

David Charles "Charly" Baker
February 5, 2002
Age 48
Seattle, Washington

David Charles Baker died on February 5, 2002 at age 48 in Seattle, Washington.

Before Charly moved to Seattle, he lived in San Diego where he worked as a mortgage lender with Wells Fargo Bank.

A classmate recalled this about Charly: "I met Charly in Barnstormers when we were in 11th grade. Charly always saw the humor in life, and it was a rare day when he didn't make me smile or laugh. He was a natural on stage! The world was a better place with Charly in it."

Sue Schwartz Salontay said, "Charly came back to Lakewood for the 25th reunion. He wore an AIDS awareness pin on his shirt and shared his courageous battle with the disease. A medical miracle, he lived 21 years after his diagnosis during a time when such survival was unheard of. He willingly participated in research that sought to understand his remarkable longevity and also volunteered extensively at various AIDS hospices."

While he was a student at Lakewood High, Charly was in Symphonic Choir, for which he served as vice president, Concert Choir, Concert Ensemble, Symphonic Ensemble, Cinema staff, AFS Club, and the PA Announcing Staff. He was very active in Barnstormers, both on and off stage, and earned the prestigious rank of Thespian.