



MSgt. Ernest Harold Baker USAF ret.

July 20, 1937 - April 6, 2020

Ernest Harold Baker, age 82, died at his home in Silverhill, Alabama, Monday April 6, 2020, after a brave battle with cancer. “Ernie”, as he was well-known, was born in Brewton, Alabama, on July 20, 1937, but he always considered Loxley home.

Ernie was preceded in death by his wife of 61years, Mary Baker, his parents James Edward Baker and Pearl Franklin Baker and brother Kenneth Edward Baker.

He is survived by his children, Kathryn Baker Kinsey, of Silverhill and Randall K. Baker (Peggy) of Panama City, Florida, brothers, Dale Baker of Loxley, Nolan Baker (Beth) of Athens, Alabama, Gary Baker of Spanish Fort and sister, Joyce Tuberville (Lavon) of Silverhill.

Ernie served 20 years in the United States Air Force from 1955 to 1975, and retired at the rank of Master Sargent. He was awarded The Bronze Star for his courageous actions above and beyond during his multiple tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a Crew Chief on F-104’s and F-105’s fighter aircrafts.

Ernie was an active member of both the Arnold Bryer Unit 45 of the Disable American Veterans (DAV) and The Alabama Patriot Guard. He was also a member of the Chapter 864 Vietnam Veterans Association, in Silverhill and was awarded Alabama State Council Veteran of The Year in 2014 (Chapter 864). He was also awarded Veteran of the Year by the 4th District of Alabama in 2015.

He was the designer and the driving force in establishing the Vietnam

Veterans Memorial, the World War I Memorial, and The Korean War Memorial that stands at Baldwin County Bicentennial Park, in Stockton Alabama. He aided in the design of the Veterans Memorial that currently stands at the Municipal Park in Loxley, Alabama, as well as being a contributor to the Veterans Memorial Park in Silverhill, Alabama.

Ernie and his late wife Mary frequently cooked breakfast for the Seniors at the Loxley Civic Center. He also enjoyed riding motorcycles on long trips with his brothers, son, nephews and many friends. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting and gardening.

Ernie was very driven by his love of this Great Country that he proudly served, his love for his fellow service brothers and the deep love he had for his family. Due to Covid-19 no public services can be planned at this time, however as soon as possible Ernie will receive a military service with full honors.

Arrangements made by Cason Funeral Service in Foley Al. and Private burial will be in the Veterans Memorial Cemetery located in Stockton, Alabama on Thursday April 9, 2020. To share condolences online, please visit Ernest Harold Baker obituary located on the Cason Funeral Home website, www.casonfuneralservices.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Ernest...I did not know you but I know how much you gave by serving in Vietnam because my oldest brother served there as well. I was just a baby then but when I grew up and learned of all that all of you did and the appreciation you did not get but so greatly deserved...as I once told my brother and the newspaper in Chicago where we were from...if I could I would fly down and paint your procession route with one great big huge yellow ribbon taking you HOME where you will forever be appreciated in Heaven right by our Lord's side. Thank you, Earnest..for EVERYTHING. So very much appreciated...Theresa Pizur Quail, Pennsylvania.

Theresa Pizur Quail - April 10, 2020 at 04:59 AM

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“ Mr. Ernie was definitely a TREASURE to all who had the pleasure of knowing him. A great man who will be missed tremendously. - Council on Aging

Beverly Johnson - April 09, 2020 at 12:57 PM

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“ We worked with Mary & Ernie making breakfast at Loxley Senior Center. We shared many laughs & lasting memories. My heartfelt sympathies to the Baker family.
Pat Solomon

Pat Solomon - April 09, 2020 at 11:11 AM

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“ Rest In Peace brother. Thanks for your service during and after your military service.

SGM (Retired) Lester Cogollo - April 09, 2020 at 08:14 AM

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Fran Barber-Bruyn - April 08, 2020 at 07:39 PM