



## Virgil Ross Baker

April 26, 1941 - December 10, 2023

Ross Baker, age 82, passed from this life on December 10, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on April 26, 1941, in El Paso, Texas to Virgil Buford Baker and Willie Opal (Allison) Baker. Ross attended school and graduated from Austin. He worked for a little while and then continued his education at Austin College in Sherman, Texas. Ross joined the USAF in 1960 and retired as MSGT, Survival Specialist, after twenty years of service to our country. It was in the early years of his military service he married the love of his life, LaVerne Sheppard, on June 1, 1962, at the First Baptist Church in Ft. Hancock, Texas, and to this union they were blessed with two children, Lisa and John. Ross loved horses, he was a horse trainer, a farrier and loved to ride. Wherever the family was stationed at, Ross continued his love for horses, finding people who needed some help. He retired in 1980 from Altus Air Force Base. He worked for Southern Prairie Library System for 15 years as the bookmobile librarian covering 2 counties. He retired from the library system in 2006. He was an avid reader, loved non-fiction about southwestern Oklahoma and was a long-time member of the Red River Cowboy Church. Ross is survived by his wife LaVerne of the home, daughter Lisa Denton and husband Van of Blair, and sister Rana Jean Sanders of Georgetown, TX. He leaves a legacy of three grandchildren, Brynna Danae Tennant and husband Travis, Clayton Daniel Baker, and Caleb Dillon Baker, great grandchildren, Kathryn Darby Tennant and Miles Deacon Tennant, and a host of other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Virgil and Opal

Baker, son John Wesley Baker, and a sister Ruth Allison Baker.

Memorial services for Ross are scheduled for Saturday, December 16, 2023, 2:00 p.m. at the Red River Cowboy Church in Mangum, with pastor Darrell Coffman officiating, located at 1001 N. Byers. The United States Air Force Honor Guard will perform rites.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

Red River Cowboy Church  
1001 N Byers Ave  
Mangum, OK 73554-1809  
(580) 782-2500

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sorry for your loss!! Prayers for all the family!!*

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**Glayde & Mary Winters** - December 13, 2023 at 07:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Virgil Ross Baker.*



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December 13, 2023 at 11:38 AM

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“ *With Love and sympathy. Tennant & Baker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virgil Ross Baker.*

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