



## William A. Baker

January 10, 1947 - August 5, 2017

William Arthur Baker, born January 10th, 1947, passed away on Saturday, August 5th, at 10:00 AM after battling with a difficult illness. Bill is survived by his sister Barbara Collins of Saint Paul, Minnesota, his daughter Gabrielle Forbes (Nicholas) of Wesley Chapel, Florida, his sons William Baker Jr., of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Benjamin J. Baker, of Wilmington, NC, and Sean Baker, of Jacksonville, Arkansas, and his grandchildren Max Baker, and Logan and Abel Forbes. He is also survived by his former wives, Pamela Joan Baker, of Wesley Chapel, Florida, and Sharon Means of Tulsa, Oklahoma, as well as his nephews William Collins, Jr., Joseph Collins, and numerous cousins. He passed without pain, in peace, and among those who loved him.

Bill was an avid bowler, a fan of any and all racing, he loved to listen to live music, and especially he loved his grand children and family.

Bill dedicated much of his life to public service. Drafted soon after high school, he served with honor in the United States Army until 1984. After, he decided to continue working for the Department of Defense in a civilian capacity at Fort Drum, in Northern New York. He officially retired from Fort Drum in 1999.

Having resided in many places around the world during his service, he eventually settled in Edwards, New York. Living there for 32 years, he spent his final years in Wilmington, North Carolina, moving to the area in 2010 with

son Benjamin.

While his illness struck quickly, he lived a full life, and was truly at peace in the end. He will be missed terribly by those who knew him, loved him, and lived with him, and his abundant spirit lives on in his children and grand-children.

A memorial service will be held for Bill at 11:00 AM on August 18th, 2017, at the Wilmington National Cemetery on Market Street. A private family gathering will follow.

Good bye, old man. Good times never seemed so good.

Arrangements are in the care of Coastal Cremations. To share memories and condolences with the Baker family, please click on "Share a Memory."

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wilmington National Cemetery  
2011 Market St.  
Wilmington, NC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William A. Baker.* ”



August 15, 2017 at 02:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William A. Baker.* ”



August 13, 2017 at 08:15 PM



“ *4 files added to the tribute wall* ”



**Louis Kortryk** - August 10, 2017 at 08:54 PM



*Bill, you were a dear friend, and you will be missed!!*

**Louis Kortryk** - August 10, 2017 at 09:04 PM

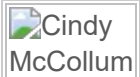


“ *In memory of Bill he will be missed*



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**Joann Bogue Risley** - August 09, 2017 at 06:59 PM



“ *Wish to send my deepest and sincere thoughts to the family. He was a great guy, was a pleasure knowing him and his loving family. Cindy McCollum*



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**Cindy McCollum** - August 09, 2017 at 06:01 PM



“ *Rick And Sue Gearsbeck lit a candle in memory of William A. Baker*



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**Rick and Sue Gearsbeck** - August 09, 2017 at 05:35 PM



*Bill will be missed by many he was a very good guy I enjoy knowing for many years and working for him for a short time morning coffee was the best. Sue*

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**Rick and Sue Gearsbeck** - August 09, 2017 at 05:39 PM

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**JD Hughs** - August 09, 2017 at 05:14 PM

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“ *Dearest Family,*

*Bill was a long time Boss, Associate, Comrade in Arms, Shenanigan Compatriot and GOOD Friend to me for over 40 years. He will be missed in my life for a long time to come. My sincerest condolences on your loss of such a compassionate man and good father.*

*JD Tke Hughs*

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**JD Hughs** - August 09, 2017 at 05:08 PM