

## Donald Scott Baker



**Williamsburg** – Donald (Don) Scott Baker, 78, passed away February 2, 2018, while vacationing in Florida. He was born to Robert S. and Carolyn Terry Baker in Waterbury, Connecticut, and grew up in Torrington. An alumnus of Dartmouth College (1961) and Thayer School of Engineering (1962), Don served in the U.S. Public Health Service before joining the corporate world. Starting with New England Telephone Company as an IMDP (Initial Management Development Program) participant, he quickly rose through the managerial ranks at assignments throughout New England, New Jersey and Cleveland, and he completed his 27-year career with the “Bell System” as President of Ameritech Services in Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

When he retired in 1992, his business process engineering expertise was sought for consulting jobs in Ottawa, Canada; Melbourne, Australia; Dublin, Ireland; Pretoria, South Africa; and other U.S. locations.

In 1992 the Bakers moved to Williamsburg where they immediately jumped into the rich historical and cultural opportunities for community involvement. His was an inquiring mind, and Don was always quick to see possibilities – never obstacles. Among the many boards and committees on which he served are Ford’s Colony MGA (he was president in 2004); Ford’s Colony HOA Security, Finance and many ad hoc Committees; Historic Virginia Land Conservancy (chair in 2013, director of the Conservancy Challenge Golf Tournament fundraiser for many years and member of the Advisory Committee); Colonial Williamsburg President’s Council; Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra (board member and numerous committees); WindsorMeade Finance Committee; and many others.

He met his wife Linda Twombly in 1961, and they were married on June 29, 1963; it was a happy marriage of two kindred spirits. Coming to the game late in life, Don embraced golf with the same determination and enthusiasm with which he greeted each new endeavor – and he carded two holes-in-one. One of his post-retirement goals was to play golf in all 50 states, ultimately achieved in Alaska on a municipal course with stunning views of Denali. World travelers, the Bakers had visited all seven continents and over 60 countries. Don loved to plan vacations, especially those involving family. The most memorable family vacation was a 15-day excursion for all to New Zealand in 2010.

He is survived by his loving wife Linda; his son Russell of Mt. Vernon, Washington; his son Kenneth (Sue) of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and his cherished grandchildren Jack and Cailey. Also surviving are his brother Terry (Kay) of Rockville, Maryland, and his family.

The Bakers would like to extend heartfelt appreciation to the caring and compassionate staff at NCH Baker Hospital Downtown (Naples, Florida). The doctors and nurses were a constant source of support to the family when Don's final illness struck so far from home.

A memorial service will be held at Williamsburg United Methodist Church, February 23, at 1:00 p.m. A celebration of life will follow at Ford's Colony Country Club.

In lieu of flowers, family suggests that memorial contributions be sent to HVLC, 5000 New Point Rd., Ste. 3101, Williamsburg 23188; or Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra, P. O. Box 400, Williamsburg, 23187; or Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, P. O. Box 1776, Williamsburg 23187; or a charity of choice.

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