



George Bowman Baker

October 1, 1986 - May 24, 2020

George, age 33, rested from his labors and entered into eternal life on Sunday, May 24, 2020 at North Oaks Medical Center. He was born on October 1, 1986 in Baton Rouge, LA. George was a lifelong resident of Albany, LA. He was also a dedicated member of Lighthouse Baptist Church. He was a devoted husband and father who loved spending time with his family. George absolutely loved being a father to his daughter Harper, who was his world. He was a brilliant man and always kept a smile on his face. George enjoyed being outdoors hunting and fishing. After serving in the United States Marines, George found his calling in law enforcement. He worked at the Greensburg Police Department and the St. Helena Parish Sheriff's Office. George was also a volunteer with the Livingston Parish District 11 Fire Department. On November 5, 2017, George graduated from Louisiana State Police Academy, Cadet Class 97, and became a Louisiana State Trooper. He was a very generous, selfless, and loving person, always there to provide love and support to his family and friends. His generosity and loving spirit will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Heather Baker; daughter, Harper Baker; parents, George and Audette Baker; sisters, Christina Smith (Austin) and Stephanie Smith (Dwayne); grandmother, Bobbie Baker; In-Laws, Holly and Douglas Gildig, Glenn and Alisa Gandolfo; brother-in-law, Dawson Gildig; sisters-in-law, Raven Gandolfo and Sarah Gandolfo; numerous aunts, uncles, and friends; and, K-9 Gundy.

George is preceded in death by his grandparents, William Bowman Baker, John D. Hodges, and Margurette Hodges.

Trooper George Baker will be laid to rest Thursday following a private memorial service for his family, Louisiana State Police troopers and uniformed law enforcement colleagues at 10:30 a.m. at Southeastern's University Center in Hammond. All attendees will be screened with temperature checks and the use of masks and social distancing between family units will be strongly encouraged. The service will be closed to the public, but a live stream link will be available at www.facebook.com/LouisianaStatePolice. Law enforcement agencies are invited to participate in the procession from the University Center to the Lighthouse Baptist Church. The public is invited to show support for Trooper Baker and his family by lining the procession route. The procession start time is tentatively set for 12:15 p.m. State police will provide updates on social media. See www.latroopers.org for information about providing donations for the family via the Louisiana Troopers Charities – Trooper Baker.

Cemetery Details

Lighthouse Baptist Church Cemetery

30997 Horseshoe Rd.
Independence, LA

Tribute Wall

CR

“ Chaitanya A. Raguthu purchased the Ghirardelli Galore Gift Tin for the family of George Bowman Baker.



Chaitanya A. Raguthu - September 26, 2023 at 02:07 PM

CR

“ Chaitanya A. Raguthu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Bowman Baker.

Chaitanya A. Raguthu - September 26, 2023 at 02:07 PM

SP

“ Shannon Pierron lit a candle in memory of George Bowman Baker



Shannon Pierron - May 28, 2020 at 10:09 PM

DH

“ My deepest condolences on the passing of George. He was always so polite, considerate, helpful; just an all-around, good-hearted and outstanding student and person. On a few occasions, I remember Audette giving George “the look” when he acted “a little” mischievous at school. George would glance at his mom with a twinkle in his eyes and the cutest smile; so adorable. I feel blessed to have taught George and will cherish his beautiful memory forever.



Donna Bartus Hill - May 28, 2020 at 01:49 AM

EJ

“ I don't have any one specific story to share about George Baker. But I have so many memories of my time in the Marine Corps along side Baker.

When I think of Baker, I think of jeans, boots, and dip. I think of Cotton Eye Joe, country music, and backwoods living. But most of all I think of a Marine who loved the Corps and loved his fellow Marines. His MOS may have been radio operator, but in his heart he was a rifleman first. Baker was always willing to help out with whatever was needed. He didn't mind standing post or operating the Mk19 when on mounted patrol. He had a kind word and a smile for those around him. Out of all the Marines in our platoon, we could all agree that Baker was the best of us. And clearly we were right, because he went on to serve in three different law enforcement agencies. Even in the end, Baker wouldn't stop giving of himself as he donated his body to save others.

