



## Gerald L. Baker

May 9, 1944 - September 24, 2015

Jerry Baker, of East Wenatchee, WA, passed away on September 24, 2015, at the age of 71. Jerry grew up in West Seattle, WA, eventually becoming a stand out athlete in both football and baseball for West Seattle High School. Following graduation, he attended Washington State University, receiving scholarships for both football and baseball. He then continued his pitching career with a New York Yankee farm team in Sarasota, FL.

Following his baseball career, Jerry was hired as a pilot for Northwest Airlines. He flew for NWA for 38 years, reaching the pinnacle of his aviation career as a 747-200 captain.

In retirement, Jerry enjoyed boating, playing softball, golfing, and spending time with those he loved. One of his favorite places on earth was Lake Chelan, WA.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Janet; his son, Scott Baker (Kathy) of Poulsbo, WA; daughter, Kelly Switzer (Steve) of Anacortes, WA; step-daughter, Jennifer Upshaw of Wenatchee, WA; stepson, Curtis Upshaw of Wenatchee, WA; and four grandchildren, Ethan, Alex, Brendan and Heidi. Jerry is also survived by his brother, Dick Baker (Gwen); and sisters Judy McGough (Paul) and Patti Hewitt (Lance - deceased). His brother, Ricky (Darlene) preceded him in death, as did his parents. Jerry is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

The family plans a private Celebration of Life at a later date. Please sign Jerry's online guestbook at: [www.never-gone.com](http://www.never-gone.com) In lieu of flowers, if you wish, please make a donation to the American Heart Association. Arrangements are assisted by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

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