



Harold Russell "Russ" Baker

August 24, 1938 - September 17, 2022

Harold Russell Baker (Russ) passed away peacefully on September 17, 2022. A great lover of animals and nature, Russ lived life on his own terms and was owner and proprietor of Baker's Willow Oaks, Bryans Road, MD. Baker's Willow Oaks was a privately owned and operated 80+ acre farm that supported local horse lovers with boarding and training facilities, riding areas, and developed trail access to the Piscataway National Park trails.

Ever since a young child, Russ has always loved animals, and found happiness nurturing the menagerie that found him, including at various times a pet rooster, a skunk, a silky chicken, a black snake, a chameleon, a turtle as well as numerous domestic cat and dog friends.

Russ was a highly creative and talented artist and worked in a variety of media. Prior to acquiring the farm in the early 1980's, Russ was a co-owner of Design IV, an interior decorating firm specializing in commercial properties in Arlington, VA.

Russ was born August 24, 1938 in St. Louis, MO, to Harold Fahy Baker and Russola Brown Baker. He is survived by his loving sister, Fahy Baker Low of

Boulder, Colorado, his two nieces, Susan Louise Low, Edgewater, MD, and Russanne Dorothy Low, Boulder CO; his great niece and nephew ,Shelby Hannaliese Holt and Maximilan Johannes Niles Schnurrenberger, both of Denver Colorado, and many beloved friends.

“God forbid that I should go to any heaven in which there are no horses.” --
R.B. Cunningham

Tribute Wall

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“ Our condolences on the loss of Russ. We love you and are thinking of you.

The Howard Girls - June 02, 2023 at 06:26 PM

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“ There are so many memories, it's hard to talk about just one. The funniest one is Russ and I were clearing trails and I felt like we were getting deeper and deeper into the woods. I kept asking Russ if he knew where we were and he replied every time with yes of course I know where we are. OK after being lost for at least two hours he finally admitted we were so lost. Thanks to Burk and my husband Ray, foghorns and car horns we managed to get out of the woods.

Debbie Walden - September 23, 2022 at 07:32 PM

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Debbie Walden - September 23, 2022 at 07:24 PM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services

A Memorial Tree was planted for Harold Russell "Russ" Baker - September 20, 2022 at 12:40 PM