



George Thomas Baker, Jr.

August 12, 1971 - July 17, 2008

George Thomas Baker, Jr., of Murphysboro, passed away at 7:29 a.m., Thursday, July 17, 2008, in Murphysboro, Illinois.

George was born on August 12, 1971, in Springfield, Illinois, to George T. Baker, Sr. and Margaret S. (O'Neill) Baker.

He worked at the Ameren CIPS Power Plant in Rush Island, Missouri.

Mr. Baker was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local #148 in Marion and the N.R.A. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and playing with the kids.

George married Tonya Byrnes on June 8, 2002, in Murphysboro, Illinois and she survives.

Other survivors include four children Riley Thomas Baker, Brayden Michael Baker, Evan Dean Baker, and Tyler Shayne Byrnes all at home;

his father George Baker, Sr. of Murphysboro, IL;

three sisters and two brothers Mary Knight and her husband Wayne Knight of Danville, KY, Karen Ryan and her husband John Ryan of Springfield, IL, Robert Baker and his wife Karen Baker of Springfield, IL, Carl Baker and his wife Evon Baker of Murphysboro, IL, and Virginia Hayes and her husband Wes Hayes of Springfield, IL;

mother and step-father in law Judi and Larry Hamilton of Vergennes, IL;

father and step-mother in law Richard and Lynn Byrnes of Carterville, IL;

one brother in law Rick Byrnes of Tamarao, IL, and one sister in law Rashon Byrnes and her friend Allen Smith of Murphysboro, IL;

and several nieces and nephews and many good friends.
He was preceded in death by his mother.

Tribute Wall



“ *George Thomas Baker, Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Tonya and Family, Dana and I just wanted you all to know that we have you all in our thoughts and prayers.*

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outage or when there was a lot of work to be done we could always count on George to make us laugh. I had the pleasure of working with him on a daily basis for the last 5 years and I can honestly say

that I can never remember a time when there wasn't something that he wouldn't do to make us laugh. He will definitely be missed and Rush Island will never be the same with him not there. We love ya buddy.....Rest in peace and someday we will see you again in Heaven.....I will never forget the laughter and good times we had.

Love

Mark and Dana Templeton



Mark and Dana Templeton - July 21, 2008 at 10:33 PM

MT

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Love

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Mark and Dana Templeton - July 21, 2008 at 11:26 AM

JM

“ We both worked with George during his time at the Rush Island Power Plant where he will be greatly missed. George always shared pictures of the boys and stories about each of them. He had a unique sense of humor that kept us entertained during the long hours and dirtiest of jobs. Please accept our deepest sympathy and know that our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this most trying of times.

Jeff and Karen McCarty



Jeff and Karen McCarty - July 20, 2008 at 11:00 AM

JE

“ *Janice Lee Mary Lee-Diamond
Frank&Jessica Esterly lit a candle in memory
of George Thomas Baker, Jr.*



Janice Lee Mary Lee-Diamond Frank&Jessica Esterly - July 19, 2008 at 05:49 PM

RI

“ *Tonya, As the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life's routine, may you continue to feel comforted by the love and support of family and friends.*

RICK & BARB INDERMARK - July 19, 2008 at 08:49 AM

JL

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I met George once when his brother Carl brought him to my house. He was a very nice person. He will be missed very much.*

*Janice Lee
Jacksonville, Florida*

Janice Lee - July 19, 2008 at 08:40 AM

TS

“ Karen & Family,

Please know that I am thinking of all of you during this difficult time, and although I can not be there, I will be remembering George with you.

"It will be the little things that you will remember, the quiet moments, the smiles, the laughter. And although it may seem hard right now, it will be the memories of these little things that help to push away the pain and bring the smiles back again." Author Unknown

Tonya (O'Neill) Stafford - July 18, 2008 at 09:15 AM