

David Baker

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DAVID BAKER OBITUARY

Dave was born on June 20, 1945, in Vancouver, BC. He spent his elementary school years in Nanaimo, BC and then moved to Duncan, BC for his high school years. He graduated from Cowichan High in 1963, and completed his Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of British Columbia in 1969. He had a successful engineering career, working in different pulp and paper mills around the world and finally, in 1989, moving to Sandwell Engineering Inc, as the Vice

President of Business Development.

Although he spent much of his life on the water as a sailor and a fisherman, his first love was his music. He was an accomplished Canadian folk singer-songwriter. In 1960, while still in high school, Dave formed a rock'n'roll band and for three years his band played at high schools and community halls all up and down Vancouver Island. In 1969, Dave moved to Montreal - it was there he joined the Montreal Workshop and began singing and writing his songs. His musical muses were the culture, history and landscape of Vancouver Island and the West Coast of Canada, in particular trains - Dave was a railroad and locomotive enthusiast.

His engineering and music career was cut short by a serious stroke in 1998 at 52 years old, at which point he lost mobility and his singing voice. After recovering, he focused his later years on promoting the songs he wrote earlier in his career.

If you wish to listen to any of his music, Dave's songs can be found in the Canadian Museum of Music (<https://citizenfreak.com/artists/91044-baker-dave>).

He was predeceased by his father, Donald Hamilton Baker (1912-1989) and his mother, Amy Kathleen Baker (1912-2004). He is survived by his sister, Wendy McLean, his daughters, Cynthia Muller and Katherine Baker, and his son, Kenneth Baker.

A Celebration of Life will be held on March 18, 2023 in the Vancouver area. For further details on the service, please send an email to davidbakermemorial2023@gmail.com.

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