



Edward Alan Baker

November 22, 1948 - April 9, 2026

Edward Alan Baker, age 77, of Minneapolis was received into the arms of his Savior on April 9, 2026. Born November 22, 1948, Edward was the only child of George D. and Eileen (Laughlin) Baker and was an 11th generation descendant of English born Francis Baker, who arrived in Boston, MA on the ship "Planter" in 1635.

Ed attended Edison High School, class of 1967, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Minnesota. He was drafted and served in Vietnam from 1970-1971 as part of the US Army, 11th Armored Cavalry.

After the war, Ed's jobs included letter carrier for the US Postal Service, remodeling, painting and restoration for Baker Building Service Company, and painting, wall covering, and a variety of building related repairs and remodeling for Catholic Eldercare, Inc. He took care of his mother at home in her last years.

Ed loved playing pool and he was a master player, practicing his skills on the basement pool table. He also had a lifelong love of bowling, playing in the 7th-9th grade junior league and continuing for most of his life. His bowling average was 190-200. He was a good 1st baseman in high school baseball.

He loved golf, hunting, fishing and being outdoors while visiting friends and

family at their cabins. He loved baking and especially excelled in making chocolate chip cookies which he generously shared with others. He also enjoyed reading fiction, history, economics, and current affairs. He attended a Billy Graham Crusade in his youth and returned to reading the Bible in recent years. He faithfully attended a small group Bible study. Ed loved spending time with family, friends and neighbors. Many neighbors became like family to him.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, his cousins; Marian Murakami of CA, Dorothy Annen of MN, Gary Baker of MN, Donald Baker of MN, and Rodney Baker of OR. He is survived by cousins: Robert Youngward of Lake Elmo, MN, Margaret O'Toole of Chandler, AZ, Georgina Werbowenko of Richfield, MN, Joanne Baker of Grand Rapids, MN, Louise Horkay of Hanover, IL, and Lenore Johnson of Chicago, IL, and other relatives and friends. Ed was truly loved and will be missed by all who knew him.

Burial with honors is Thursday April 30, 2026, 9:00 am., Fort Snelling National Cemetery, 7601 34th Ave South, Minneapolis, MN. A Celebration of Life is Monday May 4, 2026, 10:00 visitation, 11:00 service, at The North Church, 5151 Program Ave., Mounds View, MN. Luncheon following at Elsie's, 729 Marshall St. NE, Minneapolis, MN.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 30. 9:00 AM - 9:15 AM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Memorial Service

MAY 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

The North Church
5151 Program Avenue
Mounds View, MN 55112

Tribute Wall

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“ To the family and friends of Edward Alan, please accept the condolences of the Troopers of the 11th Armored Cavalry's veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia. Edward Baker was a dedicated and hard-charging warrior, one of us, one of our own. He served courageously with the Legendary Blackhorse Regiment in the 3rd Howitzer Battery and will be remembered as an honorable trooper whose very presence brought comfort and support to his fellow troopers. His name will be included on the Honor Roll of our combat veterans and may all generations call him blessed as he was willing in the spirit of America to sacrifice and take up arms to protect and care for his fellow man. His service in Vietnam highlighted his bravery and valor and was guided with the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. As grateful Americans we should all pause and salute a man who was willing to put his life on the line for his country. As our burial liturgy states: “ ... his life has not ended, merely changed ...” and as we were together then in Vietnam, we will be together again in the life hereafter, warmly embraced in the arms of our Heavenly Father.

Chaplain Bill, 11th ACVVC (Vietnam 71-72)

Chaplain Bill Karabinos - April 30 at 10:17 AM