



Arthur Charles Baker

February 12, 1937 - September 9, 2023

Arthur Charles Baker of Chester, CA, passed from this life on September 9, 2023, in Willows, CA, at the age of 86.

Art was born February 12, 1937, in Oakland, CA, to Arthur Frederick Charles Baker and Mary Barbara Neves Baker. He was raised in Oakland and enjoyed many weekend camping and fishing trips with his family to the Chester area with a favorite spot being Potato Patch. He enlisted in the US Army in 1954 at the age of 17. He served in the Korean War and Occupation stationed at a Quartermasters petroleum depot in Japan attaining the rank of Sergeant until his honorable discharge in 1957.

Upon his return to Oakland, Art eventually married Janice Rago and worked as a dairy distributor in the Oakland/Berkeley area. Later, Art, Janice and their 5 children moved to Placerville, CA. Art left Placerville to work in the petroleum industry for SGS and Caleb Brett marine surveyors in Texas and San Francisco Bay area.

Art's second wife, Dianna, and he had an adventurous life living in Georgetown, CA, Chester, CA, Los Molinos, CA, and Red Bluff, CA. They built 2 barns, ran a small dairy farm, operated the Golden Bear Restaurant in Chester, remodeled houses with her mother and husband, and much more.

Moving to Yuba City, Art and 3rd wife, Linda, established "Valley Distributors" providing restaurant disposables in the Sacramento Valley.

In 1992, Art began his real estate appraiser career. He became a California Certified Residential Appraiser working primarily in Chico and the central Sacramento Valley. He later moved to Chester with his 4th wife Beverly (Clark-Murphy) Baker who also became a Certified Residential Appraiser. They worked throughout Plumas and Lassen Counties until Art's retirement in 2012 and Bev's retirement in 2016.

Art's lifelong hobbies included trapping, fishing, hunting, taxidermy, carpentry, wood working and metal working. In later life, he also enjoyed building their cabin in Nevada, rebuilding both his Coot and Trackster, and caring for the birds and roses in their garden. Art frequently said, "If I die tomorrow, don't feel sad. I

have had a great life.”

Art is survived by his wife of 21 years, Beverly, his dear little dog, Mitzy; 5 children, Richard, Cheryl, Mark, Theresa and Kenny; their mother, Janice; 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 1 on the way; stepdaughter Kerry Murphy, stepson Brian Murphy; sister Deanna and brother Michael. Art was predeceased by his parents; granddaughter, Carlene Baker; brother-in-law, Jimmy Rago; son-in-law, Jimmy Turnboo and stepson Kevin Murphy.

Graveside services with Military Honors will be held at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Corning, CA, at 11:00 AM on Friday, September 22, 2023, with a celebration of life and luncheon following at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Parish Hall in Corning. Services are under the direction of Hall Brothers Corning Mortuary.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hill Cemetery

4470 Oren Avenue
Corning, CA 96201
(530) 824-2255

Previous Events

Graveside Military Honors

SEP 22. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

Sunset Hill Cemetery
4470 Oren ave
Corning, CA 96021

Celebration of Life Luncheon

SEP 22. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Immaculate Conception Parish
814 Solano St
Corning, CA 96021

Tribute Wall

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“ *Janice & Phil purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Arthur Charles Baker.*



Janice & Phil - September 16, 2023 at 01:23 PM

MR

“ *Marcia Nay and Howie Raff purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Arthur Charles Baker.*



Marcia Nay and Howie Raff - September 16, 2023 at 12:07 PM

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“ *Marcia Nay and Howie Raff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur Charles Baker.*

Marcia Nay and Howie Raff - September 16, 2023 at 12:07 PM