



Elroy Baker, 79, of Wecota, passed away Sunday, August 12, 2012 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen.

Elroy Baker was born on March 11, 1933 in Hereford, SD to Floyd and Roxanne (Mobley) Baker. He attended elementary school in Hereford until the 8<sup>th</sup> grade when his father became too ill to work. Elroy then began his working career on the family farm.

Elroy served his family as well as several other ranchers in the area in



addition to working in the construction industry until he was drafted into the Army in 1955. He served honorably for his country, including 13 months of service in Japan following WWII. He was

honorably discharged from the service in 1961.

Elroy was married to Frankie Ferguson on December 1, 1957 in Union Center, SD. He worked at Union Center Cooperative until 1963 when he took a managing position with Farmers Union Cooperative in Wecota, SD. He managed the Coop in Wecota for 23 years during which time he received many Sparkle Awards and



loved his work. He retired from the Coop and started his family owned business, Baker's

Spraying Service in 1985. He actively managed, worked, and maintained the business until October of this past year when he became too ill to continue in his current capacity and turned it over to his son, Clyde. He continued to work with the business until his death.

Elroy's hobbies included spending time with his family, gardening, watching his grandchildren play sports, working,

and being with his dog. He was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wecota as well as the American Legion of Faulkton.



He is survived by his wife Frankie; their three children: Clyde (Traci) Baker of Faulkton, Twila (Gary) Rausch of Onaka, and Darcy (Greg) Swier of Crooks; as well as ten grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and his brother Raymond (Mary) Baker of Hereford, SD.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four sisters.

He will be greatly missed.



*In Loving Memory*

# *Elroy Baker*

**FUNERAL SERVICE:**

1:30 p.m., Monday, August 20, 2012  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Wecota, South Dakota

**MINISTER:** Rev. Timothy Koch

**CASKETBEARERS:**

Duane Holsing – Loren Niederbaumer  
Eldon Swanhorst – Torey Baker  
Mark Rausch – Chris Larson

**HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:**

Melissa Larson – Aimee Law  
Natasha Swier – Nicole Rausch  
Taylor Swier – Mariah Swier  
Madison Swier – DeLaynie Baker

**USHERS:** Bob Rusch – Kurt Holt

**ORGANIST:** Lori Holt

**DUET:**

Bob & Evie Pond  
"Amazing Grace" – "On Eagle's Wings"

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:**

"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

**INTERMENT:**

Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery  
Wecota, South Dakota  
Full Military Honors

*God saw he was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be,  
So He put His arms around him  
And whispered "Come with me."*

*With tearful eyes  
We watched him suffer  
And saw him fade away  
Although we loved him dearly,  
We would not make him stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands to rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.*



Lunch and Fellowship will follow the  
interment at the church.

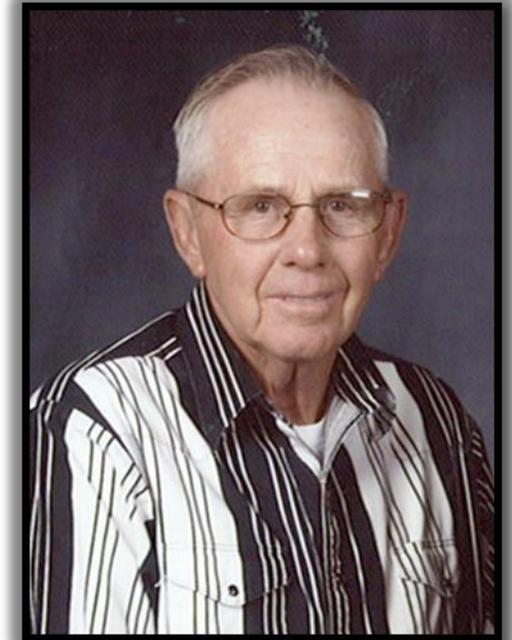


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*Faulkton, South Dakota  
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*March 11, 1933*

*August 12, 2012*