The streets of Louisiana are certainly missing one of her proudest and finest sons. But the streets of Heaven have gained another Marine who is ready for duty with a smile.

I was more than happy to drive 2200 miles to come pay my respects. Only wish I could have done more.

We will miss you, George Baker. Semper Fi.

- Cpl. Eric C. Johnson, USMC

Weapons Company, 3/23

Eric C. Johnson - May 27, 2020 at 05:54 PM

RC

“ Region 1 Communications purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of George Bowman Baker.



Region 1 Communications - May 27, 2020 at 03:20 PM

LA

“ George and I became friends almost 20 years ago. His wife and I college friends. He was an amazing person, and a friend anyone would be lucky to have. Although we didn't remain close friends, we kept in touch over the years, My thoughts and prayers are with his family especially his wife and daughter in the days ahead! We lost one of the best ones that is for sure! Rest in Peace sweet friend!



Lauren - May 27, 2020 at 12:28 PM

JE

George is my cousin Heather's husband and that's how I meet him. I have the utmost respect for him and will truly miss his smile. He will now be in heaven to protect Jesus.

John Edmisten - May 28, 2020 at 08:29 AM

GA

“ So sorry for your loss. We certainly think George for his service to our country. Our prayers are with you.

Gordon Anderson - May 26, 2020 at 07:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Bowman Baker.



May 26, 2020 at 05:42 PM

BM

“ *Brenda Barnett Moore lit a candle in memory of George Bowman Baker*



Brenda Barnett Moore - May 26, 2020 at 05:06 PM

JP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. George will be missed by many. We will never forget his big smile and his laugh.*



Jason & Melissa Populus - May 26, 2020 at 04:57 PM

 Dustin Baker

“ *George and I are cousins! George is an amazing young man! He is always helping people; always there family and friends. Growing up with George in our younger years was fun. Never a dull day. I will miss George everyday; we weren't around each other all the time because I live in a different state. But once we talk or visit, its like I live nearby still. May George rest in peace.*



Dustin Baker - May 26, 2020 at 04:40 PM

AS

“ Many prayers and lots of love being sent to Heather, Harper, and all of George's family and friends. There will never be another one like George and knowing him was such a blessing. It was such a privilege to consider him a friend. Thank you for sharing him with us. He will never be forgotten.

Amanda Sellers - May 26, 2020 at 04:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George Bowman Baker.



May 26, 2020 at 03:54 PM

TM

“ RIP.



Tammy Maurer - May 26, 2020 at 03:49 PM

TM

“ Thanks for your service.RIP lil George.

Tammy Maurer - May 26, 2020 at 03:48 PM

JT

“ *John & Susan Thomas lit a candle in memory of George Bowman Baker*



John & Susan Thomas - May 26, 2020 at 03:02 PM

TC

“ *The Cooper's lit a candle in memory of George Bowman Baker*



The Cooper's - May 26, 2020 at 02:57 PM

KN

“ *Thank you for your service and sacrifice Little George, I'm so proud of the outstanding man you became to be and will cherish the childhood memories spent with you and your sisters in the summers I spent at my dads house. Gone but never forgotten* 💙❤️

Kimberly Neal - May 26, 2020 at 12:35 PM

MA

“ *My heart breaks for the family of this Trooper may he rest in the arms of our loving savior Jesus Christ!*



mark - May 26, 2020 at 07:47 AM

DD

“ *Rest in Heaven Trooper Baker*



Donna Duhe - May 26, 2020 at 05:54 AM

AL

“ *Rest in peace Trooper Baker.*



Amber Losch - May 26, 2020 at 04:25 AM

SC

“ *Sharon Crockett lit a candle in memory of George Bowman Baker*



Sharon Crockett - May 26, 2020 at 03:01 AM

BL

“ *I am praying for his wife , daughter and Parents. Also his brothers and sisters in Blue. R.I.P. SirGod Bless this family 🙏🙏🙏🙏
.....Robbie & Brenda Lipscomb*



