



James Merle Baker

February 8, 1952 - July 19, 2024

James Merle Baker, 72, of Springdale, Arkansas, passed away on the evening of July 19, 2024 in Springdale. He was born February 8, 1952, in Batesville, Arkansas, to Fred Willard Baker and Faye Marie Reynolds Baker.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 33 years, Shirlee Baker; one great-grandson, Malakye Rice; and one brother, Wayne Baker.

Survivors include two daughters, Justina Rice and Jessica Henley (husband John); two grandchildren, Justin Rice (wife Beth), and Zach Rice (wife Peggy); two great-grandchildren, Yulia and Cash Rice; and three sisters, Virginia Davis, Fredelene Roberts, and Debbie Stark (husband Roy); as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A visitation will take place Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 5 PM to 7 PM at Sisco Funeral Chapel in Springdale. Interment will follow on Friday, July 26, 2024, at 10 AM at Zion Cemetery in Springdale.

James worked for 19 years in maintenance for Tyson Foods. He loved playing the banjo, listening to bluegrass and gospel music, and “tinkering” with small engines. He was a member of New Vision Church of God, and will be missed dearly by both his friends and family.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Zion Cemetery

5705 N. Old Wire Road
Fayetteville, AR 72703

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 W Meadow Ave
Springdale, AR 72764

Interment

JUL **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Zion Cemetery
5705 N. Old Wire Road
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Tribute Wall

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“ Brother James was a great friend and man of GOD. It was my pleasure to be called his friend. He enjoyed going to play bingo with our friends in Fayetteville on Saturday nights. We had much conversation about his life and his family he loved so dearly. May The Peace and comfort of GOD be with his family at this time.
Carolyn Foster

Carolyn Foster - July 23, 2024 at 10:21 PM

GS

“ He fixed my dryer in a time of real need- He was very considerate like that- refused to take payment- He left us with a fond lasting impression of the caring soul he was- He loved his daughters Justina & Jessica dearly. It's was a divine gift to know him & I pray Gods grace will give his family comfort @ this time- No doubt the heavenly band is enjoying his banjo playing talents!

Guy & Carla Smith - July 23, 2024 at 03:26 PM

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I feel very Blessed and honored to have known and am so thankful of the priviledge of having Bro. James as my neighbor.He was definately a "God fearing man..that loved his neighbors and fellowman;as himself."..He was always willing to lend a helping hand...His life portrayed,"The Fruit Of The Spirit." PRAYERS to the family that he so dearly loved.May God encircle you with his LOVE AND FILL THE VACANCY THAT ONLY HE CAN FILL.

Glenda Tittle - July 25, 2024 at 11:23 AM

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“ *With love- New Vision Church of God purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Merle Baker.*



With love- New Vision Church of God - July 23, 2024 at 12:05 PM