



David Elliott Baker

December 10, 1949 - December 17, 2011

Frankfort " David Elliott Baker, 62, passed away Saturday, December 17, 2011, at his home with family after a courageous four year battle with cancer.

A native of Somerset, KY, he was born December 10, 1949, to the late Robert E. and Velma Pauline Newell Baker. Dave was a 1967 graduate of Somerset High School, a 1974 graduate of University of Kentucky with a degree in education and later obtained graduate banking degrees from University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA and Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA. Dave began his banking career with First Security Bank working from 1975-1982 and First National Bank, Georgetown, 1982-1995. In 1995, he was employed by Whitaker Bank-Frankfort (formerly State National Bank) as a Vice President and later served as President and Chairman of the Board and was a current member of the board. He was a member of various civic organizations and boards in cities where he worked. Dave was an avid UK football fan and was President of The Wildcat Club, Lexington, 1983-1984.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Beth Hartlage Baker; his daughter, Nancy Baker Halloran (Andy); his granddaughter, Claire Elizabeth Halloran; two sisters, Susan Catron (Richard), Kim Stevens (J.R.) and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a gathering of family and friends Monday, December 19, 2011,

from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home, Frankfort followed by a time of remembrance beginning at 6:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy are suggested to Hospice of the Bluegrass, 663 Teton Trail, Frankfort, KY 40601, a local chapter of American Cancer Society or Frankfort Habilitation, 3755 US Highway 127S, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *David Elliott Baker*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *We want to extend our condolences to you Mary Beth and all the family. As we happen to be in town but I could not come by and pay my respect to you in person. Tony did and hope you got to see him. Dave was a very good person and had a very big heart. The world and Frankfort will not be the same. Again, so sorry for your loss and all prayers are with you and the family.*

Tony&Connie Massey - December 27, 2011 at 05:27 PM



“ *As a former teacher at SHS I remember David in 1967. He was a good student and grew to be a good man and community leader.. I know Mary Beth will be happy the suffering is over but very sad of the loss of her friend and companion. But she will also know he is in a better place and be remembered by all as a truly special person that was with us too short a time...*

John Loyd - December 22, 2011 at 09:18 AM



“ *David was a very special friend of mine when we attended SHS in Somerset. I will always have very fond memories of our friendship. My prayers are with his family. David, I pray you are at peace. I will always remember your kindness and your smile! You were the best!*

Annie Smith - December 21, 2011 at 01:43 AM

DH

“ Dave was a wonderful person. We only knew him a short time but it was a pleasure knowing him. God bless, our prayers and thoughts go out to the family.

Don & Pat House - December 20, 2011 at 07:47 PM

KB

“ Mary Beth, I just wanted to tell you how sorry I am for the loss of your husband. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kathy Brown - December 20, 2011 at 04:40 PM

JN

“ Mary Beth and Family,
i was so sorry to hear of Dave's death. Whenever i saw him he always asked about his buddy. He always had a ready smile as though nothing could ever be wrong with him. You will be in my thoughts.

John and Shirley Noel - December 20, 2011 at 04:19 PM

MS

“ We sincerely wish there was something more we could do for you during this time. We will miss David in the neighborhood. Please know if there is anything we could do for you, we would be more than glad to do so. We are so sorry for your loss. We will be keeping you and your family in our prayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevie Southworth - December 19, 2011 at 08:59 PM

EC

“ Mrs. Mary Beth Baker, I am sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family will be in my prayers.

Elizabeth Caudill - December 19, 2011 at 07:59 PM

MF

“ I never knew his name was David. He will always be Frog to me and my family. He was a great friend to Joe Bob & Buck and many, many others. A better UK football fan there will never be as he supported them in good years and bad. He will be fondly remembered by the Brouchs as the Booty song man with the wild wig. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May the many good memories soften the pain you feel. Love you guys.

Martha, Charley & Evan Brough; Lexington, KY

Mary Beth & Family - December 19, 2011 at 07:04 PM

BU

“ *Family of Dave Baker:*

We are so sorry to learn about Dave's passing. He was a wonderful person liked by everyone who knew him. He will be missed not only by his family, but all who had the opportunity to meet him and enjoy his company. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

We are out of state in Arizona and unable to attend services, but please let us know if we can be of help when we return March 1, 2012.

