



Marc Quentin Baker (1945–2025)

PREAMBLE

Marc Baker was born in 1945 and spent most of his life in Everett. He grew up in a family devoted to public service – his parents owned Baker’s Ambulance Service. In 1963 Marc graduated from Everett High, and remained close to the school, helping organize reunions and the class tradition of donating college scholarships to succeeding Everett High graduates. After high school, Marc answered the call to serve by training and serving as a surgical corpsman at US Naval Station, Yokosuka, Japan.

On the home front, Marc built a loving family. He was a devoted father to his two children, Garth and our fellow Everett Rotarian Betsy, and later became a grandfather to Josh and a great-grandfather to Nora Mae. In his later years, he found love and companionship with his partner, Lori, whom he cherished deeply.

Marc spent much of his career operating the family ambulance business with his brothers, Xon and Kirk. Under the Baker family management, the company became a pillar of this community’s emergency medical services.

Even after retiring from the ambulance business, Marc remained active in business and civic life, continuing to support public safety and health causes in the Everett area.

One of the defining aspects of Marc Baker’s life was his extraordinary service through Rotary. Marc joined the Rotary Club of Everett in the late 1970s and assumed various leadership roles, including serving as president for the 1999–2000 term. During his presidency, he spearheaded several successful projects, including a major fundraising run that was inaugurated during his term.

After being club president, Marc became an Assistant District Governor in Rotary District 5050, for which he traveled to support other clubs, share ideas, and assist Rotary programs.

When Marc moved later in life from Everett to Quincy, Washington, he immediately joined the Rotary Club of Quincy to serve his new community, highlighting his commitment to Rotary wherever he may be.

Marc embraced life with joy and adventure. He was an avid outdoorsman and traveler, always seeking new experiences. Marc was equally at home skiing down a mountain as he was piloting a boat on the Puget Sound. He had a lifelong interest in motorcycles, particularly *Harley-Davidson*, and he took great pleasure in hitting the road on his Harley, often alongside a close-knit group of fellow riders. Whether it was a day trip around the Cascades or a multi-state motorcycle tour, Marc was in his element with friends by his side.

Marc was a strong supporter of the Washington State University Cougars. He proudly wore WSU crimson and gray and was known to cheer “*Go Cougs!*” with great enthusiasm.

Marc Baker’s passing on August 8, 2025 marked the end of a remarkable life. The community response to his death underscored just how widely loved and respected he was. On Sunday, September 7, 2025, hundreds of people gathered to honor Marc’s memory at a Celebration of Life held in the Everett High School gymnasium. It was a fitting venue, bringing Marc’s life full circle to the halls of his old high school.

Marc Baker will be remembered for living life to the fullest while serving others at every step. He stood out as a successful businessman who treated employees and community members like family, a volunteer who gave countless hours to civic causes, and an adventurer who showed that age is no barrier to having fun.

We can all take inspiration from Marc’s example. As his obituary beautifully concluded, “*May We All Live Life Like Marc.*”

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Marc Baker was a respected community leader whose efforts helped bring about projects and results that strengthened our region; and

WHEREAS, Marc Baker was a devoted family man and fellow Rotarian, whose example of service and friendship enriched the lives of those around him; and

WHEREAS, Marc Baker cared deeply about the health and well-being of others, offering support and encouragement whenever he could; and

WHEREAS, Marc Baker believed in and lived by Rotary’s guiding motto, *Service Above Self*, demonstrating through action the value of service to others; and

WHEREAS, Marc Baker embraced life with a spirit of joy and adventure, sharing his love of the outdoors, travel, and camaraderie with friends and family, and reminding us all to live life to the fullest; and

WHEREAS, Marc Baker's presence, commitment, and good humor left a lasting mark on the Rotary Club of Everett and on all who knew him;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Rotary President Kelli Thode be charged with the duty of placing a copy of this Resolution in the hands of Marc's family so that they may know of both the high esteem in which we hold Marc and the great fondness in our hearts for his memory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the Rotary Club of Everett, united here together, observe a moment of silence in honor of our departed friend Marc Quentin Baker.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I affix my hand and seal this Seventh Day of October 2025:

Robert Bavasi, Everett Rotary Resolutions Chair

ATTEST

Kelli Thode, Everett Rotary President

Neil Angst, Everett Rotary Secretary