



Lee Edward Baca

December 3, 1938 - February 11, 2022

Lee Edward Baca, 83, always known as Punkin, of Bay City, TX, passed away on February 11, 2022 from complications of Parkinson's Disease. He was born and lived all his life in Bay City and loved Matagorda County. He was a proud graduate of BCHS class of 1956 and a graduate of Texas A&I. He taught in Bay City for 35 years and farmed rice with his father. Punkin enjoyed working with kids; whether teaching, 4H, Marine education, bringing out his train for holidays, or activities with his grandkids.

Punkin was preceded in death by his parents, Edward F. and Lucille Lee Baca and his granddaughter, Jolee Elizabeth Baca.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Susan Franks Baca, sons and their wives Steven and Lori Baca and Jason and Janelle Baca. Grandchildren Justin, Leia, and Luke Baca. Brother Paul and his wife Linda Baca and his sister Elizabeth Sue Baca. Brother-in-law Hugh and his wife Eileen Franks. And a large extended family of cousins, (grand)nieces and (grand)nephews.

There will be a private family burial followed by a Celebration of Life on March 5 from 2-4 at the Bay House on the Legacy Campus at 700 12th Street Bay City. In the true Punkin fashion we will celebrate with a variety of sweets.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to your charity of choice or his

favorite to help fund childhood cancer research.

St. Baldricks Foundation – Team LukeStrong

<https://www.stbaldricks.org/teams/TeamLukeStrong2022>

or mail to:

St. Baldrick's Foundation

Team 132403

1333 South Mayflower Ave. Ste 400

Monrovia, CA 91016

Tribute Wall

KJ

“ *Punkin always made us laugh. The Baca's were our neighbors since 1965 and they are family to us. Punkin and mom rode to mass on Saturday nights and I don't think I will ever wash my car again without seeing him in his driveway yelling that I needed to come and was his— lovely soul, gentle personality, loyal friend and awesome support to mom raising four kids alone. Love Kathy Jackson*

Kathy Jackson - March 01, 2022 at 08:32 PM

DJ

Punkin was a very special person and your family are in our prayers. Hubert & Donna Johnson

Donna Johnson - March 05, 2022 at 03:22 PM

KT

“ *Kenny & Karen Trochta lit a candle in memory of Lee Edward Baca*



Kenny & Karen Trochta - February 25, 2022 at 09:02 AM

EF

“ *Punkin was a truly good man, caring husband, a loving father and the best grandfather to his much beloved grandchildren. Hugh and I will miss our brother- in-law so much, as he made the world and the family better for his presence. His memory is a blessing.*

Hugh and Eileen Franks.

eileen franks - February 17, 2022 at 08:37 PM

HL

“ Punkin was a good friend. You & yours are in my thoughts and prayers, always. Much love to you all.
Sincerely, Helen Lawson

Helen Lawson - February 17, 2022 at 03:50 PM

KT

“ Oh my, what fun we had w/ Baca. He was such a great guy. I learned so much from him while my kids were in Marine Education. We had such great times and many learning opportunities on Matagorda Island, Louisiana, Galveston, Port Aransas, Rockport. I'll never forget eating peanuts in his truck and throwing the hulls on the floor. Geez, we had such good times. And after camping every summer on the beach, w/ no electricity and no running water, I finally saw my first huge rattlesnake right on the beach, waiting for a bird to come by for his lunch. I know Baca will be missed, his legacy will live on and he will always be remembered by all who met him... Thank you for taking my girls and myself on many wonderful trips...
Sail Away

Karen Trochta - February 16, 2022 at 11:09 PM

JP

“ Mr. Baca was a great mentor to me. He shared his love for marine biology with us 4-H kids when we were young. He taught us all about canoeing, kayaking, aquatic organisms, estuaries, and seining to name a few. I fondly remember kayaking Matagorda and other water ways along with camping on Matagorda Island every summer. He helped us see the beauty of the coast through a different light. Mr. Baca was a great man who will be missed. My condolences to his friends and family. May we never forget his smile and laugh.

James Page - February 15, 2022 at 09:41 PM

EK

“ *My deepest condolences for Punkins Family.
Punkin will be missed. Gene Koudelka*



Eugene Koudelka - February 15, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Lee Edward Baca.*



February 14, 2022 at 07:37 PM