

Memorial Service for David Baker

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Sunday July 16th
Lake Anna Winery
5621 Courthouse Road
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

- 6:00 Welcome -Lesa McGinty, Sister (her 3 children will also stand with her)
- 6:05 Family Speakers - Shana Hornbeck, Ed Sullivan, Loki Baker (15 min)
- 6:20 Music – “The Folksingers Song” (words published on inside cover of program)

*May you never be sorry you traveled this road,
May you find all the work that you need. May
your eyes be bright when you're out late at
night, May never your glory get mixed up with
greed.*

*May you always be paid all the money you're
owed, May you never get shafted and never get
snowed, May you never be forced into anyone's
mold, May your breakfast be hot and your beer
always cold.*

*There's a number of people who'll sit in the
rear, They'll talk through your sets, they will
catcall and jeer A number of people will turn a
deaf ear, Just keep right on playing for those
who will hear.*

*May they clap for your songs, may they laugh at your
jokes May they stay all night long, may they buy you
rum cokes, May they take to dinner and treat you to
tokes, May you make your bed among warm friendly
folk.*

*When the time comes to pack up and ramble
along, May never you wonder just where you
belong, And if you hit hard times may they make
you strong. May every experience lend to your
song.*

*May your heart be light, may you sleep well at
night, And I hope that you find all the love that
you need.*

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- 6:25 Second speaker - Mike Taggert (5 min)

6:30 Music – “The Drinking Song” – (words published on inside cover of program)

*And the band played on
As the helicopters whirred
Drunk on the lawn in a nuclear dawn
My senses finally blurred*

*He was a rock, to the end, a solid reminder
Couldn't deny a friend
We lived in the noise and the sweet amber poison
Peekin' up the skirt of the end
And we'd drink, two gnarly dudes and some records
Much like plates of black food
We filled up our faces, saw some far places
Stood on the roof in the nude*

*And the band played on
As the helicopters whirred
Drunk on the lawn in a nuclear dawn
My senses finally blurred*

*Between poles, he said "We're like cows in the grass"
Brushing off flies
Chaise lounging around, standing up, falling down
Till we no longer opened our eyes
And we'd drink, ever notice how drinking's like war?
Cup o' troops o'er the gums
To the end of our health, a campaign 'gainst myself
Armed with bourbons and scotches and rums*

(chorus)

*Think of bombs, we're poised on the edge of disaster
Whether it's right or it's wrong
We opened the window, played some Nintendo
Sang a few bars of some pretty old song:
Irene goodnight, Irene goodnight
Goodnight Irene, goodnight Irene
I'll see you in my dreams*

*Oh to dream, those impotent bones of extinction
Flying graceful and free
None but the best 'cause the man cannot rest
Till he's finally beaten his me*

(Chorus)

*Till the end, he passed out on the sundeck that
morning
Quietly saying goodbye
But I was so hammered I sputtered and stammered
Told him he couldn't just die
He was a rock, went straight for his own Armageddon
Face froze in a grin
Ambulance flyin' in, I never drank again*

Can't really call that a loss or a win

(chorus)

6:35 Final Speaker - Cornelia (5 min.)

6:40 Music - Everyone is seated: Pipes and Trumpet Amazing Grace

6:45- 6:55 Family Receiving Condolences

Food and mingling following then a bonfire with a more upbeat farewell from his friends at 7:15 until 10:30 around the bonfire.

7:15 Cornelia: Familiar Welcome To All Present in Body and Spirit

Speakers: Dana, Moira, Nyk, Mike (15-20 min)

7: 45 Music: Parting Glass -

Of all the money e'er I had, I spent it in good company; And all the harm I've ever done, alas was done to none but me; And all I've done for want of wit, to memory now I can't recall, So fill me to the parting glass, goodnight and joy be with you all.

Of all the comrades e'er I had, they're sorry for my going away, And all the sweethearts e'er I had, they wish me one more day to stay, But since it falls unto my lot that I should go and you should not, I'll gently rise and softly call, goodnight and joy be with you all.

7:50 Message from his sister, Lesa: A Hearty Toast and Final Farewell

8:00 Closing: Our Revels speech (modified): Cornelia

Following the formal ceremony, guests are invited to enjoy the fire and take comfort in the 'Bagel' stories of others.