

Philip Henry Baker, age 84, of Storm Lake, Iowa, died on Sunday, February 26th, 2006 at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Philip was born to William and Emma Marie (Ackerman) Baker on November 28, 1921 in Washta, Iowa. He attended high school in Early, Iowa, where he graduated in 1939. Phil furthered his education while attending Morningside College, Rose Poly Tech, Dartmouth, Columbia University, and Iowa State University.

On October 7, 1944, Phil married Nadine Hicks in San Diego, California. They were blessed with three daughters: Christie, Cheri, and Jane. He served in the Navy from September 9, 1942, until his honorable discharge in December of 1945. Phil served in World War II, most notably in the Pacific region including the Philippines, Okinawa (Japan), and China.

Phil was a loving husband and devoted father who took great pleasure in providing for his family. Over the years he worked as a farmer, grocer, woodworker, and most recently as an Agricultural Insurance Adjuster. Phil also kept busy in many other ways, serving on many church committees. He was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge, and participated in the American Legion, VFW, Abu Bekr-Shriners (Vintage Wheels), SERPACI, and the Early (Crestland) School Board.

Phil maintained many hobbies including antique cars, woodworking, traveling, meeting people, Baker family geneology, and playing cards with friends. He also loved to visit and tell stories. Phil's lively presence and entertaining stories will be missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Nadine; daughters: Christie Anderson and husband J.R. of Radcliffe, IA; Cheri Johnsen and husband Randy, of Madrid, IA; and Jane Ausborn and husband Dennis of Mount Pleasant, IA. Grandchildren include Major Anderson and wife Jill of Madison, WI; Marshall Anderson and wife Kristi of California; Erin (Anderson) Kron of Stanhope, IA; Nicholas Anderson of Fairbanks, AK; Eric Johnsen and wife Lindsay of Ames, IA; Ryan Johnsen and wife Julie of Slater, IA; Sara Johnsen of Ames, IA; Daniela (Ausborn) Engelkes and husband Bret of Maurice, IA; Anthony Ausborn of Dallas, TX; and Jessica Ausborn of Mount Pleasant, IA. Great-grandchildren include Michaela, Katherine, and Samantha Kron; Carter Johnsen, and Conor and Kallan Anderson; as well as many other relatives and friends.

Phil was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother Margaret Held Baker, brothers: Weldon, Francis, Carl, and a sister Mary DeGarmo.



# In Loving Memory



*...And the  
dust returns  
to the earth as  
it was, and the  
breath returns to  
God who gave it.*

*-Ecclesiastes 12:7*



**Philip H. Baker**

1921—2006

We wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited for lunch and a time of fellowship at the church fellowship hall immediately following the memorial service.

## Phil's Family

### Afterglow

I'd like a memory of me  
to be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
of smiles when life is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo  
whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing  
times and bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who  
grieve, to dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave  
When life on earth is done.



## IN MEMORY OF

*Phil Baker*

November 28, 1921 — February 26, 2006

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Tuesday, February 28, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.  
Early United Methodist Church  
Early, Iowa

#### CLERGY

Pastor Carl Bengé

#### ORGANIST

Carol Wendel

#### SOLOIST

Russ Davis

"Still, Still, With Thee When  
Purple Morning Breaketh"

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"  
"O Perfect Love"

#### CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Hymn of Promise"  
"How Great Thou Art"

#### BURIAL

Early Union Cemetery  
Military rites by Early/Nemaha  
American Legion Post 325

#### CASKETBEARERS

Major Anderson, Marshall Anderson, Erin Kron,  
Nicholas Anderson, Eric Johnsen, Ryan Johnsen,  
Sara Johnsen, Daniela Engelkes, Anthony Ausborn, Jessica Ausborn

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