

Ricky “Rick” Alan Baker was born in Breckenridge, MN, on June 30, 1957, to Arlene (Johannesmeyer) and Henry Baker. As an infant, Rick lived on the Johannesmeyer family farm in rural Barney, ND, before moving to Wahpeton, ND. In 1959 the family moved to Denver, CO, where they resided until moving back to Wahpeton in 1965 to the home Rick would reside in across from the Baseball fields throughout most of his adult life.

Rick attended Wahpeton High School. Throughout his high school years, he worked for the Terrace Lanes bowling alley in Wahpeton. After graduating from high school, Rick began a career with Wahpeton Fryn’ Pan Family Restaurant, where he eventually transferred to manage the Fryn’ Pan in Sioux Falls, SD, for a couple of years. Eventually, Rick moved back to his family home in Wahpeton, ND, and continued his career with Fryn’ Pan and began driving school bus for the Wahpeton School District. Rick had many great stories of driving bus, his rural kids, and even more stories about his bus adventures taking kids to various events out of town.

On May 19, 2006, Rick married the love of his life, Victoria. Together, Rick and Victoria raised their daughter, Sandra, in his childhood home in Wahpeton. The family of three loved to travel, going on frequent vacations like Las Vegas, Omaha, and Duluth. As Rick’s health worsened, so did his ability to travel, so the family found joy in other simpler activities close to home. Often, you would find Rick at Simonson’s gas station gossiping with the locals, purchasing lottery tickets, scootering around the neighborhood, visiting with anyone who was willing to lend an ear, or taking his daughter, Sandra, to the park and zoo.

Rick is survived by his wife, Victoria; daughter, Sandra Baker; brother, Kenneth (Joyce) Baker, nephews, Shane (Rose) Ottmar, Steve (Dawn) Ottmar, Mike (Kathy) Formanek, Greg (Angie) Formanek, and Dave (Michelle) Formanek; nieces, Tonya (Patrick) Hoard, Tara (Jeff) Inman, Kayla (Wade) Maudal, and Kari (Robert) Patton; as well as many great-nephews, great nieces, and countless friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arlene and Henry Baker; brother, Randy Lee Baker; and sisters, Donna Mae Ottmar and Linda Mae Formanek.

Rick will be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, brother, uncle, and Godfather.

IN LOVING Memory



RICK ALAN BAKER

1957 - 2025



Rick Alan Baker

Born

June 30, 1957 | Breckenridge, Minnesota

Passed Away

October 25, 2025 | Wahpeton, North Dakota

Age

68 Years | 3 Months | 25 Days

Memorial Service

1:00 PM | Saturday, November 1, 2025
Faith Church | Wahpeton, North Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Mark Norman

Pianist

Cassie Aker

Music

“Amazing Grace”
“The Rose” by Conway Twitty
“On Eagles Wings”

Honorary Pallbearers

Rick's Nephews
Dave Formanek | Greg Formanek | Mike Formanek
Shane Ottmar | Steve Ottmar

Interment at a later date

Calvary Cemetery | Mantador, North Dakota

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*I took his hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
to laugh, to love, to work or play.*

Tasks undone must stay that way.

I found that peace at close of day.

If my parting has left a void

then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I've savored much,

good friends, good times,

a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your hearts and share with me

God wanted me now: He set me FREE.