



Roy Baker

March 1, 1952 - August 7, 2019

BAKER, Roy M. - 67, of the Cape May area, passed away on August 7, 2019, surrounded by his family after a brief but fierce battle with metastatic lung cancer. Roy was born in his paternal family's home state of West Virginia, to Roy Baker, a traveling salesman, and Doris Baker (nee Taylor), a registered nurse and Cape May native. Roy spent most of his life in Cape May, growing up with his mother, sister, and extended family of grandmothers, aunts, uncles and cousins in a farm family deeply rooted in the area. Roy was a caring person who valued others, most of all his family. He was a talented musician with a genuine love of music, and a great reader who loved a good discussion or debate. Roy was a craftsman who took great pride in his work throughout his life. He was generous and always gave others the benefit of the doubt. He maintained his positive outlook on life until the very end, which will surprise no one who knew him well. He was predeceased by his mother, Doris, who died of cancer on August 6, 1992, his father, who passed away in TN after a long illness, and his younger sister, Carolyn Twombly, who passed away in 2012 after a long illness. He leaves behind his loving wife, Donna (nee Olson), daughter Shannon Nagle, son-in-law Chris Nagle, two deeply beloved granddaughters, as well as, nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family. Roy's memorial ceremony will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Holy Redeemer Home Care & Hospice or the charity of your choice. (Spilker Funeral Home, Cape May) info and condolences: spilkerfuneralhome.com

Comments



“ Just found out about his Passing - always had the utmost respect for Roy. Your wit and humor will always be remembers RIP Woofers

Susan Giles - February 09 at 10:03 AM



“ Been away doing family things and did not realize...though we never met he was always a helpful friend online. You are missed

Cindy Thomas - October 07, 2019 at 08:35 AM



“ Roy's song will stay in our ears bringing joy. Peace to his family and condolences on his untimely death.

Clare Juechter - August 14, 2019 at 06:55 AM



“ Roy, or (Spike) as I used to call him were friends all our lives! He used to let me ride his horse in the 60's and we used to help his Aunt clean out stalls at Hidden Valley. Used to visit with him at McDonalds, yes free coffee, and saw him last at my dear Aunt Helen Sayre's funeral where we had a long conversation catching up. Will miss all his coffee and cat posts and the music. Rest In Peace dear friend.

Cynthia Reeves Hopkins

Cynthia Hopkins - August 13, 2019 at 07:39 PM



“ Back in the day he was encouraging and supportive in my first jump off the old canal bridge in West Cape May. RIP Roy Baker

eileen mccoool - August 11, 2019 at 11:48 PM



“ Diane Clow lit a candle in memory of Roy Baker





Diane Clow - August 11, 2019 at 03:58 PM



“ Roy and me were in a couple bands together. In 8th grade we were in Leon Aragon's & Ric Burke's band. Roy was lead vocal. We won the Battle of the Bands at Cape May Regional & recorded a single 45 in Philly somewhere, Cameo Parkway maybe. Then we played in Windthrop Scupper with Mr. Sleeves & Sneaky Dick. We also jammed a lot. Roy almost always did "Feelin' Alright", & his own song, "You Go Your Way, I'll Go Mine". I am very proud Roy drove up to Sigma Sound with me to record the background vocals on a song of mine called "Performance" for Clive Davis' & produced by Steven Apple. Roy brought that world class level to the song from the moment he walked into the vocal booth until he walked out if it. Everyone who played music with Roy will treasure the memories and miss him terrible. We all love you Roy.



Michael Garrett - August 10, 2019 at 05:56 PM



“ Meet Roy Baker 30 years ago -- pool parties in the summer & we had a bowling league every Friday night in Wildwood -- RIP Roy our Friend
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Mike Conwell - August 10, 2019 at 05:15 PM



“ Some years ago Roy and I were talking about music and performing. I had seen him play a few times and was an instant fan. As I talked to him, and explained how terrified I was playing Open Mic, he began giving me encouragement through his thoughts and prospective. He told me, "Just put your mind back to when you're playing at home, nobody listening, and you're pretending your in Madison Square Garden playing to a packed house, and everyone is there for you.". Then he said, "Even if you think no one is listening to you, search the room with your eyes. You'll find the one person there that is listening, and focus on them.". I still play the Open Mic when I'm in town. And I remember that conversation every time I play. Thank you Roy. You are in my mind, heart, and music. And these things are everlasting.

Mike McCarthy - August 10, 2019 at 04:45 PM



“ I’ve known Roy since early childhood and have enjoyed his music for years. Sorry to say “So long old friend” much too soon. May he live on through the music he left with us.

Alan MacDonald - August 10, 2019 at 12:51 PM



“ Joanne Schweitzer McGaha lit a candle in memory of Roy Baker



Joanne Schweitzer McGaha - August 10, 2019 at 11:01 AM



“ Julia Quinn lit a candle in memory of Roy Baker



julia quinn - August 10, 2019 at 10:33 AM



“ Roy was always a gentle soul, he will be missed.

julia quinn - August 10, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ Jennifer Kopp lit a candle in memory of Roy Baker





Jennifer Kopp - August 10, 2019 at 10:14 AM

 “ Leon Staniec lit a candle in memory of Roy Baker



Leon Staniec - August 10, 2019 at 05:39 AM



“ Fellow classmate, Lower Cape May High, RIP ROY

Leon Staniec - August 10, 2019 at 05:40 AM

 “ Roy will be truly missed! He was extremely helpful to my many years ago when I needed a shoulder to cry on or a smack in the back of the head. His journey on this earth is over, but I know I'll meet him another day. RIP Roy Baker.

william gerry - August 09, 2019 at 09:19 PM

 “ I think we first met Roy after hearing him play with "Rick" and I sent him a friend request to follow their bookings. I got to know him better through his beautifully written Facebook posts, where he chronicled his ups and downs and his love for Donna and his family. We attended many of his gigs, he even was kind enough to let me play and sing a few songs at Cold Springs during his session. We enjoyed his musical talent, his sharp wit and his big heart. He was truly a "man of worth" and will be missed by all who knew him.

CATHY OBRIEN - August 09, 2019 at 06:32 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



jason hirsh - August 09, 2019 at 06:19 PM



“ Roy was always one to make you laugh. He was a good friend to many and a very talented musician. I always thought he could've been a comedian. I will miss his music, his humor but most of all his friendship. I am struggling for words.

Marilyn Lafferty - August 09, 2019 at 05:12 PM



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Cathy O'Brien - August 09, 2019 at 06:19 PM