



Gary Walter Baker

December 8, 1956 - December 15, 2025

Gary Walter Baker, a resident of Ozark, Arkansas, passed away on December 15, 2025, at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas, following a fall at his home. He was 69 years old.

Born on December 8, 1956, in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, Gary often joked he was a "Casino Baby" because the hospital at Ramey Air Force Base, where he was born, was later converted into a casino. He graduated from Sylvan Hills High School in 1976 before embarking on a distinguished career with the U.S. Navy as a Radioman.

Gary is a member of the American Legion, and during his service, he was stationed aboard the USS Constellation (CV-64) in the Arabian Sea during the Iranian Hostage Crisis. His naval adventures took him from the Naval Radio Station San Miguel in the Philippines to the frozen landscapes of McMurdo Station in Antarctica.

After his discharge from the Navy, Gary spent over thirty years crisscrossing the country as a long-haul truck driver, eventually retiring from trucking at Brent Higgins Trucking in Mulberry, Arkansas.

Gary was known for his carefree attitude and a seemingly endless supply of stories. He was one of five brothers who all served in the Navy, and he was

also a cherished member of his surrogate family in Arkansas. To both families, he was simply the favorite “Uncle Gary.”

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Lee Baker and June Lee King, and his brothers, Larry Lee Baker and Charles Ray Baker.

He is survived by his brothers Mark Kelly Baker and Patrick Harvey Baker; his cousins from Springfield, Missouri; and Nancy Godinez and her family.

A memorial service and interment will be held during Memorial Day Weekend 2026 at the Baker Cemetery in Sharp County, Arkansas, where Gary’s ashes will be laid to rest alongside his father and eldest brother.

To share memories or offer condolences, friends and family may post on Gary's Tribute Wall, found at www.siscofuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Baker Cemetery

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember my cousin Gary being so much fun, always joking and laughing. I would go and stay with my Aunt June(my moms sister) and Uncle Walter and cousins,,in the summer sometimes,,so many great times .
Gary will be missed,,,love

Melinda (Cousin) - December 24, 2025 at 06:02 PM

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“ We called him uncle Gary, but he was closet thing to a father I ever had. Gary was alot of things , but mostly he was loyal, uplifting, and full of fire. With his passing the world has become a darker place, and there are no words to express how much he will be missed

Antonio Godinez jr - December 23, 2025 at 01:14 PM

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“ Gary was my best friend in high school.

He was so much fun to be around.
I actually saw him several times after high school. We floated the Frio river In Texas, went to Biloxi and gambled together, and went to a rock concert.
Love you Gary. You are the BEST.
You will be missed.



Ellen Presnell - December 23, 2025 at 12:43 PM