his quirky outlook on life....his talent, his love and enthusiasm for music. What a unique guy. Mallory, he was so proud of you, I could tell his heart was full of pride on what a beautiful young lady you are.*

Jan Y., Florida

Jan Yoshioka - December 29, 2016 at 11:49 PM

DM

“ How can two people establish and nurture a friendship when they have never physically met? Sounds crazy but Craig and I often referred to each other as "the best friend I never met". I provided newscasts on StarStation for a couple of years under the name Jack Cameron but that material was produced from my studio in Arizona. I looked forward to coming to Georgia on some pretext one day with the major goal of finally meeting Craig. Sadly, that won't happen now. I know him as a witty and caring person, a fine broadcaster and gifted raconteur. Funny how one can miss someone without ever, until reading this notice, even knowing what he looked like!

Safe journey and a tip o' the headset, Craig Baker, and thanks for all the great conversation.

Doug McLeod
Scottsdale, AZ

Doug McLeod - October 13, 2016 at 09:07 AM

JB

“ I always enjoyed Craig's sense of humor and his knowledge of electronics. When he lived in Lebanon county he used to rent a plane at an airport near me and took me along a few times. It was always at night so we called him the midnight flyer. I had just gotten a call from about a month ago offering me an old aircraft radio. Now unfortunately I know why he never got around to ship it. Craig you are missed but I might joining you soon myself.

Jay Bell - N3DMU

Jay Bell - October 06, 2016 at 08:24 PM

RM

“ *Several lights have gone out with Craig's passing. He was a good friend, fellow broadcaster, and one of the very best story tellers I ever met. I will miss his phone calls. He always made me laugh and I always tried to do the same for him. In fact I have two jokes that I was just waiting to tell him. By now I'm sure he has heard them?*

Good luck old friend and be sure to give my love to Vince and Marianne.

Rick Markey, KN3C

Rick Markey - October 05, 2016 at 01:57 PM

LF

“ *Debra and Mallory--I am shocked and so sorry to hear this. Our best to you girls. I have such fond memories of Craig and yall. Lonnie, Dakota, (she has such fond and appreciative memories of yall as well,) and Loraine. The Fowlers.*

lonnie ray fowler - September 17, 2016 at 12:58 AM

KW

“ *What an honor it was to work with Craig on the Patsy Cline play! Craig was a great person, as well as a great, Steel guitarist! Praying for his family!*

Kenny and Teri Walters - September 16, 2016 at 07:56 PM

RN

“ Many years ago my band was performing at the Milledgeville Mall for Christmas. We had just started when a portly gentleman came by and stopped to listen. 45 minutes later while many had come by and stopped for a couple of songs and then went on their way this man stayed the entire time. When we finally took a break I immediately went over to him and asked him if his car was broke down or was he homeless...we laughed and this became one of my most entertaining and cherished friendships of my life. Funny, witty these don't begin to describe this man. His wit was on the level of Woody Allen and Groucho Marx truly a very special man. I will miss him greatly but will always be thankful for having met him and call him my friend. On a musical note he performed with us several times over the years and his talent on the steel guitar was limitless. What a great loss to so many. Love you Debra and Mallory. May God help you through this.



Randy Newton - September 16, 2016 at 10:53 AM

SL

“ My only encounter with Mr. Baker was at the library's first poetry reading about two years ago. He sat next to me and said he came out of curiosity because he'd never attended a poetry reading before. After all the scheduled participants finished, Josh Bell, director, opened up the floor to any others who wanted to read or recite a poem. Mr. Baker stepped up to the podium and recited a humorous poem he had memorized from childhood. He got a big applause and left the stage with a big smile. At the reception, he stayed and socialized with everyone, and told me what a kick he got out of his first experience with open mic poetry. I know the whole community will miss him. Offering up prayers for his family. Susan Larson

Susan Larson - September 15, 2016 at 09:00 PM

AS

“ I just found Craig to be a truly wonderful man and an example to follow. He touched the lives of so many people and will be missed. My prayers and thoughts go out to his family.

Andrew Simpson - September 15, 2016 at 11:37 AM

LW

“ Our prayers going out to the family Herby and Laura Wallace

Laura Wallace - September 14, 2016 at 06:27 AM

HW

Can't say enough about this man. Craig and my father Herby Wallace were 2 of a kind. Could talk and laugh for hours. We'll miss you, I'm sure your up in with Herby Wallace having a great time. God Bless

Herby Wallace - September 14, 2016 at 10:07 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Craig Morgan Baker.



September 12, 2016 at 09:00 PM

SD

“ So sorry to hear of Craig's passing, but rejoicing that he is at home with Christ. We only met by telephone, but he and I had many good conversations about steel guitar, ham radio, God, and of course, his "Li'l Izzy".

May God comfort in your time of sorry. You certainly are in my prayers.

Scott Duckworth
na4it@yahoo.com
Etowah, TN

Scott Duckworth - September 12, 2016 at 06:26 PM

JL

“ So sad to hear this. Craig and I became friends several years ago and I was honored to be a small part of his radio stations. Debra and Mallory are in our prayers and unfortunately I cannot make in to the service. I hope to be in touch with Debra soon if anything is needed for the continuation of the businesses.

Jeff Laurence Gill
jeff@jefflaurence.com

Jeff Laurence - September 12, 2016 at 04:34 PM

TP

Craig was a friend, and every time I called him for help on a transmitter, he would always jump in. I will not be able to make the service but would like all to know he was truly a great Georgia broadcaster. I will sure miss his wit and sense of humor.

tom ptak - September 13, 2016 at 11:46 AM

DB

Craig Baker is the friend everybody would love to have. He was always upbeat helpful. I'm shocked that he has passed away. I had just meet with him earlier in the month.

Craig was doing what he had done for year's pushing his radio station, selling those adds. He set the std when it came to selling his radio station.

I'm take heart in the fact that he's gone to better place. Godspeed Mr Craig....

David Bullard - September 13, 2016 at 12:17 PM

PH

I was blessed to meet Craig several years ago when I started working with him on a few projects for the radio station. I always enjoyed his quick wit and humor. It was a blessing when our conversations turned towards the things of the Lord, so I know I'll see him again one day. My prayers are with you all during this time of loss. Craig was a good friend and he will be missed. Peg Harvard

Peg Harvard - September 16, 2016 at 06:52 AM