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Ernest C. BAKER

Ernest C. Baker, Jr.

Age 67 of Dover, DE died Monday, July 19, 2004, at home.

Mr. Baker was born April 17, 1937 in Wilmington, son of Annis Laub Baker of Smyrna and the late Ernest C. Baker Sr.

Mr. Baker retired from the Shore-Stop convenience store and gas station in Smyrna after 27 years as manager.

He had previously managed the Bi Lo service station at Tybouts Corner, and had also worked for Hercules in Middletown and Tyler Refrigeration in Smyrna.

Mr. Baker enjoyed watching wrestling, spending mornings and evenings on his front porch, listening to country music, doing puzzles and playing cards.

He was known for his manicured lawn and spotless vehicles.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife of 47 years, Willanna Poore Baker; 2 sons, Ernest C. Baker III of OK and David R. Baker of Smyrna; 2 daughters, Cindy A. Thompson of Hartly and Marian H. Taylor of Laurel; 2 brothers, Ronald Baker of Newark and John Baker of Smyrna; 2 sisters, Janet Atkinson of Townsend and Shirley Penix of Clayton; a stepsister, Debbie Laub of Smyrna; 8 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; and his beloved dog and pal, Scrappy.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 23, 2004, at 6 pm at the FARIES FUNERAL CHAPEL, 29 S. Main St., Smyrna, DE 19977, where friends may call 1 hour before the service.

Burial will be in private.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company, PO Box 186, Cheswold, DE 19936.

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