

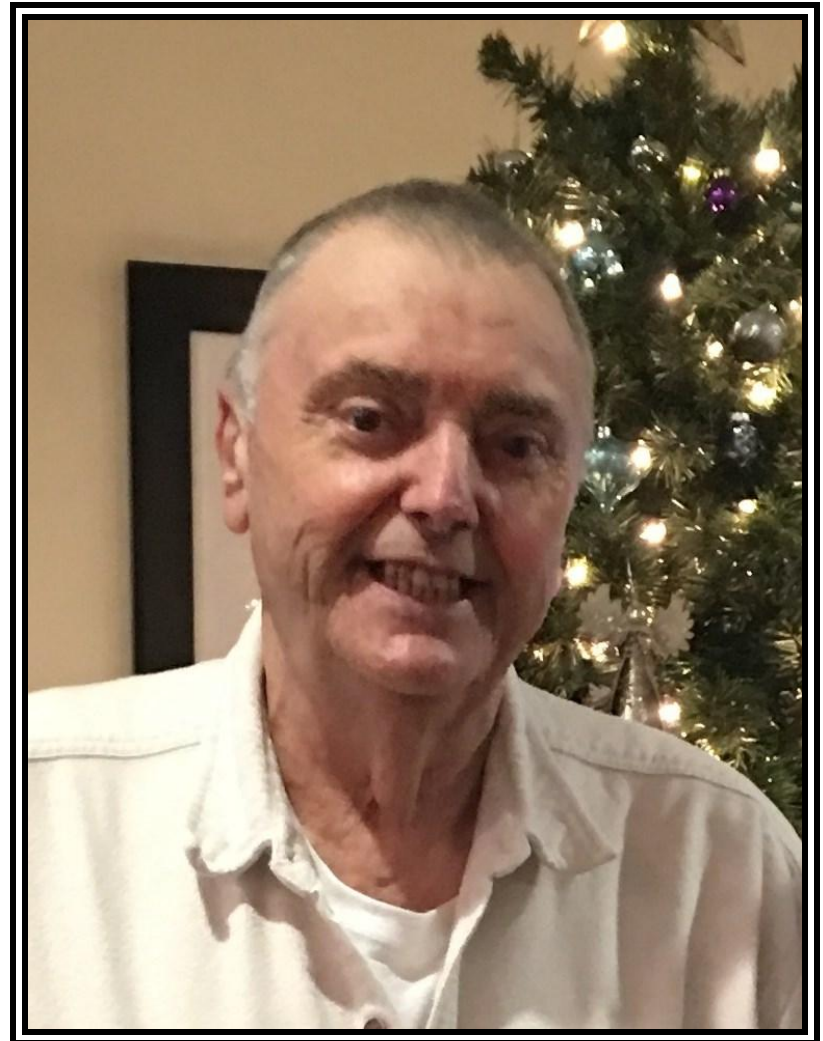
Ronald "Duke" Baker, 76, of Bar Harbor husband of Therese Baker died suddenly on Friday February 10, 2017. He was born October 9th, 1940 in Central Falls Rhode Island the son of Emile and Eva I. (Fontaine) Baker.

Ron loved his family, "church family" and many friends who have remained a constant source of love, kindness, and support. Ron was a jack of all trades sort to speak and wore many hats from starting as a young man helping mix mortar for his dad's plastering business to transitioning to helping his brother Tony installing pools. Ron also was quite handy as a carpenter and built his first home at the age of nineteen. Earning the nickname "Duke" as a young boy growing up on the farm was something that stuck with him throughout his life as an open road truck driver. Leaving the trucking industry behind Ron moved to Bar Harbor in the spring 1978 and purchased an old nursing home on Mt Desert Street. He spent the next few years turning the home into an inn which it still remains to this day. Two years later a job operating equipment and working at the highway department opened up in Bar Harbor and it's there he spent the next twenty two years, meeting many people with his outgoing personality. Working for "Highway" as he liked to call it made him extremely happy and he enjoyed the time spent there very much. He retired in 2003 from the highway department and then went to work for Holy Redeemer church as their custodian and groundskeeper part time. After calling it quits five years later he finally took the time to enjoy the things that made him really happy, enjoying both his family and church family. He will be sincerely missed by everyone who knew him.

Ron was the father of Elaine Perry, husband Allen Perry of Plainville Ma. Suzanne Fiske, husband David Fiske of Norton Ma. Ronnie Baker of New Hampshire. Matt Baker, Girlfriend Dana De Brito of Ft. Lauderdale FL. He leaves behind seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren, brother Florent "Tony" Baker and many nieces and nephews. Ron is predeceased by his parents, his brother Paul Baker, and grandson Richie.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.jordanfernald.com](http://www.jordanfernald.com)

## Celebrating the Life of Ronald "Duke" Baker



1940 - 2017

## *Letter from a Friend*

*I just had to write and tell you how much I love you and care for you. Yesterday, I saw you working and laughing with your friends. I hoped that soon you'd want me to work along with you too. So I painted you a sunset to close your days and whispered a cool breeze to refresh you...*

*I waited, you never called. I just kept loving you.*

*As I watched you fall asleep last night, I wanted so much to touch you, I spilled moonlight onto your face, trickling down your cheeks as so many tears have; you didn't think of me, I wanted so much to comfort you.*

*The next day, I exploded a brilliant sunrise into a glorious morning for you, but you woke up late and rushed off to work, you didn't even notice.*

*My sky became cloudy and my tears were the rain, I love you. Oh if you'd only listen, I really love you. I try to say it in the quiet of the green meadow and in the blue sky. The wind whispers my love throughout the treetops and spills it into the vibrant chorus of the flowers. I shout it to you in the thunder of the great waterfalls and compose love songs for birds to sing for you. I wear you in the clothing of my sunshine and perfume the air with nature's sweet scent. My love for you is deeper than the ocean and greater than any need in your heart.*

*If you only realize how much I care, I died just for you.*

*My Dad sends his love. I want you to meet him. He cares too. Fathers are just like that way. So please call me soon. No matter how long it takes, I'll wait because I love you.*

*Your friend,  
Jesus*

## *In Loving Memory*

# *Ronald "Duke" Baker*

*Born*

*Died*

*October 9, 1940    February 10, 2017*

## *Calling Hours*

*5 p.m. -7 p.m. Friday, February 17, 2017*

*Jordan-Fernald Funeral Home,  
139 Main Street, Mt. Desert, Maine*

## *Funeral Services*

*10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 18, 2017*

*Jordan-Fernald Funeral Home*

*with*

*Pastor Jody Patterson*

## *Reception*

*to follow, at the*

*Atlantic Oceanside Event Center,  
119 Eden Street, Bar Harbor, Maine*

