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**Alvin R. Baker**

Baker, Alvin R. Chelsea, Michigan Age 62, passed away on Saturday, November 1, 2014, in Brooklyn, MI. He was born on August 15, 1952, in Ann Arbor, MI, the son of John and Joanne (Hearn) Baker. Al had lived in the area for the past 27 years. He was born and raised in Ann Arbor where he graduated from Huron High School and then attended Albion College where he excelled in baseball and diving. Al especially loved baseball and enjoyed coaching his son and was looking forward to teaching his only grandson Bryce how to play the game. In the 1970s he played minor league baseball for the Detroit Tigers, and was instrumental in helping to build the Chelsea High School baseball stadium. For over 30 years he was a custom home builder and developer in the greater Ann Arbor area. Al was a hardworking person and his hobbies included hunting and bowling. On September 8, 1979, he married Kathy Browder in Ypsilanti. She survives, along with two children; Lindsey (Chris) Evans of Nebraska and Jimmy Baker (Carly Potenberg) of Chelsea; his grandson Bryce Evans; his mother Joanne Baker of Ypsilanti; his siblings: John (Laurie) Baker of Tennessee, Rob (Susie) Baker of Virginia, Jolynn (Bart) Wright of Ann Arbor, and brother-in-law Pat Towler of Milan; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father John Baker and his sister Darlee Towler. A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 8, 2014, at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea, with Rev. Kathy Schell officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Chelsea Athletic Boosters (designate Baseball in the memo), Faith-In-Action, or to the Cancer Center at St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea Hospital.

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