



## George Baker III

December 25, 1921 - February 14, 2005

Visitation for George Franklin Baker III, 83, of Richmond, Texas, formerly of Kankakee, will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, West Kankakee. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Mound Grove Gardens. Memorials may be made to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children. He died Monday (Feb. 14, 2005) at Brazosvieu Nursing Home, Richmond, Texas. Mr. Baker was a retired CEO of Eastern Illinois Trust and Savings Bank in Momence. He formerly worked 13 years as an officer at the First Bank of Meadowview in Kankakee. Prior to his banking career, he was a credit manager with Sears Roebuck in Kankakee. While living in Dayton, Ohio, he worked for CIT and Sears Roebuck. He was born Dec. 15, 1921, in Dayton, Ohio, the son of George and Evelyn Thompson Baker. Surviving are his wife, the former Ruth Omeara, of Sugar Land, Texas, whom he married Jan. 12, 1946, in St. Paul, Minn.; one daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Dan Haisenleder of Charlottesville, Va.; one son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Nancy Baker of Missouri City, Texas; and four grandchildren. One son, George Baker IV; and one brother, Paul Baker, are deceased. Mr. Baker served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II in Africa and Europe as an engineer and top turret gunner in a B-24. He received two Bronze Stars and the Air Medal. He helped raise funds for the Wright-Patterson Air Force Museum near Dayton, Ohio. He was a former treasurer of the Kankakee Shrine Club and chairman of the Advisory Council of the George F. Baker IV Chapter, Order of DeMolay, named for his son who died in 1970. He was also

a member of the Kankakee Moose Lodge and the Kankakee Lion's Club where he received a 'Leo' for fund-raising efforts. He helped with the formation of the Lions Club in Bourbonnais. He also participated in the United Way and Shriners' Hospitals for Children. He was a member of the Antioch Shrine Club and the John Durst Masonic Lodge, both in Ohio. He enjoyed Little League football and baseball games.

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