



William H. Baker Sr.

May 5, 1927 - May 7, 2015

William Hale Baker Sr. was born on May 5, 1927 in Chicago, Illinois to the union of the Squire Cleophas Baker and Myra Bell Williams. In the union they had six children Winston, Frederick, Gladys, William, Lena and Winetta.

William was educated at Forestville Elementary and Wendell Phillips High School. He was an excellent artist and received a scholarship to the Art Institute of Chicago, but he declined it. He served in the Armed Forces from 1945 to 1947. After the Armed Forces he worked various jobs such as the railroad, the post office and the steel mill; he was also a painter and a butcher. William retired from Bear Stearns in 1999. During William's spare time he had a love for recalling childhood stories, he also loved singing, drawing and daily Bible reading.

William wed Bertha Lee Hines on August 23, 1962, and in the union they had five children, Reginald, William Jr., Wayne, Valerie and Kimberly. During their nearly 53 year marriage, they had a very special bond. You rarely saw one without the other.

During William's journey in life he became acquainted with Jehovah's Witnesses. He learned an appreciation and deep love for Jehovah, which led him to dedicate his life and symbolize his dedication through water baptism in 1972. For 43 years he was very steadfast and active in his preaching and teaching work and this is something that he was known for. He served faithfully as an Elder and full-time pioneer.

On May 7, 2015, William fell asleep in death after a lengthy illness. He was preceded in death by his parents, Squire Cleophas Baker and Myra Bell Williams; and five siblings, Winston, Frederick, Gladys, William and Lena.

William leaves to cherish his memories, his loving wife of nearly 53 years, Bertha; five children, Reginald, William Jr. (Laverne), Wayne, Valerie, Kimberly (Darryl); one sister, Winetta Baker-Palmer; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Events

MAY **Service** 12:00PM

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Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses (50th)
5025 South Wabash, Chicago, IL, US

Comments



“ I'd like to share a few comforting Bible Scriptures that helped me when I lost both my husband and son, June 2013. Please read: Eccl 9:5,6 and 10; Rom 5:12,17-19 and Rev 21:4.

B. Hill - May 31, 2015 at 10:53 PM



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