



James Louis Baker

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Funeral services for James Louis Baker, 73, of Leesville, will be held at 11:00A.M on Friday, May 31, 2019 in the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Leesville. Burial will follow in the Central Louisiana Veterans Cemetery in Leesville under the direction of Labby Memorial Funeral Home of Leesville.

Visitation will be Friday, May 31, 2019 from 9:00 A.M until time of service at the church.

James Louis Baker born on June 18,1944 in New Orleans, LA to Lucille Chatman-Baker and O.D. Baker went home to rest on May 26, 2019. A husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend he gave the best of his love and loyalty to all whom he shared his life with. He disarmed everyone with a comforting smile and an affection for any who were willing to have a light-hearted moment with him, which often ended with him sharing his failures and successes that that only a great man like him could give witness too.

James began his twenty-plus years of military service at Fort Benning, GA. After two tours in of duty during the Vietnam War, he would go on to be a drill instructor at Fort Polk. He was also stationed at Fort Clayton, Panama where he was first introduced to a young family that would go on to become his "forever friends" and extended family, Ronald and Angela DeGray. He ultimately retired from military service at Fort Polk, LA in 1985. James accepted Jesus Christ as his savior at an early age. He was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, O.D. and Lucille Baker; brothers, O.D. Baker, Jr. and Eddie Baker; sister, Baby Baker; nephew, Darren "Tiny" Baker.

James is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Bettie Baker; three daughters Tracy Baker and Tiffany Baker of Leesville and Tamala Crawford (Courtney) of Carrollton, TX; three brothers Clifton Chatman of Pioneer, LA, Jessie and Ricky Baker of Leesville, one sister Barbara Baker of Leesville; eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His memory will be shared by a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.



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Anonymous posted:

May the God of all comfort sustain your family during the days ahead Psalms 119:76

June 1 at 7:00 PM



Rhonda Josey Edwards posted:

May God be your comforter during this difficult time. So sorry for your loss. Prayers for family and friends.

May 30 at 7:00 PM



Dexter-Joyce Neal posted:

Mrs.Baker Dexter and I are so sorry for your loss we will keep you in our prayers.

May 30 at 7:00 PM



Priscille Rodriguez posted:

As the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life's routine, may you continue to feel comforted by the love and support of family and friends.

May 30 at 7:00 PM



Dwight Rachal posted:

Betty, We are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for you and your family.

May 30 at 7:00 PM



Gloria Woolridge posted:

Sister Bettie Baker. I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you and your family that God will comfort your hearts during this sad time..?

May 29 at 7:00 PM



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Robert Jagneaux posted:

To a dear friend you will be missed

May 29 at 7:00 PM



Brandi Cliatt posted:

Thank you Uncle Baker for being a shining role model for my dad and uncle's. With love!

May 29 at 7:00 PM



Joyce Meeks posted:

I will forever cherish the memories of my "Military Dad". Although he was my Army NCOIC he was more to me than the title conveyed. I will never forget his infectious laugh, his corny jokes and his sound, generous fatherly advice. I love my Baker family.

May 29 at 7:00 PM



Gloria Woolridge posted:

Sister Bettie Baker. I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you and your family that God will comfort your hearts during this sad time..♥

May 29 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Praying for your family for peace and strength. Love always, Lani C.

May 28 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

May the peace of God that surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and comfort you during this most difficult

May 28 at 7:00 PM



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CD

Chris Dixon posted:

Rest easy Prentiss You will truly be missed Love from Ohio family

May 28 at 7:00 PM

LC

Lowell & Marie Cliatt posted:

~ Lowell & Marie Cliatt, Midland, Georgia

May 28 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My deepest sympathies go out to all the loved ones on your loss. Please take comfort in the Bible hope expressed at John 6:30

May 27 at 7:00 PM

DO

Dee Owers posted:

Pooh Bear, you will be missed. My prayers and thoughts go out to the family.

May 27 at 7:00 PM

WA

Wanda Ferrill Anglin posted:

The world has lost a wonderful human being and it makes me truly sad. On this Memorial Day we think about those who gave their lives to protect us. Prentiss was that person. He was a veteran and a first responder. He was a friend & a classmate. He was brave & kind & had a positive outlook on life. Ive often wondered how is that even possible after suffering such a devastating accident that changed everything? I fear Im not half the person he was. When he moved to the Veterans Home in Shreveport I went to see him. I told the nurses how all the girls in high school thought he was a very handsome dude & that he was sweet & shy & blushed if you gave him the eye. They giggled; he blushed. This is the end for now. You have crossed into safety dear friend. We will meet again.

May 26 at 7:00 PM

PB

Patricia Buckley posted:

RIP, Prentiss.

May 26 at 7:00 PM



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JP

Jack And Veronica Prevatt posted:

Pooh, we loved you like a brother. Our two children love you and called you Uncle Pooh. Both our grand daughters called you their special Uncle Pooh. RIP our brother and Uncle Pooh. Praying for the family. Such a fighter

May 26 at 7:00 PM

WB

William And Velva Behan posted:

May the Lord give comfort to you all during this time of great sorrow.

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RF

Ronald Fertitta posted:

Sorry to hear of Prentiss passing. What a great person.

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RS

Ramona Smart posted:

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

May 26 at 7:00 PM

CM

Carolyn Isgitt, Majors posted:

Prayers for the Dixon family

May 26 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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