



IN LOVING MEMORY

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## Funeral Service

3:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Parkview Baptist Church, Morehead City, NC

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SONG, "THE ANCHOR HOLDS"  
Albert & Deanna McElmon

WELCOME, SCRIPTURE READING, PRAYER  
Pastor John Carswell

MEMORIES OF DAVID  
Pastor Michael Fields & Others

SONG & VIDEO, "IF YOU COULD SEE ME NOW"

MESSAGE & CLOSING PRAYER  
Pastor John Carswell

CONGREGATIONAL SONG, "AMAZING GRACE"  
Led by Albert & Deanna McElmons

The service will conclude at Gethsemane Memorial Park.  
Please turn on bright lights and hazards in procession to the Cemetery.

David Willis Baker Jr., 68, of Newport, North Carolina, passed away at his home on Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

Born on January 5, 1956, to the late David Willis Baker Sr. and Elizabeth Ann Elks Baker, David was known as “Buddy” to close friends and family in his hometown of Kinston. With a heartwarming love story, David married his high school sweetheart Eliza and together they built a beautiful life and family.

A skilled electrician by trade, David worked at Dupont for nearly three decades, with many of his years spent in the powerhouse. After retirement he and Eliza relocated to Newport on the coast, to care for Eliza’s parents. They found Parkview Baptist Church where they soon became dedicated members and made countless friends. When he was not spoiling his grandchildren, who lovingly referred to him as “Pop-Pop”, David’s favorite activity was fellowshiping with the “Smithfield’s BBQ gang”.

Most of all, David was a loving husband, a devoted father, and a relentless friend. He adored Eliza and knew her blood sugar at all times. He cherished his boys and never missed one of their ball games. He never met a stranger, took the greatest joy in helping others, and was always there for his friends.

Those remaining to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Eliza Ogelsby Baker; sons, Dr. David “Will” Willis Baker III and wife, Rebecca, of Kinston, NC, and Joshua Benjamin Baker and wife, Lauren, of Austin, TX; sister, Patty Baker McCain and husband, Andy, of Durham, NC; niece, Hannah Parrish and husband, Zac, of Fuquay-Varina, NC; and grandchildren, Addison Baker and Reese Baker of Kinston, NC, and Wilder Baker and Leo Baker of Austin, TX.

A funeral service to honor David’s life will be held at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 14th at Parkview Baptist Church in Morehead City, officiated by Rev. John Carswell. Interment will follow at Gethsemane Memorial Park in Newport. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the funeral service.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Online condolences may be made at [www.mundenfuneralhome.net](http://www.mundenfuneralhome.net)  
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## *Footprints In The Sand*

One night I dreamed a dream.  
I was walking along the beach with my Lord,  
and across the skies flashed scenes from my life.  
In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,

*One belonging to me and one to my Lord.*

When the last scene of my life flashed before me,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,  
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,  
*there was only one set of footprints.*

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,  
You'd walk with me all the way.

But I noticed that during the saddest and  
most troublesome times of my life,  
there was only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why, when I needed You the most,  
You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child,

*I love you and will never leave you.*

Never, ever, during your trials and testings  
when you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that

*I carried you."*



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