

Earl Joseph Baker

July 23, 1943 (Pittsburg, KA)

October 4, 2007 (Monkey Island, OK)

Earl Joseph Baker, 64 of Monkey Island, OK, passed from this life suddenly Thursday, October 4, 2007. Born July 23, 1943, in Pittsburg, KA, the son of Earl C. and Catherine A. (Vezzetti) Baker. Living most of his life in Rockford, IL., Earl graduated from West High School in 1961.



He joined Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 23 soon after, and worked many years as a pipefitter at Byron Nuclear Plant. Earl served Local 23 in many different offices throughout his career: he was on the Executive Board, served as Recording Secretary, Vice-President, Business Agent and was most proud to serve as Business Manager from 1982 thru 1988.

During his retirement he enjoyed the good life at his cottage on Grand Lake in

Monkey Island. Earl was a devoted conservationist and lifelong hunter and fisherman. Most days were spent with great friends and his loyal hunting dogs. Grandpa, thanks for always putting the worms on the hook.

Earl is survived by his Daughters, Traci (Rodney) Hecox of Rockford and Jenny (Jeff) Risch of St. Charles, IL; their Mother, Sandy Donovan of Rockford; Grandchildren, Karac, Kaelin, Kaimber, Kalli, Madilyn, and Mallory Hecox, and Luke and Aubrey Risch. He was predeceased by his Parents.

A private family service already has been held. Please join the family in a Celebration of his Life from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, October 14th in the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 23 Hall, 4525 Boeing Drive, Rockford, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in his name to Ducks Unlimited, ducks.org, or the American Heart Association.

Reference:

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