

**Thomas J. Baker, MD**  
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**The International Peeling Society Honors the Life and Contributions of Thomas J. Baker, MD**  
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Thomas J. Baker, MD, 95, passed away peacefully on December 26, 2020 in Miami, Florida after experiencing a stroke.

He grew up as a farmboy in Kentucky, USA and completed his medical education at Indiana University, where he met his wife, Mary Anne McDougal, a nursing student, and raised 4 children together.

After completing his surgical residency and serving in the US Navy, Thomas opened a surgical practice in Miami, Florida where he grew to become a world-renowned educator and pioneer in aesthetic plastic surgery. With Howard L. Gordon, Thomas developed and published the Baker-Gordon phenol-croton oil chemical peel, which changed the landscape of chemical resurfacing and significantly advanced the field of chemical peeling.

He was a friend to dermatology, ahead of his time compared to the extant territorial rivalries between plastic surgeons and dermatologists, and shared freely his ideas on deep chemical peeling with dermatologists interested in chemical resurfacing across the globe, including senior members of International Peeling Society.

Among Thomas' most lasting legacies is the establishment of the Baker Gordon Symposium which, for over 50 years, legitimized aesthetic surgery and taught ground-breaking techniques to thousands of physicians worldwide when formalized aesthetic training was non-existent.

Dr. Thomas J. Baker was honored with countless accolades, including President of the American Society of Aesthetic Surgery, Associate Professor at the University of Miami School of Medicine, and honorary membership into the International Peeling Society.

On behalf of all members

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