



## John Stuart Harry Baker

August 30, 2009

Salem, SC—John Stuart Harry Baker, 75, husband of Elisabeth J. Baker, of 336 Long Reach Drive, Salem, SC, died Sunday, August 30, 2009 at Oconee Medical Center.

A ten year resident of Keowee Key and native of Summit, NJ, Mr. Baker was the son of the late W. Gilbert Baker, Sr. and Ellen Irene Cullis Baker. His passions were bridge playing at the Golden Corner Bridge Club and spending time at the Keowee Key Fitness Center. He was a long time member of the Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit, NJ.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Baker is survived by son, Eric Baker and wife, Becky of Lynnwood, WA; daughter, Julie Baker of Fair Lawn, NJ; brother, W. Gilbert Baker, Jr. of FL; and sister, Elizabeth Baker Peet and husband, Bill of Interlaken, NJ.

A memorial will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 4, 2009 at Keowee Key Country Club, Magnolia Room.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Senior Solutions, 101 Perry Avenue, Seneca, SC 29678.

The family will be at the residence.



# Tribute Wall



“ *John Stuart Harry Baker*

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“ *Mrs. Baker, Julie and Eric: He insisted that we call him “John” or “Dad” rather than “Mr. Baker.” Sarah and I finally defaulted to “Daddy Baker,” which kind of says it all. For us, he was like a second father. He liked to play the role of the lovable curmudgeon, but he was big-hearted, generous, and charming. His personality filled the room. His deep-voiced laugh was instantly cheering. I think what I appreciate most, though, is that while other adults throughout our teen years expected us to learn what we were taught and do what we were told, John expected much more of us. He sought our opinions on a wide range of topics and expected us to challenge him thoughtfully and debate with him intelligently. He talked to us like we were his equals. Julie and Karen would take up the fight with glee, while I often hung back, unaccustomed to this kind of interaction with an adult. It was an amazing learning experience for me. The time we spent with him through high school and college into our early professional years has become more important to me over the years, rather than waning as memories often do, because his lessons were timeless. I think he left more of an impression on me than he ever realized. I really loved him. Thank you for sharing him with all of us. I’m grateful to have known him. He enriched my life immeasurably.##imported-begin##Donna Messner##imported-end##*

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“ *Mrs. Baker, Julie and Eric, We are so very sorry for your loss! How we loved Mr. Baker! How grateful I am for the warm welcome and lively conversation we always enjoyed in your home. Our prayers and love are with you!!!!*

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