

## Lawrence Wayne Baker

Lawrence “Larry” Wayne Baker, 75, of Sturgis, SD, died Thursday, December 1, 2022, at St. Mary’s Hospital in Rochester, MN.

Lawrence “Larry” Baker was a devoted husband and a loving father. He was a kind and generous person, who provided for his community and his family in countless ways. He was a member of the National Guard for six years; he was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Elks Club, and the American Legion; he was also a volunteer fireman for 25 years and operated his own custom haygrinding business for 46 years. He married Maureen Grebner-Herbst on October 12, 1968, and together they raised four children: Daniel (Shanda) Baker, Denise (Rex) Ryckman, Cindy (John) Spelbring, and Neil (Christine) Baker. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Throughout his life, Larry was an avid outdoorsman, marksman, and loved traveling with his family. Larry never missed an opportunity to impart his own sense of humor, and he was reliable in innumerable ways throughout his life. He was a beacon in dark times and was always steadfast in uncertain times.

Larry is preceded in death by his mother and father, Arnold and Edna, his sister, Debbie, his mother-in-law, Katherine Herbst-Kelley, his father-in-law, Al Herbst, his granddaughter, Amanda Baker, his brothers-in-law, Raymond Smith, Joel Herbst, and Leroy, his favorite cat, whom Larry trained to wipe his feet.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com)



*In Loving Memory Of*

***Lawrence Wayne Baker***

*April 16, 1947 ~ December 1, 2022*

*The family would like you to join them for fellowship and lunch after the committal service in the church hall.*

*Thank you for your presence and condolences.*





## **A Bend in the Road**

**Sometimes we come to life's crossroads  
And we view what we think is the end.  
But God has a much wider vision  
And he knows that it's only a bend-**

**The road will go on and get smoother  
And after we've stopped for a rest,  
The path that lies hidden beyond us  
Is often the path that is best.**

**So rest and relax and grow stronger,  
Let go and let God share your load  
And have faith in a brighter tomorrow-  
You've just come to  
a bend in the road.**

## ***In Loving Memory Of Lawrence Wayne Baker***

### ***Born***

April 16, 1947  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### ***Died***

December 1, 2022  
Rochester, Minnesota

### ***Memorial Mass***

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.  
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### ***Celebrant***

Father Timothy Castor

### ***Musicians***

Dr. Barry Furze    Myron Volk

### ***Musical Selections***

"Be Not Afraid" "Gift of Finest Wheat" "One Bread, One Body"  
"Go Rest High on That Mountain" "On Eagle's Wings"

### ***Final Resting Place***

Bear Butte Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota