



James "Jim" Barker

July 10, 1933 - August 9, 2018

James R. Barker, Sr., (Jim) passed away peacefully at the Ben Atchley Tennessee State Veterans Home in Knoxville, Tennessee, on Thursday, August 9, 2018. Jim was born in Fulton, Kentucky, the son of the late Ross and Mabel Anderson Barker. First Sergeant Barker retired from the U.S. Army having served two tours in Vietnam, three tours in Germany, and one in Korea. He was a lifetime member of the AmVets. Jim moved to East Tennessee in 1978 when he transferred from Louisville, Kentucky to Knoxville, Tennessee as a manager of Metropolitan Insurance Company. Following his retirement, he was a self-employed businessman. He was a graduate of Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina. Jim was a cancer survivor and stayed active by serving his community in various ways. He was a member of West End Baptist Church, past president of the Kiwanis Club of Newport, a member of the Cocke County Shrine Club, the Cocke County Gideons Camp, the Newport Masonic Lodge No. 234, and the Kerbela Shriners of Knoxville. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, John and Larry Baker, and sister, Betty McManus. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; sons, Kenneth C. (K.C.) of Newport, Robert J. Barker of Lakeland, Florida, and James R. Barker, Jr. (Jamie); daughter, Debbie Campbell of Knoxville; four grandchildren, Paige (Gavin) Hurst of Norris, Tennessee, Josh Campbell, Hailey Barker, and Christopher Barker; two great-grandchildren, Isabella Ramsey and Kimberlynn Kenny all of Knoxville; sister, Pat Johnson of Symsonia, Kentucky; and a host of many friends including best friend, Tip

Brown. The family will receive friends from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm, Monday, August 13, 2018 at West End Baptist Church. Funeral Services will follow at 7:00 pm at West End Baptist Church with Rev. Tom Mooty officiating. A private graveside service was held. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Kiwanis Club of Newport or to Cocke County Shrine Club. Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Barker*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *My little dog, Angel, and I have made routine pet therapy visits to the Ben Atchley facility for the past several months. We always enjoyed visiting with Jim whenever we saw his door open. He was saddened to hear of his passing, and we will miss him. We*

Madonna Martin - August 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss of a fine man. He will be missed.*

Trey Dykes - August 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. You all are in our prayers.*

Rusty and Kathy Williams - August 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sharon, I am sorry for your loss.. I love you.*

Brenda Bolin - August 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sympathy to All*

Wanda Hillard - August 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Mr Barker will be greatly missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Dee Bryant(from Sagebrush)*

Dee Bryant - August 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Sorry for your loss he will be missedá*

Matthew Strange - August 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Sorry for your loss.I will miss Jim also.*

jack lewis - August 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *I am shocked to see JimÆs obituary this morning. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and K.C. I will be out of town Monday and cannot come to his memorial service. He was such a sweet man. I want you to call me when you have time. I love you*

Carol Fisher - August 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Sharon & all of Jimmy's Children I am so sorry about Jimmy he was a Great Cousin and I was so proud of him and proud to say he was a Cousin. Jim cousin Janet Of Symsonia, Ky.*

Janet Copeland Wallace - August 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ *Sending Love & Prayers to you both Sharon & KC. I will miss Jim so much and will always remember the many memories we have shared together.*

Valerie Mullins - August 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ So for your loss, Jim was a great man and will be missed. Thoughts and prayers for the entire family.

Chris Conley - August 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Sharon and K.C., we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Mary Ann & Jay Chrisman - August 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Praying for family

June Holt Russell - August 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Mr. Barker's love for his family, community, and all school children was truly amazing. He touched the lives of so many.

Angie Jones - August 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ My condolences to Sharon and Ken. Mr. Jim will always be remembered as a wonderful man. He was always so kind and care about all people. Psalm 91

Sandra Melcher - August 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *Sharen And KC, So Sorry About The Passing Of Our Wonderful Neighbor! Our Prayers Are With Your Family Always ! If You All Ever Need Anything We Are Just Next Door ! Jim Will Surely Be Missed ! Kermit and Imogene*

Kermit and Imogene Andrews - August 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM