



Bob "Bake" Baker

July 26, 1957 - September 1, 2021

Bob Baker, aka, Bake, a highly respected and accomplished journalist and cherished son of Arthur and Doris Baker passed away Wednesday at his home after a long and brave fight against cancer. He is survived by his wife Tina Kellogg, his furry son Sherman, and the family that claimed him as their own, Gerald, Bill, and Melody Kellogg and Lorita and husband Steve.

Bob Baker had a life filled with support of, and kindness to others. Bob loved people and sports. He was a graduate of Lockhaven University, earning a journalism degree in the first cohort of the journalism program offered by the University. Many know him from the years he spent at The Daily Review and his many interactions with coaches, students, and families. Bob served as Sports Editor at The Daily Review for over 20 years beginning his sojourn in 1981. He was a constant figure at all Bradford- Sullivan sporting events and throughout Pennsylvania, photographing students and then returning to the paper to work, often until early morning, to make sure all the information made the next day news. In addition to multiple awards for journalism, in 2002 he was inducted into the North Section Wrestling Hall of Fame. Bob embodied the professionalism, ethics, spirit, and heart of old time journalists.

In a difficult decision, Bob switched jobs in 2003 to allow for more time with his family and friends and to "adopt an 80 year old". Bake worked for C&N Bank for 16 years and retired in 2019 but still remained active in local sports, reporting live on WTTC, WATS/WAVR and WHGL, where his vast knowledge, quick wit, and keen sense of timing made broadcasts interesting and

entertaining as well as informative. He also simultaneously wrote articles for the Valley Sport Report and continued to support local community activities and charity events.

In addition to his love for others, Bake was an avid baseball enthusiast (Mets fan), and loved music. One of his favorite past times included engaging in any discussion or activity that centered on baseball, spouting facts and statistics about any and all teams, and staying glued to the television from spring training until the last pitch was thrown. Bake routinely participated in various fantasy sport leagues (unfortunately, as he often noted, not always with a great deal of success). His love for music was reflected in the continual rock music coming from any room or space he occupied and evidenced by his CD collection that covered all of one wall. He could also recognize any music, identifying the band and singing in tandem once a song was initiated.

The legacy Bake leaves is the model of a truly kind and decent individual. His life reflected the behaviors, actions, and values we all strive for, but often don't meet. His decency and kindness were embedded in the essence of who he was and everyone that knew him benefited from having him in their lives.

Bake's every action was a reflection of his decency, compassion, and generous and pure soul. His loss will be felt not just by his family, but by all the lives he touched. He also left this life with a legacy of respect rare in the world today, and with knowledge of a life well lived for himself and others.

Unfortunately, after surviving open heart, brain, leg, and other surgeries, chemotherapy, radiation, and immunotherapy with courage, bravery, and never anything but a positive attitude and thank you to others, in the game of life and using a phrase that Bake would appreciate, the final ninth inning score was Bake three and cancer four.

In closing it seems appropriate to finish with Bake's tag for column closings- "And don't forget to give your pet an extra hug tonight".

It is the request of family that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to You Too Animal Rescue (13489 Rt. 220, Towanda, Pa 18848) or the Bradford County Humane Society, P.O. Box 179, Ulster, Pa 18850 in his name.

Farewell services will be held on Sunday, September 5th, with visitation from 1:00 – 4:00 and the memorial at 4:00 p.m. at the Maryott- Bowen Funeral Home, 217 York Avenue, Towanda, Pa. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
217 York Ave.
Towanda, PA 18848
(570) 265-2272
info@bowenfuneralhomes.com

Service

SEP 5. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bob "Bake" Baker*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Bob "Bake" Baker*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Bob "Bake" Baker*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Bob "Bake" Baker*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Bob "Bake" Baker*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *I'm going to miss my uncle bake I remember feeding the goat candy and riding four wheelers with him a lot when we would go and visit . I will always remember him and love him*



Trevor Valente - September 16, 2021 at 06:57 PM

TV

“ I'm going to miss my uncle bake very much. I remember when we would take fourwheeler rides together all the time and feeding the one goat candy everytime we would go up to see everybody signed Trevor Valente PS I LOVE YOU UNCLE BAKE



Trevor Valente - September 16, 2021 at 06:53 PM

EB

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. My brother and I grew up with Bobby. We all played every sport together. Any weekend or summer break we were either the the backyard playing or over at Mulberry Street school playgrounds. There were countless sleep overs and backyard camping trips.

He was always fun and good natured. It was not a surprise to us when Bobby went to work at the Daily Review sports. As many others have commented, he was fanatic.

The Bakers were a tight knit family.

I moved away after college and didn't have a lot of contact with Bobby but he was kind enough to come and visit Tim and I when our father died. He was a good man and we will miss him terribly.

Ed Barrett - September 14, 2021 at 01:41 PM

RC

“ It was a pleasure to help on on broadcasts and to see Bob at so many sporting events in the Valley. I always looked forward to Bob picking up the radio equipment to begin the sports season knowing that there would be some sports bantering. Sad to hear of his passing, but thankful I had a chance to be acquainted with a fine gentleman.

Ron Cole

Ron Cole - September 05, 2021 at 07:15 PM

AM

“ So sorry for your loss. We first met Bob during the Jaycee Tennis Tournament. He would come every night during the 2 weeks of the tournament and take great pictures plus he came during the day to take the kids' tournament pictures. He always captured some interesting action shots. He became part of our tennis family and the life of the tennis parties. He will be greatly missed.

Bill & Arlene Mendler

Arlene Mendler - September 05, 2021 at 11:26 AM

KS

“ Kathy Stephenson lit a candle in memory of Bob "Bake" Baker



Kathy Stephenson - September 04, 2021 at 07:45 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bob "Bake" Baker.*



September 04, 2021 at 11:50 AM



“ *Our condolences to you, Tina, and all your family. Bob was one of the truly good guys and it was our pleasure to have known him. With much love, Lura and Vince*

Lura Trossello - September 04, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. We played a lot of basketball together at the SCI back in the day. H was a great guy and I fondly remember his sports reporting at the Review and he knew sports very well. R.I.P. Bob*

Dave McGuire - September 04, 2021 at 10:06 AM

WS

“ I have many fond memories of Bake and being part of his first five years as sports editor of his hometown newspaper when I was the news editor. He was part of a close-knit team at the Review in the early 1980's and always a positive force with a sharp but gentle sense of humor. We were like a family who communed together often away from the office. My regret, upon hearing of his death, is how we grow apart from people who were once so prominent in our lives. I would see him occasionally and we'd catch up with each other's lives. I marveled at his resilience in the serious health issues he endured. He spoke casually about them and never complained about all he had to go through. He was a very decent human being and obviously very courageous. He seemed to shrug off adversity and enjoy life to the fullest despite a seemingly relentless assault on his health, and even when he left the Review after two decades there, he continued to appreciate every positive thing in his life. That included family, friends and his undying love of sports and appreciation of the talents of the young athletes he covered on his sports pages and over the radio. I mourn his passing, but he will always be one of the bright spots in my memories.

Wes Skillings - September 04, 2021 at 08:54 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Bob "Bake" Baker.



September 03, 2021 at 10:21 PM

KS

“ Oh my heart is broken 💔. Bob and I have been friends since grade school. I lived on western Ave and Bob on poplar st as we were children. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to the family, friends and to all that knew him. He for sure had a boat load of friends. I will miss seeing Bob at different places. RIP my friend.

Kathy Stephenson - September 03, 2021 at 09:13 PM

TA

“ This is very sad news. What a beautiful write up and tribute to Bob's life on this earth. He had a gentle soul. I knew Bob while I was teaching and coaching at Towanda School District. He was an outstanding sportswriter and sportscaster for NTL Athletics. Bob was a good steward and left everything better than he found it. Rest In Peace.

Tom Abell - September 03, 2021 at 07:41 PM

BJ

“ My condolences to Bob's family. He was truly a kind, goodhearted person and liked to make you laugh. Bob covered sports for me while in college during the time I was sports editor at The Daily Review in the early 1980s. When he graduated, and I moved on to news editor, he succeeded me as sports editor, a job he truly enjoyed and coveted.

