

Ex-Raeford Pastor Dies

A former pastor of the First Baptist Church in Raeford died Saturday of a heart attack after talking to President Carter on a radio talk show.

According to a Charlotte Observer news story, The Rev. James E. Baker was termed "elated" and "happy" by his family following the brief conversation in which he praised the president for his moral leadership and urged him to do something to protect consumers from unscrupulous business practices.

The Rev. Baker, who had moved

to his wife's hometown of Ridgeland, S.C., less than a year ago, apparently had a history of heart trouble.

A native of Maxton, Baker was described by Democratic State Rep. Martin Sauls as a close friend with "a very good sense of humor. He was a very likeable fellow and very politically conscious."

Buried Monday, Baker is survived by his wife, Louise Malphurs Baker, and three sons, Jerry, 15, George, 22, and James, 24.

Upon learning of Baker's death, the President sent Mrs. Baker a telegram expressing his sympathy.

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Raeford: News-Journal
Raleigh: Carolinian
Red Springs Citizen
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