



## Andrew Douglas "Andy" Baker

September 11, 1955 - February 12, 2025

On September 11, 1955, Andrew Douglas Baker was born in Hartford, Connecticut. Son of the late Everett Baker and Martha Isabel (Savage) Baker, Andy, as he was known by his family and friends, grew up in Hazardville, Connecticut where he attended Enrico Fermi High School.

In 1976, Andy entered the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his honorable discharge in 1984. He had attained the rank of SP5 and earned the Good Conduct Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Driver Badge w/Comp Bar "W", Army Service Ribbon, and Special Qualification Badge M16 Rifle. At the time of his discharge, Andy was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and decided to remain in the area.

On January 13, 1998, in Salem, Missouri, Andy was united in marriage to Pamela Jean Rushing. They shared over 26 years of marriage together and many wonderful memories. At the time of their marriage, two families were joined to include seven children: Steven, Dottie, Trish, Jeffery, Jason, Amy, and Kevin.

After his honorable discharge from the Army, Andy worked as a civil service employee on Fort Leonard Wood for 11 years.

Andy's nature was to serve and protect. That was evident in his time in the

military, and it continued throughout his life. He served 35 years as a volunteer firefighter with the Waynesville Rural Fire Protection District and retired as a Deputy Chief. Andy enjoyed training firefighters.

In his spare time, Andy enjoyed being outdoors, whether it was hunting, camping, rc cars or flying drones. He was an avid gun collector and was a member of the National Rifle Association.

Most importantly, Andy loved his family and treasured the times that they could spend together, especially with the grandchildren.

Andy passed away Wednesday, February 12, 2025, in the Salem Memorial District Hospital of Salem, Missouri having attained the age of 69 years. He will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Andy leaves to cherish his memory his wife: Pamela Baker of the home; seven children: Steven Baker of the State of Michigan, Dottie Steelman (Joel) of Salem, MO, Trish Arrington (Michael) of Arnold, MO, Jeffery Burgdorf (Jennifer) of Rolla, MO, Jason Baum (Bobby) of Broken Bow, NE, Amy Baum of Richland, MO, and Kevin Baum (Christina) of Richland, MO; fifteen grandchildren: Lucinda, Jamela, Easton, Bryson, Alton, Paisley, Natalee, Lane, Lori, Jonathan, Brooklyn, Vincent, Wyatt, Ryan, and Jacquelyn; sister: Penney Baker (Allen Trudeau) of the State of Connecticut; brother: David Baker of the State of New York; several other relatives and friends.

Even though he is gone from our sight, Andy's commitment to his country, community, and his family will live on in our hearts forever.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 21, 2025 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Pastor Danny Graves

officiating. Easton May, Mike Campbell, and Jeffery Burgdorf all recalled their wonderful memories of Andy. The songs "Humble and Kind" by Tim McGraw, "Go Rest High on that Mountain" by Vince Gill, "The Dash" by Scotty McCreery, and "Beat You There" by Will Dempsey were played. Serving as escorts were Jeffery Burgdorf, Tom Brill, Doug Yurecko, Danny Kallman, Mike Campbell and Steve Arrington. Serving as honorary escorts were the Waynesville Rural Fire Protection District and the Dent County Fire Protection District. Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville, Missouri with military honors being provided by the Missouri Honors Team. Services were under the care and direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Andy Baker and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H  
Waynesville, MO 65583

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 11:00 AM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

## Funeral Service

FEB 21. 1:00 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

# Tribute Wall



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - February 20, 2025 at 05:46 PM

NB

“ Nancy Bernier lit a candle in memory of Andrew Baker



Nancy Bernier - February 20, 2025 at 10:31 AM

CE

“ Rest in God's loving arms, truly are one of the best, My prayers for your family during this time.



carleen Nana's sweet Elf's - February 19, 2025 at 11:14 PM

EA

“ *Earl & Michelle Arnold lit a candle in memory of Andrew Baker*



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**Earl & Michelle Arnold** - February 17, 2025 at 09:10 PM

VS

“ *Vickie Stacy lit a candle in memory of Andrew Baker*



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**Vickie Stacy** - February 16, 2025 at 03:33 PM

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“ We are heartbroken to read of Andy's passing. John served as a firefighter on Waynesville Rural Fire Dept. with Andy years ago . The brotherhood shared will never fade.



Matthew 20:28“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 5:14-16 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” –

Our Condolences to the family and friends,  
SFC(ret)John and Deb(Williamson)Roberts  
Waynesville, MO

*Ephesians 6:10-18 The Amor of God*

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US Army SFC(ret)John and Deb (Williamson - February 15, 2025 at 07:45 PM

PB

“ Andy found his true passion in the fire community. Finding your passion is rare - I am happy he was able to follow it and contribute so much to the community.

Love

Penney (Andy's sister)



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P Baker - February 15, 2025 at 10:31 AM

MS

“ My deepest sympathy to Pam and kids i have been friends with Andy for over 30 years a most sincere hardworking guy spent many a years at the fire dept with him and staff when going through a very unstable point in my life he was and always be a special person who helped save my life Many a funny story REST in Peace dear friend



Michelle I Sargent - February 15, 2025 at 09:23 AM

BH

“ Barb Surmiller- Hoskins lit a candle in memory of Andrew Baker



Barb Surmiller- Hoskins - February 14, 2025 at 11:09 PM

LC

“ Linda cole-schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of Andrew Baker



Linda cole-schonbok - February 14, 2025 at 10:47 PM

MH

“ Many years ago I sold Andy a beautiful Dalmatian. He was a great guy. Lots of sympathy and prayers for the family.



Mary Haas - February 14, 2025 at 08:43 PM

DP

“ *Many memories with Andy. The most special was when Andy and Pam stood in for us when Dana and I married in 2001. I enjoy working with Andy on the fire department. He was a brother to Me* □



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**Diana Potter** - February 14, 2025 at 07:48 PM