



Samuel Baker

January 29, 1951 - September 20, 2013

Murrells Inlet

Sam Baker

Sam Baker, age 62, died Friday, September 20, 2013 at Medical University of South Carolina.

Born in Columbia, SC, he was the son of the late Luther Byrd Baker and Madge Elizabeth Jamerson Baker. He graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1973, and was an avid Gamecocks fan. Mr. Baker opened the original Sam's Corner in Garden City, in 1976. He was a devoted father who loved country music, and loved to travel. He was predeceased by a son Samuel H. Baker, Jr.

Survivors include his son, Jacob Henry Baker of Murrells Inlet, SC; his daughter Emily Marie Baker of Garden City Beach, SC; 2 brothers, Timothy Byrd Baker of Murrells Inlet, SC, and Luther Rembert Baker of Greenville, SC; and a sister, Glenda Ann Baker Shelley of Lugoff, SC.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at Garden City Chapel. Father Edmund McCaffrey will be officiating. Burial will follow at Ocean Woods Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 pm on Monday, September 23, 2013 at Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sam Baker USC Memorial Scholarship Fund, at PO Box 348, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576.

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Ocean Woods Cemetery

2408 S. Kings Hwy
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Previous Events

Service

SEP **24.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Garden City Chapel
P O Box 1417
Garden City, SC 29576
(843) 651-2223

Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Samuel Baker



Goldfinch Funeral Home - September 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Sam Baker....what a "card" he was... Sam gave me & my then husband our start in our first & new business. (We did painting & wallpapering). Not only did he hire us to paint "The Corner" ~ "Domino's" ~ Sam's Beachwear & a too many other small jobs to mention He put up the money for our equipment & all the supplies needed to get "The Business" started...just on our word & a hand shake! Yes right off of that wad in his pocket without blinking an eye. I did not know Sam passed away until I happened upon this while searching for someone else. My heart & prayers go out to the Baker family. Sam you will be greatly missed but I'm sue you are making someone smile in heaven with one of the endless stories you have to tell. RIPKim Moon

Kim Moon - November 21, 2013 at 08:02 AM

PA

“ I'm so saddened to here the great loss of Sam, my family and I have been coming to sames for many years and it was a pleasure to have known him, my thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends, you will be greatly missed.

Pam - September 28, 2013 at 07:05 PM

CN

“ My name is Kirsten and I am 10 years old, and I am the girl who named a crab after you. (Sammy) Once when I was there you said a word that hurt my feelings, and I was the only kid there and you said you were sorry for this and gave me cookies and a t-shirt. We will miss you so much, you were my best friend, and made me so happy to go into Sam's Corner because I know you could be there. And my great grandpa told me about you today [Friday September 27/2013]. I'm so sorry that I won't see you there next summer. I will miss you very much.

Cathy Nichols - September 27, 2013 at 08:21 PM

MM

“ I just found out about Sam today via a family member from Murrels Inlet, my deepest sympathy for family and friends, he was a good man. I have very fond memories of coming into to Sam's, I was 7, it had just opened and we thought it was the coolest place on the beach, and yes we got free fries and drinks all the time too. Sam worked hard, made a great business and had a big heart. It's been a long time since we were kids and teenagers running in and out of there. For years I kept trying to catch Sam there and say hello...and finally less than 6 weeks ago I walked up and there he sat. It was nostalgic and ironic, I'm so glad I got to see him again and I hope Sam's Corner is always there.

Rest in peace Sam

RIP Robert Michale Marchant 8-12-13

my sincere sympathy,

Memory F. Marchant-Boyle, SC

Memory Marchant-Boyle - September 26, 2013 at 03:25 AM

PK

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. I am sure George and Sam and all the other Gamecock fans are "holding court" as they did so many times at Sam's Corner.*

Paulette Kempton

Paulette Kempton - September 25, 2013 at 05:56 PM

MS

“ *My wife and I trek to myrtle for the bike weeks and Sams place has always been one of our "go too" places, just one of those places at the beach you have to do.....sorry to hear this man passed but will enjoy more stops at Sams the years to come....*

*M&M
Western pa...*

MS - September 24, 2013 at 08:27 PM

OF

“ *I moved here when I was 13 1/2 yrs old and lived right on the Georgetown/Horry co line had to walk to the bus stop in front of Sam's corner and sat on the seawall that is no longer there, after school Sam's was the 1st place we went to, to hang out, came summer we practically lived there going in and out, but Sam didn't mind he fed us and gave us free drinks, when hugo came thru and gutted Sam's corner I cried, but he rebuilt and is what it looks like today, I am 50 yrs old now and still to this day go back to Sam's corner and bring my family, Sam always made you feel welcome as he sat on his stool in the corner, his memory will live on, thank you Sam for all the great memories...love an old friend...*

Old Friend - September 24, 2013 at 02:28 PM



“ *My favorite (TRUE) 'Sam Baker' story that always makes me laugh.*

Anyone who knew Sam knows how unpretentious he was - with vehicles, clothes, stories of success or conquest - he just didn't need it... but he did grow up quite poor and he WAS always afraid of being caught broke. Although Sam carried credit cards that could take him around the world he always had a 'wad' in his pocket - always. I'm talking a serious wad, several thousand dollars at least. And many people knew it. Indeed, it was VERY RARE that someone, somewhere EVERY DAY didn't ask Sam for a 'little help' with this or that.

One summer day a few years ago an on-again, off-again scofflaw, drifter, no-count former employee Sam had given about 10 chances stopped by Sam's Corner on his way to Florida from NC, where he had been living. He approached Sam, who inquired how things were going and the 'kid' (he was probably 35 or 40 years old by then) said "I'm trying, Sam - I'm on my way to Florida, I've got a job waiting on me but I COULD use a little help getting there. Look! (raising his shoe) the bottom's coming off these tennis shoes!"

Sam smiled that 'knowing smile' and reached for his 'wad' - something I've seen him do a thousand times - and it's a ritual ... Sam had a slight tremor and very distinct 'hand motions'... the show had started. That scofflaw's eyes just about bugged out when he saw Sam go for the pocket. With a great flourish Sam removed the giant rubber band surrounding his cash wad and handed it to the fella. "Here," said Sam. "Put that around your shoe and your sole won't flap."

Sam Baker was a kind, generous soul - but Sam Baker was nobody's fool. I will miss him a lot.

Tom Davis - September 24, 2013 at 09:58 AM

BA

“ *My deepest sympathy. I will always have fond memories of Sam and the times I was able to spend time with him at Sams for many years. He will be missed.*

Barbara - September 24, 2013 at 09:04 AM

RW

“ *Please accept our sincerest condolences for your loss. We know this is a difficult time and our hearts and prayers go out to all of you. Cherish the memories. Richard and Carol Wilburn*

Richard Wilburn - September 24, 2013 at 07:08 AM

BB

“ *I met Sam in the mid 70's at Sam's Corner. I don't believe he ever knew my name but always recognized me as the guy from Pa. who brought the rain. I always looked forward to seeing him on the corner and will miss him. He was a great guy and a hard worker. Bob Brouse*

Bob Brouse - September 23, 2013 at 08:08 PM

MR

“ *Mike Rita lit a candle in memory of Samuel Baker*



Mike Rita - September 23, 2013 at 07:09 PM

SY

“ *Prayers to the family. I always visit Sam's when vacationing in Garden City.*

Steve Young - September 23, 2013 at 07:00 PM

GF

“ Gary Roberts And Family lit a candle in memory of Samuel Baker



gary roberts and family - September 23, 2013 at 06:54 PM

GF

I had a nice conversation with sam a few years ago when my family visited Myrtle Beach at Garden City. My daughter and family live in Myrtle so we go down and visit quite frequently. We talked about Dirty John hot dogs in queensbury ny and how a lot of snowbirds when they go to fla have their hot dogs packed and shipped to fla in the wintertime. Sam got quite a kick out of our conversation. Sam was a great guy will miss him very much. May you rest in peace. God Bless your family sam.

