

Donald W. Baker was born on October 2, 1931, to Walter and Louise (Max) Baker in Meadows Township, Rural Breckenridge, MN, where he grew up and attended school.

He farmed with his father until enlisting in the U.S. Air Force, beginning his service on February 1, 1954, serving in the 95th Bomb Wing of the Strategic Air Command at El Paso, TX, and Guam. He was honorably discharged on October 31, 1957.

Don married, and that union was blessed with 3 children.

He worked several jobs in the Fergus Falls, MN area and later attended North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton and graduated with honors with an Environmental Systems Cooling and Heating Equipment Certificate. He later opened his own heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration business.

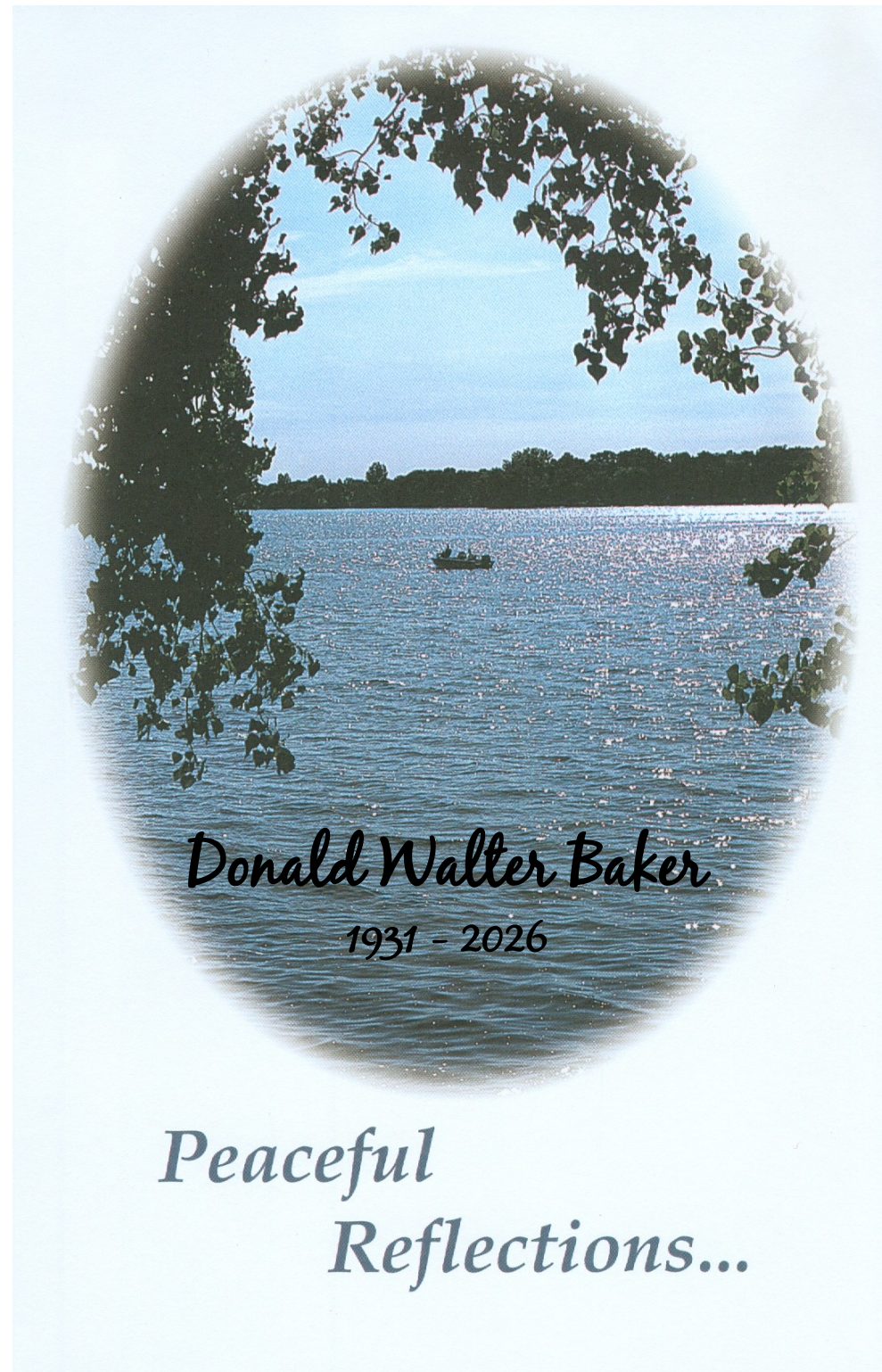
In 1979, Don and Alice (Gustman) Medenwaldt were married and made Wahpeton their home. He worked for Texgas and Suburban Propane, retiring as manager of the Wahpeton Plant in 1992.

After retirement, he and Alice enjoyed their Silver Lake cabin and spending time in the Battle Lake, MN area. Don enjoyed country and old-time music, playing guitar and playing with his brother Ken's band for several years. He was an avid fisherman and loved deer hunting with his son, Dean.

He was a member of the Wahpeton United Church of Christ, a golden member of the Fergus Falls #2339 Eagles Club, and a life member of Breckenridge VFW #2766.

Don will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by his wife, Alice; son, Dean (Nancy) Baker; daughters, Cindy (Scott) Rhoades and Julie (John Kruize) Springer; grandchildren, Alecia (Erik) LeRoy, Derric Anderson, Nathan (Tina) Anderson, and Kacey (Grecia) Anderson; several great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Pat Baker; and special nieces and nephews.

He was preceded by his parents and brother, Kenneth Baker.





In Loving Memory of
Donald W. Baker

Born

October 2, 1931 | Meadows Township, Rural Breckenridge, Minnesota

Passed Away

May 11, 2026 | Wahpeton, North Dakota

Age

94 Years | 7 Months | 9 days

Funeral Service and Visitation

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Visitation 9:30 am - 11:00 am | Service 11:00 am

Vertin-Munson Funeral Home | Wahpeton, North Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Ken Adams

Pianist

Connie Raguse

Hymns

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" | "The Old Rugged Cross"
"How Great Thou Art"

Honorary Pallbearers

Alecia LeRoy | Derric Anderson | Nathan Anderson | Kacey Anderson

Pallbearers

Greg Braun | Kevin Gustman | Brad Haugrud
Jeff Nelson | Paul Tschakert | Jeff Weitzel

Military Honors

Air Force Honor Guard | Fergus Falls VFW

Interment

Oak Grove Cemetery | Fergus Falls, Minnesota



Don's family is grateful for your thoughts, prayers and words of sympathy. Please join us for lunch following the service.

FISHERMEN'S PRAYER

God grant that I may live to fish

Until my dying day.

And when my final cast is made

I MOST HUMBLY PRAY,

When in the Lord's landing net

I am peacefully asleep,

That in *His* mercy, I be judged,

"As Good Enough to Keep"