



Calvin "Cal" Baker

July 16, 1952 - June 28, 2008

Calvin "Cal" Baker, 55, longtime Moses Lake resident and community service officer for the Moses Lake Police Department, passed away Saturday, June 28, 2008 at Samaritan Hospital. Memorial services will be held at 10:00am Monday, July 7, 2008 at the Moses Lake Alliance Church with Randy Moore officiating. Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory, Moses Lake.

Cal was born July 16, 1952 in Bakersfield, California to Otha & Inez Baker. His family moved to the Moses Lake area in the early 1960's and where he graduated from Moses Lake High School. He attended Big Bend Community College before enlisting in the service. He joined the United States Marine Corp in 1972 and served 15 years.

Cal worked at the Moses Lake Police Department as a reserve before joining the United States Marine Corp and in 1991 he again joined the Moses Lake Police Department reserve before being hired on full time. In 1995 he was honored with the VFW officer of the year award. Cal worked as the community service coordinator where he was involved with ensuring child seat safety, seat belt safety, bike rodeos, traffic safety, crime prevention, and neighborhood watch. Recently he was promoted to Community Service Officer. He was involved in law enforcement for over 30 years.

Cal married Cheryl Zimmer on March 24, 1994 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and they made their home in Moses Lake.

Cal enjoyed spending time with his family, working with the computer,

gleaning, gardening and ham radio. He enjoyed working with his hands and helping others.

Cal is survived by his wife, Cheryl Baker of Moses Lake; his children; Melanie Schwindt and her husband Jeremy of Provo, Utah, Joshua Zimmer and Cassandra Blackham of Moses Lake, his grandchildren; Annabella and Braeden; his sisters; Barbara Bradley and Pauline Entriken and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother Jimmy Mendenhall.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Moses Lake Police Benefit Association.

Cal will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Previous Events

Service

JUL 7. 10:00 AM (PT)

Moses Lake Alliance Church
1100 N. Grape Dr.
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ Cheryl, we are so sorry for your loss. Cal was a great guy and I always enjoyed talking with him whenever I ran into him. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Marv & Mary Maslen##imported-end##

July 07, 2008 at 02:58 PM



“ Cheryl and Family: I wanted to express my deepest sympathy for your loss. Cal will be truly missed. My heart and prayers go out to you at this difficult time. Take care. Teresa.##imported-begin##Teresa Hamilton##imported-end##

July 05, 2008 at 12:21 PM



“ Cheryl and Family our thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family. Never let go of all the wonderful memories you two shared.##imported-begin##Jerry & Lupe de la Rosa##imported-end##

July 03, 2008 at 06:42 PM



“ To the family of Cal Baker. Any time we lose a public servant, the community suffers dearly. Cal was a good police officer. This year was the first year that we missed him at spring fest handing out safty things near the park. He was a very good example of a police officer to the city. Our prayers go out to all of you. Sue Hodges, Cammy McCreary##imported-begin##sue hodges##imported-end##

July 03, 2008 at 12:11 PM



“ Cheryl and Family

I had good times talking with Cal and having him help me with the computer. It was a joy working with him and giving him a ride home at times. Hope to are doing ok and if you need anything be sure to call. We will miss seeing Cal around, hope to see you soon.

Clair and Jeanie###imported-begin##Clair and Jeanie Harden##imported-end##

July 02, 2008 at 08:11 PM



“ Cheryl and Family:

I am sad to here of Cal's passing. Cal was friend,fellow Marine,and a dedicated employee. I spoke with Cal on occasions even after my retirement. Cal always had a positive attitude towards his career, family and life in general.

Do to circumstances beyond my control I cannot attend Cal's service. Please take these comments to heart.

Sincerely

Fred Haynes

Police Chief-Retired###imported-begin##Fred M. Haynes##imported-end##

July 02, 2008 at 07:21 PM



“ Cheryl, you and your family are in my prayers. Cal was an example of caring and compassion. He will be missed by all who knew him.##imported-begin##Teri Oliver##imported-end##

July 02, 2008 at 05:34 PM



“ I am sorry to here about your loss. Cal will be missed. I will always treasure the things he advised me when it comes to child/passenger safety. Cal's family will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Noelia DeLeon-Sandoval##imported-end##

July 02, 2008 at 04:55 PM



“ "No Man Ever Stood So Tall As When He Stooped To Help A Child." I had the honor of meeting and working with Cal through the 3 FLAGS Traffic Safety project. Compassion, Integrity and Sincerity, are just three of Cal's most prominently displayed traits. His unshakable determination to do more than his fair share for "Our National Treasures", our children in cars seats, will continue through us all.
Cheryl, you and all your family are in my prayers, and as Cal is looking down and watching over us, know that as far as "Standing So Tall", Cal has always towered above us.##imported-begin##John P. Cummings##imported-end##

July 02, 2008 at 03:27 PM



“ I am very sorry for your loss. Cal will be missed.##imported-begin##Erika Simmons##imported-end##

July 02, 2008 at 02:45 PM



“ I have known Cal for a long time through his efforts with child passenger safety. He cared very much and was always supportive and pleasant to work with. His contributions have been appreciated.##imported-begin##Peggy Grigg##imported-end##

July 02, 2008 at 01:12 PM



“ Cheryl,

Cal was a good friend and co-worker. I enjoyed working with him very much over the years. He always had the "Can Do" attitude and was a pleasure to be around. I will miss Cal very much.

Jim##imported-begin##Jim Jenkins##imported-end##

July 02, 2008 at 10:42 AM



“ Sorry to hear about your lost He was a "GREAT MAN THAT WILL BE MISSED" an a "GREAT FRIEND TO ME AN MY BROTHER"

HE WILL BE SITTING AT GOD'S RIGHT SIDE##imported-begin##Paul & Darrell Templeton##imported-end##

July 01, 2008 at 09:47 PM