Brenda Rice /Tom Utterback - December 19, 2011 at 06:46 PM

TH

“ *We're so sorry to hear about Baker and regret that we couldn't make it to the service today. Baker was quite the character and we will miss him dearly. The football game tailgates, trips to Charlie Brown's, and Christmas gatherings were always great times to watch Baker hold court and entertain the masses with his neverending supply of stories.*

Todd Hartlage and Sarah Beth Hill - December 19, 2011 at 05:39 PM

RW

“ *Mary Beth I am sorry to read about David passing away. You have been a grand manager to me at Kroger. I hope that you can get back soon.*

Russell V. White - December 19, 2011 at 03:32 PM

PT

“ *To Mary Beth and Family,*

My Deepest Sympathies and condolences, Dave was a very special man who uplifted everyone around him with his upbeat and vivacious personality and goodwill to his fellow man. Dave was my Boss for 9 years when I worked for State National Bank/Whitaker Bank of Frankfort. I left employment there in 2004, But I have never forgotten him. He gave me the nickname "Sandy" because at the time my last name was Sanderson. I used to love his annual holiday making of Beer cheese (even got the recipe from him once) and he loved my Chicken Andouille Gumbo and Seafood Gumbo. While I was employed at State National Bank, I cooked Gumbo for Dave a total of 2 times and once him and Eddie Mays paid me to make Seafoof Gumbo upon request from Dave when I worked at the Eastwood branch of State National. We became fast friends when he found out I was from Louisiana he had fond memories of going to the graduate school of Banking in Louisiana and was a fan of the southern hospitality and especially a fan of the food. He and I had several conversations about both. I truly respected him and can honestly say he is one of the Best Bosses and friends I have ever had, he will always stay in my memory and in my heart as a very special man. My prayers and thoughts are with you during this trying time. I can be reached at 985-320-2510.

Patricia Ponville (Sanderson) Templet - December 19, 2011 at 03:27 PM

JB

“ I am thinking about you, Mary Beth. David had such a ready smile and was easy to know.

judith blake - December 19, 2011 at 12:46 PM

GB

“ Loved playing football with the Somerset High School Briar Jumpers.
Wonderful man. The SHS class of 1967 have great memories of David and our times together.

Gary Bradley - December 19, 2011 at 12:43 PM

BH

“ So sorry to hear about David's passing. Having lost our oldest daughter last year to cancer, we understand the battle that he fought with this terrible disease. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Buddy & Charlotte Haney - December 19, 2011 at 11:59 AM

CM

“ I Just wanted to express my sympathy of Mr. Baker's passing. I worked for him for a short time at the bank. He was a great boss, always smiling and easy to work for. He treated his employees well, and was down to earth. I was looking for a place to go on a vacation and Dave suggested Destin Florida, it is now my favorite place to vacation, as I know it was his too. He will be greatly missed...my thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Cathy Montgomery - December 19, 2011 at 11:49 AM

BD

“ I am saddened to hear that David has passed away. He fought hard, and is now at peace. I was a classmate at SHS, and I will always remember his humor and his smile. The Class of '67 is close, and in many respects, we are like family. David had many friends. He will be missed, but not forgotten. My prayers are with the family, and may God be ever-present during this difficult time.

Brenda Sears Deffenbaugh - December 19, 2011 at 11:44 AM

PS

“ Dave and Mary Beth live next door to my parents for years. After my mother died last year, Dave always watched out for my dad even when he was not feeling well. I will remember his smile and his love for life. He will be truly missed by family and friends.
Patti Schiller

Patti Schiller - December 19, 2011 at 11:43 AM

AD

“ I am so sad to hear of Davids passing. we had lost touch over the years. may God Bless his loved ones. in this time. David like our parents is in a much better place with loved ones. God Bless Rest In Peace Cus.

Anthony W. (Tony) DePrato - December 19, 2011 at 10:49 AM

LS

“ I went to school at Somerset High School and attended the First Methodist Church together in Somerset...we grew up together and knew each other very well...sorry to hear of your passing, I knew you fought an awesome fight of cancer and I hate it that you are now gone David, however, you are with our heavenly father and in a better place not suffering anymore...alot of memories I have of you and our daughter Kim worked with you at Whitaker Bank..you were a loyal member of your community and at the bank..always working so hard...you will dearly be missed by your family & friends..love & prayers, Linda Miller Spear, Louisville,Ky.

Linda Miller Spear - December 18, 2011 at 11:48 PM

JP

“ We are saddened by the news of David's passing and know he will be greatly missed by many. We extend our deepest sympathy to everyone who knew and loved David. We grew up with David in Somerset and were classmates.

Jan & Charlie Pierce

Jan & Charlie Pierce - December 18, 2011 at 09:36 PM

MT

“ Mary Beth and Family, My prayers are with you during this difficult time. Dave will always be remembered as a wonderful, special person and you can always be proud! Love, Marti Templeman

Marti Templeman - December 18, 2011 at 05:08 PM