



Marlin Baker

July 8, 2025

Marlin Elsworth Baker, age 93, was welcomed into the arms of his Savior on Tuesday morning, July 8, 2025, at his home in Terrell, Texas, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on August 14, 1931, in Los Angeles, California, to Paul Henry and Eileen Eleanor Baker, Marlin's life was marked by courage, conviction, and unwavering faith. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Willard and Gerald, and his infant sons Marlin Shim and Marlin Ted.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 34 years, Shirley L. Baker, who faithfully walked beside him in life and ministry. He also leaves behind his children—Talitha Dombrowski, Terry Baker, Tim Baker, Tammy Loud, Susan Frans, Denise Daniel, Daniel King, Carol Woods—and a legacy carried on by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

At just 14 years old, Marlin made the most important decision of his life: he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. That decision would shape every step that followed. Answering the call to serve, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in December 1952 and was wounded in Korea. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Korean Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge. His service to his country extended to 8 years in the National Guard.

But Marlin's calling went far beyond military service. In 1955, he returned to Korea—not as a soldier, but as a missionary, bringing the hope of the Gospel to the very land where he once fought. For 22 years, he served the Korean people with compassion, humility, and a deep love for Christ. He later continued his missionary journey in the Philippines for 5 more years, ministering to those in need of hope and healing.

Upon returning to the U.S., Marlin's mission field shifted to the prisons of California and Texas, where he volunteered as a chaplain for over 30 years, sharing God's love with the forgotten and the broken. Even into his 90s, Marlin continued to serve faithfully until his

health no longer allowed.

Marlin Baker was a man who never met a stranger. With a kind smile and a heart always ready to listen, he brought joy and peace to those around him. His life was a living sermon—a quiet but powerful testimony to the goodness of God. His legacy is not just in the places he served or the medals he received, but in the lives he touched, the souls he reached, and the faith he lived out daily. He finished his race well.

Services for Marlin will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, July 21, 2025 at the Max Slayton Funeral Chapel in Terrell, Texas. Marlin will be laid to rest at Dallas/ Forth Worth National Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 2025. Please line up in Lane One upon arrival to Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 20, 2025 at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Dallas/Ft. Worth National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 20. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Funeral Service

JUL 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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642 N. Rockwall Ave.
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Interment

JUL 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

Dallas/Ft. Worth National Cemetery
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Tribute Wall



“ Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Webcast in memory of Marlin Baker



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - July 21, 2025 at 05:12 PM

TM

“ the Father's House & MOG purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marlin Baker.



the Father's House & MOG - July 21, 2025 at 01:13 PM

FS

“ Frank and Sue Skaer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlin Baker.

Frank and Sue Skaer - July 19, 2025 at 01:47 PM

FS

“ Frank and Sue Skaer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marlin Baker.



Frank and Sue Skaer - July 19, 2025 at 01:47 PM

VT

“ Van To purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marlin Baker.



Van To - July 19, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marlin Baker.*



July 19, 2025 at 11:11 AM

KA

“ *Kaelynne A. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Marlin Baker.*



Kaelynne A. - July 18, 2025 at 09:00 PM

PS

“ *Preston Hollow Presbyterian School Staff purchased the County Basket Blooms for the family of Marlin Baker.*



Preston Hollow Presbyterian School Staff - July 18, 2025 at 06:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marlin Baker.*



July 18, 2025 at 02:36 PM

MR

“ *The memories of your love story with Marlin bring your comfort. I am sending you prayers and all my love during this difficult time.*
Mary

MARIA RHODES - July 18, 2025 at 12:44 PM

MR

“ To the The Baker family and extended family
With heartfelt sympathy in this of loss; may grace bring healing and comfort.
Lloyd and Mary

maria rhodes - July 17, 2025 at 06:35 PM

FT

“ From Air Liquide team purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Marlin Baker.



From Air Liquide team - July 17, 2025 at 04:57 PM

MD

“ Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Daniel purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marlin Baker.



Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Daniel - July 16, 2025 at 12:52 PM

GB

“ I am saddened to hear of this of course, yet, I celebrate the man's life. Such a kind and gentle soul faithfully and lovingly doing the Lord's work. He truly was inspirational and my feelings of sorrow are tempered by memories of his warm spirit and kindness. I take comfort in knowing that he is with the Lord and his family in paradise. Please accept my sincerest condolences for your loss and know that I grieve with you.

Gary Baker (nephew)

G Baker - July 12, 2025 at 12:21 PM

JC

“ It breaks my heart to hear that your father, who loved us, Korea, and God, has passed away. He has ended various sorrows, hardships, persecution, misunderstanding, injustice, and other hardships you have experienced while living in the old creation. I know your family had a lot of difficulties in many ways during your stay in Korea.

In particular, your father suffered a serious injury as a war veteran of the Korean War, and after treatment, he loved Koreans not only in terms of materiality but also in terms of his love. I understand that he came to Korea as a missionary to help in spiritual terms, and proved the Lord and his words, and as a result, he led many people to the Lord and helped many Koreans to learn English.

God bless you and your family.

*With much Love
John & Sonia Chun*

John Chun - July 12, 2025 at 12:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marlin Baker.

July 11, 2025 at 12:46 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marlin Baker.



July 11, 2025 at 12:46 PM

DH

“ From the Staff of Duncanville's First Baptist Church, we send our condolences and prayers to Tim Baker and his family.



Dena Hussey - July 11, 2025 at 12:28 PM

SP

“ Stephanie Paul-Groves purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Marlin Baker.



Stephanie Paul-Groves - July 11, 2025 at 12:01 PM



“ Sharon Collins lit a candle in memory of Marlin Baker



Sharon Collins - July 09, 2025 at 04:49 PM