Brenda Lipscomb - May 26, 2020 at 02:43 AM

YM

“ *Yoga Mann lit a candle in memory of George Bowman Baker*



yoga mann - May 26, 2020 at 12:26 AM

LN

“ *Bless your soul for your services, may you truly rest in peace. Condolences to the family*



Landie newman - May 25, 2020 at 11:26 PM

AB

“ *Jesus gave us a wonderful son. One that loved to serve and help everyone . George always had a smile on his face from an infant to the day he went home to see Jesus . Now he is in God's hands and with his grandparents in heaven .
We Love and miss you . God Speed, until we meet again .*



Momma and Daddy

Audette Baker - May 25, 2020 at 11:22 PM

JR

Oh Audette, my heart goes out to you and George. I am so sorry for the loss of your precious son. I remember him when he was a baby at New Hope Baptist Church. A typical boy and he was so cute!! May the comfort of Jesus and the PEACE we know help during this time. Nothing will ever replace his love but the memories are great. May God bless you and know that I have been praying for you, George and all of the family.

Jane Beraud Ryland - May 26, 2020 at 11:03 AM

KD

Mrs. Audette, my heart is broken for you Mr. George and y'all's family. George was one of the finest young men I have ever known. It was one of my honors in life to teach and coach him. Rob DeArmond from the Livingston Parish News called me today cause he did an article on George's time playing ball in high school and I mentioned you and your comment about George smiling coming into the world and smiling going out.

Kevin Darouse - May 27, 2020 at 11:29 PM

JM

“ *Thank you for your service. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. May Jesus comfort you.*

Jean Miley - May 25, 2020 at 10:52 PM

SG

“ *Rest easy, we will take it from here... Thoughts and prayers are with your family...Fly high*



Shawne Graves - May 25, 2020 at 10:24 PM

JH

“ *Joanne Harwell lit a candle in memory of George Bowman Baker*



Joanne Harwell - May 25, 2020 at 10:03 PM

JH

May God wrap his loving arms around you all at this difficult time. Praying for you all. 🙏🙏

Joanne Harwell - May 25, 2020 at 10:05 PM

AA

“ *Annette Arnone lit a candle in memory of George Bowman Baker*



Annette Arnone - May 25, 2020 at 09:53 PM

RR

“ *Thoughts are with you all during this difficult time.*

R Ruffino - May 25, 2020 at 09:48 PM

DL

“ *Prayers for your family during this difficult time.
God bless all of you,
Stormy & Denise Lee*

Denise Lee - May 25, 2020 at 09:33 PM

RO

“ *Very nice person will be missed by all
My son Stephen and George went to school together and graduated
together
RIP MY BROTHER IN BLUE*

Ronald - May 25, 2020 at 09:16 PM

L(

“ *I guess it's fitting that George Baker passed from this world on
Memorial Day weekend. His life was one of duty, honor, loyalty and
patriotism. He was an All American kid who grew up to be a True
American Hero. Lord only knows how much good he did, how many
lives he touched in his short time here. I can truly say serving with
him and knowing him as a friend was an honor and a privilege. His
service was exemplary, cheerful in all weathers, never shirked a
duty, splendid behavior. Go rest high on that mountain brother. We
will do the best we can to carry on without you and live by the
example you set. 🇺🇸*

Lt. Ray Thomas (ret.) - May 25, 2020 at 08:38 PM

DR

“ *Loved by all did detail at the St. Helena Parish Hospital where I
work very loving , happy humble man and would help anybody love
you George fly. Heather and Harper praying for your strength
sending lots of Love you way from Dorisshell Ramsey and family*