Back then, the staff was like family, We hung out together, and many nights, after we put the paper to bed in the early morning hours, we used secret knocks to get into the Rub-A-Dub Pub after closing. Or my former wife and I would make him grilled cheese sandwiches at our apartment at 2 in the morning. He was even the chauffeur at our wedding.

It's been many years since I've seen Bob. May you Rest in Peace my friend.

Bob Jamieson (former "Duke of York Ave.")

Bob Jamieson - September 03, 2021 at 06:39 PM

DB

“ I had the privilege of working with Bob for many years at C&N. He was a class act and always made me laugh. I will miss terribly the discussions we had about Duke basketball and the Pittsburgh Steelers. God speed, my friend. You've earned your rest.



Darci

Darci Baird - September 03, 2021 at 04:06 PM

Chris
Brewster

“ Condolences to family and friends of everyone Bob touched, which was truly everyone he ever met. You couldn't find a kinder person. He will be missed.

Chris Brewster - September 03, 2021 at 03:16 PM

JW

“ My deepest condolences go out to Bob's family.. I am so very sorry for your loss, the world has lost a truly good person.



Jessie Wolfe - September 03, 2021 at 12:51 PM

CH

“ My deepest sympathy to Bob's family. I am so sorry such a nice person had to suffer. RIP Bob.



Claire Holton-Lizon - September 03, 2021 at 10:48 AM

DC

“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was always so friendly and kind whenever I would see him. Prayers for his family.

*God Bless,
Donna Baker (Alan) Craig*

DONNA CRAIG - September 03, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Bob "Bake" Baker.



September 03, 2021 at 10:33 AM

MM

“ Sorry to hear of your loss of Bob. What an outstanding friend, classmate, and teammate. Always a joy and what a wonderful sense of humor. All of us are blessed , regardless of our own circumstances , how we use these gifts is our gift back to God. There is no doubt Bob found the sweet spot for his life and use these gifts to the benefit of all.

I will truly miss our interactions and his perspective on so much.

Mike MacInnis

Mike MacInnis - September 03, 2021 at 10:10 AM

GB

“ So sorry for the loss of Bob baker I was a cousin to him which is on my dad's side Bernard baker also had other aunts and uncles that had past I will always remember him 🙏 also will try to make the viewig on Sunday . Cousin Gary baker

Gary baker - September 03, 2021 at 09:04 AM

MY

“ Our deepest sympathies to Tina and the Kellogg family. Friends and family for many years.

Marcella Millard Yasharian - September 03, 2021 at 08:37 AM

NN

“ Bake always took care of us when we went to visit. He & Tina, hosts with the most, would start cooking well in advance & have a meal fit for kings & queens ready. He'd be at the grill for hours at a time, making sure everything was just right. He'd check in to see if folks had everything the needed, and if they'd eaten enough. When we'd paddle down the river, he'd always linger close to the end of our group, ensuring everyone was safe & no one was left behind. A true gentleman, Bake touched the heart of all those he met with his kindness and big heart. He was a great doggy dad and such a perfect companion to dear Tina. My deepest condolences to Tina and the whole family. What a big loss. My heart goes out to you. In Ghana they say no one is lost till they are forgottn. May he live in in hearts & memories. Love, Nandini

Nandini Naik - September 03, 2021 at 08:32 AM

SS

“ Tina, I am so sad for Bob's passing. Bob was such a great guy.

Steven C Sturdevant - September 03, 2021 at 07:53 AM

SF

“ We were so sorry to hear about Bobs passing. He was a truly nice guy and a great sport journalist. Our thought and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

Bill and Sherry Felten

Sherry Felten - September 03, 2021 at 07:46 AM

JR

“ Shocking news... such a beautiful tribute to an awesome guy! Our community has lost one of its finest! Much love and sympathy to Bake's family and friends. What a beautiful legacy.

Jeff Russell - September 03, 2021 at 07:28 AM

PS

“ May Peace be with Bob, and all who loved him...



Peggy Savage - September 03, 2021 at 06:38 AM