



John F. Baker Sr.

December 6, 1927 - September 1, 2025

John F. Baker, Sr. of Rancocas Village, passed on September 1, 2025 at his residence. He was 97 years old.

John was born December 6, 1927 in Philadelphia, PA, before moving to Birmingham, NJ in 1929 after the stock markets crashed. After high school, John served in the US Navy during World War II. In 1946, John married Ruth C. Cline and were together until Ruth's passing in 2013. In 1951 the couple bought their first home in the Village of Rancocas where they raised their five children. John worked for Rohm-Haas for over 25 years starting as a research chemist and later in charge of fire & safety at the plant. John was also a member of the Rancocas Fire Company and Emergency Squad. John held the position of Mayor, Police Commissioner, building inspector, and fire inspector during his years of civil service for Westampton Township. In addition, John spent hours and hours pursuing his lifelong love of salt water fishing. His favorite times were spent on a boat on the water with friends and grandkids. He was also an avid gardener and loved dogs.

John is predeceased by his beloved wife of over 66 years Ruth Baker, his son John Baker Jr., his daughter Barbara Peyre-Ferry, his brother Jim Baker and his son in law Ronald DeSavino.

John is survived by his children Mary DeSavino, Joan Gares (William), Bob Baker (Debi), son in law Donald Peyre-Ferry, his grandchildren Eric Johnson (Kathy), Dale Baker (Kelly), Brad Gares, Joshua Baker (Devenne), Bret Gares, Leah Ratliff, John Baker III, Michael Baker, and his great grandchildren

Noah, Ellery, Vivian, Haley, Norah, and Zooey.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend a viewing for John on Friday, September 5, 2025 from 11am-12pm at the Rancocas Friends Meeting House, 201 Main Street, Rancocas, NJ, 08073. Funeral services for John will follow the viewing at 12pm at Rancocas Friends Meeting. Burial will be held privately at the Rancocas Friends Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rancocas Friends Meeting House online at www.southjerseyquakers.org/donate/ or to Samaritan Hospice at www.samaritannj.org

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Rancocas Friends Meeting
Main Street
Rancocas, NJ

Funeral Service

SEP 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

Rancocas Friends Meeting
Main Street
Rancocas, NJ

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John F. Baker Sr..

September 03, 2025 at 01:16 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John F. Baker Sr..



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