Dorisshell Ramsey - May 25, 2020 at 08:25 PM

ER

“ *I had the privilege of working with George, always a smile. He could
make you laugh! I never saw him not help someone in need! He
was a hard person to measure up to. Sad that he left us so soon!
Rest In Peace brother!*

eric - May 25, 2020 at 08:01 PM

YC

“ Yvette D. Cannon lit a candle in memory of George Bowman Baker



Yvette D. Cannon - May 25, 2020 at 07:12 PM

RM

He was a great guy God bless you my brother 🙏

Ronnie manzella - May 25, 2020 at 07:58 PM

ML

“ The first time I met him was his first week at Greensburg PD i had a back light out on my car and I was trying to change it he pulled up and ask me mam can I help you I thought to myself lord this man was God sent I will pray for his family that God holds them up and this time of need

Michelle Lajoie - May 25, 2020 at 06:33 PM

TT

I met George when he worked for GPD. He would come by the hospital and check on things there. My daughter was selling cookie dough for school and I asked him he wanted to buy some, he no I am single and I don't want to make cookies. Lol My daughter and husband came to pick me up. Mandy asked if I asked George if had wanted some cookie dough and I said. He said put me down for one chocolate chip. I just looked at him. He said he could not say no to her. Mandy was killed that July and it hurt him. When I get to work he would always check on me. When I started working at Walmart he would ask how was I doing. That might a lot to me. Going to miss seeing him. Go rest high George. Prayers for the family.

Tammy Tackett - May 25, 2020 at 07:34 PM

LB

I worked with George at St Helena Sheriff Office. Couldn't ask for a better man. He was always there to help anyone. He was like a son to me, I was always mama to him. Prayers for Heather and Harper and all who love him. RIP hero.

Leisa Ballard - May 25, 2020 at 08:46 PM

BB

“ When George was working for St. Helena, he used to check on me. He knew my husband worked away from home so he made sure to check on us all the time. He was such an amazing young man. Always smiling and laughing. I will forever miss him and remember him. Rest In Peace my sweet friend.

B. J. Bridges - May 25, 2020 at 06:28 PM

TR

“ My daughter, Jenifer Russell, was in their gradutating class at Albany. We tragically lost her in a car accident in 2004. I pray that the two of them find each other up there in the big 'ol Kingdom of Heaven and both send good memories and vibes down here to us all. My heart and prayers go out to all of George's family and friends. May God be with you all.



Theresa Russell - May 25, 2020 at 06:24 PM

SF

“ When I first laid eyes on George when he first started with Greensburg PD, all I wanted to know was who the new cute cop was. He always had a smile and a laugh available. I never saw him lose his temper even when people were acting stupid. You will be missed George. The first wreck I picked up that you worked for the LSP I was delighted. You didn't have a hurry up attitude about it. It was let me know what you need to get that vehicle out the ditch and I will do what you need. Rest easy and God speed my friend.

Stephanie Floyd - May 25, 2020 at 06:16 PM

BH

“ When George played football for me at Albany Middle School he always made me laugh. He had a smile on his face everyday. When I was having a bad day George was always lifting me up. He was the type of kid that I loved to coach. Thanks for being you everyday.

Bobby Hill - May 25, 2020 at 05:52 PM

KD

Now I know why George was such a good football player only playing one year in high school. I didn't mention you Bobby in the article Rob DeArmond posted today and for that I am truly sorry Bobby. I should have known better.

Kevin Darouse - May 27, 2020 at 11:34 PM

DR

“ Daina Rogers lit a candle in memory of George Bowman Baker



Daina Rogers - May 25, 2020 at 05:43 PM



“ George we first meet at hanks deli he was very respectful and very kind and had a very good heart



Betty Thomas - May 25, 2020 at 05:25 PM

TZ

“ Terry Abd Susan Zaffuto lit a candle in memory of George Bowman Baker



Terry abd Susan Zaffuto - May 25, 2020 at 05:19 PM

KB

“ Kelli Blades lit a candle in memory of George Bowman Baker



Kelli Blades - May 25, 2020 at 05:14 PM

KM

“ George is and will always be a great part of my heart. He always had a beautiful smile, very well mannered young man. He will be truly missed.

kim mcknight - May 25, 2020 at 04:56 PM