gary roberts and family - September 23, 2013 at 07:00 PM



“ Donna Bennett loves you and sends her love to your family

Ki-ki Ray - September 23, 2013 at 06:49 PM



“ My name is Ki-ki Ray. I am Mark Ray's daughter. I have known Sam all my life and my father has worked for Sam since he 18 at the Garden City Beach location. Sam would always check up on my dating situation, which was never to his standard. Always saying i could do better, but never the less always accepting of our 2 Lil' Rays. Stating to my dad, dont worry if the kids had wondered behind the counter. Sam would say, just let them get use to it. Im sure we have an apron that would one day fit. Seeing how he'd employeed everyone in our family. It only seemed fitting. We love you Sam and you will be so very missed.

Ki-ki Ray - September 23, 2013 at 06:48 PM

LF

“ *Lanzara Family lit a candle in memory of Samuel Baker*



Lanzara Family - September 23, 2013 at 06:41 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about your passing. RIP my friend. You will be missed. Vivian*

Vivian Mancuso - September 23, 2013 at 04:51 PM

SK

“ *I grew up spending my days at the beach right there at Sam's Corner. I have returned many times to bring my family back for a hot dog, arcade and ice cream. Won't be the same without Mr. Sam. We are all recipients of Sam's smile and personality. If you look in our eyes, you will see his reflection.*

Sarah Korab - September 23, 2013 at 03:34 PM

AN

“ *Our Sincere Sympathy to the family and friends of SAM. From "JERRYS FAMILY". The DiCapua's: Mrs.DiCapua, Angel, Kevin & Brian. Jerry Passed in 2009*



Angel - September 23, 2013 at 01:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Samuel Baker.*



September 23, 2013 at 01:11 PM



“ *Sam Baker was a GREAT HEARTED MAN. He would always listen me talk about everything and really care what I was saying. I knew Sam for 23 years. He always treated me like a lady. Sam has help so many people, I can not count them all!!! and I know Sam had a lot things going on in his life but never complained. I never heard him say anything bad anyone. Maybe Clemson!!! Sam's Corner will never be the same but I will always go there to get that warm good feeling seeing Sam sitting on stool smiling at me!!! I will always see those outstanding BLUE EYES. When I would go to Sam's he always stand up and offer his stool and ask what I would to drink. GREAT GUY!!! He will be missed by a lot people, he will be our hearts!!! I can see a angel laughing, singing and dancing with Patsy Cline and she is loving it and he is too!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Our hearts or with his Family and Friends. My Friend Forever, Kathy Banks Our friend and we were invited abroad on a party of pleasure, which is to last forever. His chair was ready first, and he is gone before us. We could not all conveniently start together, and why should you and I be grieved at this, since we are soon to follow and know where to find him? (Benjamin Franklin, Philadelphia, February 23, 1756)*

kathy banks - September 23, 2013 at 12:52 PM

JP

“ Sam was a friend and a great business landlord. He helped me many times. My deepest sympathy to all his loved ones. JON PHILLIPS

Jon Phillips - September 23, 2013 at 11:37 AM

TN

“ Sam was a great friend in friendship and business. He was a Mentor to me and my furniture business. He will be missed so much by all. Our hearts and Prayers are with his family. Tony Nash

Tony Nas - September 23, 2013 at 10:55 AM

GE

“ I had many good times talking with SAM over the years, This is a loss to many of his frinds.. God bless SAMS FAMILY !

Gordon & Barbara ELLIS

GORDON ELLIS - September 23, 2013 at 10:38 AM

KR

“ I met sam when i was a kid. I was skateboarding on the concrete slab for the original Sams corner. He was always very fair and kind to me since that day. RIP Sam you will be missed. Kelly Riichards, VillageSurf Shoppe

kelly richards - September 23, 2013 at 09:44 AM

JD

“ Rest-in-Peace Sam Baker hot dog maker!!! Condolences to all the family.
John, Anita, and Rossie Dubose.

