



Arthur Lyle "Stretch" Baker Jr.

June 29, 1931 - August 27, 2024

Arthur Lyle Baker, Jr. "Stretch" 93, of Bonita Springs, FL, and a former resident of Cincinnati, OH, died on August 27, 2024, at his residence after an extended illness. He was born on June 29, 1931, in Cincinnati, a son of the late Arthur L. and Emma S. (née Beatty) Baker, Sr. He had been a resident of Bonita Springs since 1997.

He was a graduate of Withrow High School and attended the University of Cincinnati. At 6'7", Stretch played basketball at both schools. After completing his education, he began his career in banking. He managed within retail branch banking and retail lending divisions. In 1995, after 43 years, Stretch retired as a vice president of the US Bank (Formerly the First National Bank of Cincinnati).

He loved to play golf, basketball, softball, and cards and was an avid organ player. While in Cincinnati, he ran an annual golf tournament for fifteen years to benefit the Leukemia Society of America. Each year, making it bigger and better.

He is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Linda (Neltner) Baker; his two children, BL Baker and Denys Baker; his sister, Pam Dillion (Don); and many nieces, nephews, and friends in Cincinnati and Bonita Springs.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Jerry Baker, and his former wife and mother of their two children, Patricia Ann (Coons) Baker.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 1:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home 28300 Tamiami Tr., Bonita Springs, FL. A private inurnment will be held on Wednesday at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Naples.

Memorial contributions in memory of Stretch may be made to the Leukemia Society of America or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at <https://www.stjude.org/donate>.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Church Columbarium

7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd.
Naples, FL 34120

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
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Tribute Wall

WR

“ I had a great bit of fun working with Stretch and Linda at First National. I am grateful. My sincerest condolences to the family. A life well lived!
William W. Reichert

William Reichert - September 23, 2024 at 10:44 AM

JH

“ My family and I have known Stretch for many years. His mother-in-law, Freda Coons, was an aunt to my wife. Every time we visited aunt Freda, we saw Stretch & Lynda sometime. He will be missed.
s\\Jim Hittle, 17600 Lindberg Rd, #109, West Lafayette, IN 47905

James M. Hittle - September 01, 2024 at 12:18 PM

LA

“ Brad, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers. Cherish all the wonderful memories.

Linda Ames



Linda Ames - August 31, 2024 at 10:26 PM

MY

“ Denys, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your dad had a long life of love and a great family. My condolences to you and your entire family, losing a loved one, especially a parent is a hard loss. Much love to you!

Michael Yorkell

Michael Yorkell - August 31, 2024 at 02:04 PM

AH

“ Brad--My sincere condolences on the loss of your father. I know how I felt when I lost mine several years ago and how much the support of friends and colleagues meant. Savor all the good memories your father left behind. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. Althea Hayes



Althea Mae Hayes - August 30, 2024 at 12:51 PM

MV

“ Monica V. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur Lyle "Stretch" Baker Jr..

Monica V. - August 30, 2024 at 12:43 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arthur Lyle "Stretch" Baker Jr..



August 30, 2024 at 11:59 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Arthur Lyle "Stretch" Baker Jr..



August 29, 2024 at 09:03 PM

KM

“ Kathleen Moon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur Lyle "Stretch" Baker Jr..

Kathleen Moon - August 29, 2024 at 09:03 PM

BJ

“ My favorite and most memorable memory is the time that he shortened my name to Betsy. I will forever be grateful!

Uncle Stretch and Linda's wedding was unforgettable and so much fun!

Of course, there are many other memories of pool parties and cookouts, family gatherings, going To their house, and the annual Easter egg hunt at Uncle Tub's house.

I'm sure you are up there having fun with all our loved ones. You will always be remembered.

Betsy Jackson - August 29, 2024 at 07:53 PM