



## James T. "Tom" Baker

April 26, 1939 - November 18, 2021

United States Air Force Master Sergeant (Ret) James T. (Tom) Baker, age 82, of Kingston, Tn passed into the arms of Jesus on Thursday evening, November 18, 2021. He loved God, Country, and UT Vols Football but most of all, he was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother. Hobbies included woodworking (building beautiful furniture for family members), gardening, and reading. A 1957 graduate of South Harriman High School and joined the United States Navy August 1957 where he served 10 active years in the Navy. Afterwards, Tom transferred into the United States Air Force Air National Guard, McGee Tyson Air Base and served until his retirement with 23 years of service to his country. Also, Tom worked for 31 years at K-25 plant in Oak Ridge, TN as a welder and sheet metal fabricator. Tom was preceded in death by parents Troy William Baker, SR, and Sarah Augusta Byrd Baker. Brother Troy William Baker, Jr. and wife Martha. Sisters Zozelle Pugh, Catherine Marie Weaver and husband Crawford, Velma Dean Magill and husband Buck, and Anita Ruth Lawson. Tom is survived by the love of his life, wife of 63 years Betty Baker of Kingston, TN,; daughter Lisa Kenney and husband Minh of Franklin, TN; daughter Susan Holder and husband Gary of Kingston, TN; son Gary Baker of Kingston, TN; sister Jane Bryant and husband Don of Columbia, TN; Brother-n-law Odean Lawson and wife Margie. Grandchildren, Thomas Kenney, Kirsten Kenney, Josie Kenney of Franklin TN; Christina Lodholz and husband Nick of Orlando, FL; Sarah Holder of Champaign, IL, and Rachel Parchman and husband Javin of Oak Grove, KY;

and by many beloved nieces and nephews. Celebration of Tom's life will be held at Kyker Funeral Home in Harriman, TN, Saturday, 27 November 2021, receiving of friends 12-2:00 pm. Rev Jeff Stovall of Clarksville, TN will deliver message at 2:00 pm. Burial will immediately follow at Roane Memorial Gardens in Harriman, TN (with military honors). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association in his memory. Kyker Funeral Home of Harriman serving the Baker Family. [www.kykerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Roane Memorial Gardens

1400 N Gateway Ave  
Rockwood, TN 37854

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 27. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kyker Funeral Homes  
OUR HARRIMAN CHAPEL  
PO Box 232, 430 Morgan St  
Harriman, TN 37748  
(865) 882-1515  
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## Fuernal Service

NOV 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Graveside

NOV 27. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James T. "Tom" Baker



Kyker Funeral Home - November 25, 2021 at 06:17 PM



“ Betty, and family..... may God's Grace be sufficient to see you all through this trying time of sorrow. My Prayers are for all of you to be uplifted by our loving Heavenly Father. Love you all. Joyce Broyles



Joyce Broyles - November 26, 2021 at 07:12 AM



“ 66 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kyker Funeral Home - November 25, 2021 at 06:09 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of James T. "Tom" Baker.*



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November 24, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ *Anita's Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James T. "Tom" Baker.*



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**Anita's Family** - November 24, 2021 at 10:21 AM



“ *Betty, we go back a long way, beginning with our children in Swan Pond. I remember Tom as always smiling and having something nice to say. I am so sorry for your loss. I have all your family in my thoughts and prayers. Ruth Bennett Clabo*

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**Ruth Clabo** - November 23, 2021 at 08:39 AM

LG

“Good night, sweet prince; And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.”  
Aloha dear friends - Betty, Gary, Lisa, and Susan, I have known your family for over 50 years. Gary and I played together as kids when you all lived in Emory Heights. It is easy to say that Tom was a good person in every way because it is true. I always enjoyed Tom's sense of humor. Betty, do you remember when you and Tom visited Charleston in 1985? JH and I had a plastic bucket in the back floorboard of our car and you somehow stepped one foot in it. Tom said something like, "We'll take two of those in a size 11, please." Now I am laughing and crying at the same time! Hold that lifetime of good memories close to your hearts. With love, Lana



Lana Giannella - November 23, 2021 at 01:26 AM

RB

“ I Going to be miss My Uncle Tom Baker. I love him so much and my heart ❤️ ok. So have peace in your heart? God 's bless you all ? God is so good ? Regina Ann & Virginia Beard  
St.John 14-6. St.John 3- 16 Proverbs 17- 17



Regina Beard - November 22, 2021 at 08:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James T. "Tom" Baker.



November 22, 2021 at 07:42 PM