



## Chester A. Baker

September 17, 1938 - September 9, 2012

Chester A. Chet Baker passed away on Sunday, September 9, 2012. He was 73, born September 17, 1938 in Bellingham to Chester and Isabel (Vance) Baker.

Chet was a graduate of Orcas Island High School and a 1961 graduate of WWU. It was at Western that he met his future wife Roylene Callero. They married September 17, 1960.

Chet taught and coached at Mt. Baker Junior/Senior High School from 1961 until his retirement in 1994 after 32 years of teaching. He worked several summers as a commercial fisherman. He loved spending time on their property on Guemes Island where he enjoyed raising oysters, working in the woods, and building split rail fences. He also loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Roylene of Bellingham; son Kevin and wife Vikki Baker; daughters, Stephanie Straight, Stacy Hill and husband Eric; grandchildren, Christopher, Kyle, Tiffany, Tara, Michelle, Tanner, Kara; brothers Bill Robison, and Don Baker.

Memorials may be made to Immanuel Bible Church Missions Fund, 2000 W. North St., Bellingham, WA 98225, or Gideon Society, or Whatcom Hospice, or

a charity of your choice.

The family wishes to thank Whatcom Hospice staff members who cared so kindly for Chet during his illness.

A memorial service will be held Friday, September 14, at 4 PM, at Immanuel Bible Church in Bellingham.

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# Tribute Wall

MB

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. All my love to you.

Mark Brownrigg - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I taught with Chet at the old high school when I first came to the Mt. Baker School District. He was welcoming and supportive. Years later, he became my daughter’s Junior High softball coach. As grandparents, we’d visit again when picking up grandchildren at the same local daycare. Always supportive and positive, always willing to share a smile. A sincere human being worthy of the term, “friend”. My condolences to his family. tim

Tim Shepherd - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CQ

“ We wish to offer our sincere condolences to the Baker family. We will miss visiting with Chet on our walks around Lake Padden. It was a pleasure to know him. Best Wishes. Carol & Al Quimby

Carol Quimby - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Chet was such a kind and loving husband to my dear friend Roylene. He loved her openly and with great joy. I am so glad you two were able to go on your cruise and spend such lovely family time on Guemes. I smile when I picture Chet on a ladder picking apples and sharing them with us all! He will be missed. My heart aches for your loss, Roylene and family. We send our love, Janet and Gary.

Janet Eerkes - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *I was a Freshman in 1957. I looked in our old Orcas Island HS annual and found a silly snapshot of Chet. I remember he was fun and interesting and smart. So sorry for your loss. He will be missed.*

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**Suzanne Gott** - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM