



James Alford Baker

February 9, 1942 - November 30, 2018

James Alford Baker, 76, of Searcy, went to be with the Lord on November 30, 2018. He was born on February 9, 1942 in Judsonia, to James Albert and Ada Lucille Varner Baker. James is survived by his wife, Catherine Maddoux Baker; a son, Timothy James Baker; 3 daughters, Sheila Yvonne Baker of Searcy, Judy Ann Grant and husband, Bob of Canon City, Colorado, Sheila Joyce Dillinger and husband, Rick of Trumann, Arkansas; grandchildren, Jacob Sanchez, Melissa Fiber, Cody Baker, Cassandra Fortner, Stephen Baker, Tillie Elvrum, Ada Padilla, Ben Ladish, Kenny Stacks, Roy Warden, Rickey Dillinger and Sherry Doyle; 22 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Sarah Darlene Yielding; 3 brothers, Milton, Albert and Clyde Baker; 3 sisters, Geraldine, Ada Mae and Janie Lou Baker. Visitation will be Wednesday, December 5 from 12-1pm at Rose Bud Assembly of God, followed by Funeral Service at 1:00pm. Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Judsonia, Arkansas.

Arrangements by Powell Funeral Home of Searcy.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Van Buren Street
Judsonia, AR 72081

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM.

Rose Bud Assembly of God

Funeral Service

DEC 5. 1:00 PM.

Rose Bud Assembly of God

Tribute Wall

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“ We are so sorry to learn that our friend James has gone. He was a long-time member of the White County Historical Society who helped many people with their histories during his generous lifetime. James was the very first hero in the preservation story of Smyrna Church, the oldest church building in Arkansas. The church is located on Highway 36 just below James' home on the crest of Joy Mountain, and he passed it during his frequent trips to Searcy. The church was empty and not in use for some time when James noticed that windows were broken out. He loaded plywood into his truck and covered the windows to prevent additional damage, then notified church authorities. This led to the development of a consortium that took over the preservation of the building that is a jewel of history today. We are thankful for James' service and share your sorrow in his loss. God bless you all. Eddie Best, past president, White County Historical Society

Eddie Best - December 05, 2018 at 09:57 AM