John Dubose - September 23, 2013 at 09:21 AM

CN

*I have many great memories of Sam playing football at MBHS in the 60's. My prayers go out to his family, Sincerely,
Chris Cameron Noland*

Chris Noland - September 23, 2013 at 09:26 AM

DL

“*Sam will be sorely missed. I have been coming to Sam's Corner since I was in high school in the '70's when Sam's first opened. My husband and I just visited again in August and we wondered where the "old crew" was. I tell everyone that Sam's Corner and the Garden City Pier are my favorite spots on earth. Heartfelt sympathy to all who loved Sam.*

Diane Black, Columbia, SC

Dblack1957@yahoo.com - September 23, 2013 at 09:10 AM

JT

“*Sam will always be remembered by our family. He and our dad, Clyde McAlhany, used to love to talk about Gamecock football any month of the year. Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Jenny, D.L., Lauren, and Katy Thompson*

Jenny Thompson - September 23, 2013 at 08:19 AM

TG

R.I.P.Sam....you will be missed by a lot of pple.....God Bless the family...

Thomas& Shirley Gardner - September 23, 2013 at 11:33 AM

AS

“ Thanks for all the memories & kindness you shared with so many of us who have visit Garden City on a regular basis. Garden City will not be the same. Prayers are with your family. RIP Sam.
Anne Smith

Anne Smith - September 23, 2013 at 08:13 AM

RC

“ Thank you to Sam, Rembert and Tim for generating many fond memories while working together at the Fun Plaza. Although I have been away from the beach for many years, I still smile fondly while reliving memories.
God Bless and keep you in his holy hands
Randy Cooper

Randy Cooper - September 23, 2013 at 08:03 AM

DK

“ Rest In Peace Sam.
A piece of the beach is gone with you.
I will always value your friendship.

Danny King - September 23, 2013 at 07:46 AM


Pamela
Hinken

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you! We will always remember Sam. God Bless,
Whitey and Pam Hinken from Woodbridge, Va!

Pamela Hinken - September 23, 2013 at 07:36 AM

RM

“ Our Prayers are with you and your family. God Bless Ron Powel and Ronda Montgomery

Rhonda Montgomery - September 23, 2013 at 06:58 AM

TB

Sam was one of a kind, and a very good friend. Our hearts and Prayers are with the entire family. Tommy & Gail Broome

Tommy Broome - September 23, 2013 at 09:07 AM

SG

My family has been vacationing at Garden City for the past 32 years. We have terrific memories watching our children and now grandchildren grow up over these years. "Sams" is a Myrtle Beach icon to us. We always start our week of vacation by eating hot dogs at "Sams". Your establishment has touched a lot of people. R.I.P.

S. Johnston family Marietta Ga. - September 23, 2013 at 09:24 AM

SW

“ *One heck of a guy. He will be missed by family, friends and the community that he loved so much.*

Sam Wiede - September 23, 2013 at 06:01 AM



“ *May God be with you, Jake, Emily, and the Baker Family in your time of need.*

Pattie Cunniffe - September 23, 2013 at 05:52 AM

CK

“ *I grew up in the same neighborhood as Sammy and we played together as children. I have been gone from Myrtle for many yrs but I still have fond memories of that childhood friend Sammy. May God give each of you comfort and help you make it through the sad times with happy memories.*



cindy skipper kapcsandi - September 23, 2013 at 05:37 AM

BS

“ *Deepest condolences to the family and colleagues of Sam.*



Brian Shaw - September 23, 2013 at 02:54 AM

CK

“ *Rest-In-Peace Sam, May God watch over your family, Jodi, Jake and Emily you are in my prayers. Cindy Keith*



Cindy Keith - September 23, 2013 at 02:33 AM



Margaret
Sargent
McComas

“ *To the Baker Family,
We are all so sad to hear of Sams passing. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Thanks Sam for everything you did to make my life easier
Donation Station Thrift Store
Margaret McComas*

Margaret Sargent McComas - September 22, 2013 at 11:57 PM

JD

“ *our thoughts and prayers
Jackie (Morris) & Bill Donevant*

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VC

“ *Sammy way always fun to spent time with. He sure did work a lot. I
send my prayers to his family. Friends for ever.*

Vera Creque - September 22, 2013 at 09:29 PM

BF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Baker family. Steve and Bitsy
Farmer*

Bitsy Farmer - September 22, 2013 at 08:43 PM

HW

“ *RIP Sam, we will miss you. paying my respects at Sam's Corner on
Monday. Thank You*

Heath Walsh - September 22, 2013 at 08:25 PM

AF

“ *A dear friend...so many fun times and great memories over many
many years....Anne Fisher*

anne fisher - September 22, 2013 at 07:42 PM



“ we lived at myrtle beach for 13 years and loved going to sams corner in m.b loved his hot dogs and will forever cherish the the people who worked there and sam R _ I _ P sam thanks for the memories



terri moore - September 22, 2013 at 07:18 PM



“ Sam was a true friend and consummate businessman. Sam allowed me to open and thrive in a business back in 1991, I will cherish the memories of Sam's Corner, the Fireworks stores, and sharing Gamecock stories. RIP my friend.

*Michael Ray
Myrtle Beach*

Michael Ray - September 22, 2013 at 06:04 PM



“ Over twenty years ago, I was a college football coach from West Virginia. I had a friend who owned a condo in Garden City, that let me stay there in the winter to recruit the Grand Strand area. When the day was done, I'd go to Sam's Corner for dinner and and a drink. I soon became acquainted with two ole Carolina boys sittin' in there every day. Of course, it was Sam and Tim Baker. We became fast friends, talkin football (mostly Gamecocks with them, of course), and this old hillbilly expounding on my love of the beach in the summer (which of course, created some great visits to my new buddies while I was on vacation). Sam was the best. He was the kind of guy who knew "real people", and loved to be around his true friends. I saw Sam this past July. It was the first time in three years. As I knew it would happen, he and Tim and I took right up to speed with each other as if we had seen one another a week ago. Rest In Peace old friend. We'll catch up on football when I see you again.

*Bob Gobel
Scott Depot, WV*

Bob Gobel - September 22, 2013 at 05:04 PM

BS

“ Sam was the best friend and most wonderful human being that I have ever known. He was so kind, loving, caring, sharing, supportive, trustworthy, giving and forgiving. He would do anything for you and many times did without you asking. Sam was a one of a kind. The type person that makes your life better by his interactions with you. The beach won't be the same without Sam. I feel a big void that can't be filled, but can be comforted by the memory of seeing Sam and hearing his voice. Even when you didn't see him when you should have, the look on his face that turned happy quickly and the voice that said come over here and let me give you a big hug. Sam turned the undeserved into a learning session of how to treat people. I won't forget him and I will be better for having known him. I thank GOD for putting Sam on this earth and for giving me the privilege of being a small part of his life.

bob shotkus - September 22, 2013 at 04:21 PM

GM

Jake, Emily and the Baker family. I have known Sam since he built his first restaurant in Surfside Beach near my business, "Johnson's Restaurant" across from Surfside Pier, he would come in and we had long talks. . In 1976 he built Sam's Corner next to My late husband Bill Martin and me (Fun Land Arcade) renamed in 1989, Garden City Pavilion Arcade, My late husband and Sam had a great friendship as well as a business relationship. I am very sad that Sam has passed. As his next door neighbor in Garden City I will miss him. He would bring Jake and Emily into the Arcade from the time they were babies until they were teenagers. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Baker family. May God be with you during the very difficult time. I will always remember you Sam, God be with you.

Georgie Martin - September 23, 2013 at 11:04 AM

AN

Our condolences to Sam's children and family. May God be with you during your time of grief. -- Angela and Al Nicholas, Murrells Inlet, SC

Angela Nicholas - September 24, 2013 at 12:37 PM