



Gerald "Jerry" Douglas Baker

February 20, 1942 - April 10, 2018

Gerald "Jerry" Douglas Baker, 76, a proud veteran and hard worker, of Potterville died April 10, 2018. He was born February 20, 1942 in Charlotte to Don W. and Margaret (James) Miller. Jerry worked at Minor Walton Bean Company before enlisting in the Army and serving in Vietnam. He was known as a Buck Sergeant because he was older than others that enlisted. Jerry had a pet monkey during the war that was great at finding venomous snakes, and he was awarded two Bronze Stars during his time in Vietnam. He loved this country and was proud that he was able to serve his country.

Jerry was brave, generous, and the "Rock" of the family. He enjoyed mowing, so much so that he volunteered to mow Lake Alliance. His love for mowing came from his work with The City of Lansing where he worked in the Parks and Recreation Department prior to his retirement. Jerry also enjoyed fishing (especially at Tippy Dam and Cedar Lake), going to the casino, road trips, yard sales, and looked forward to playing cards with his poker and cribbage family every day.

Jerry is survived by his five children, Bill (Patti) Hoffman, Reda (Ron) Hoffman, Steve (Teresa) Hoffman, Scott (Deb) Baker, Brad (Darlene) Baker; grandchildren, Jessica, Matt, Wesley, Nathan, Michael, Steven, Christopher, Josh, Cameron, Chelsea, Andrew, Savannah, Jessie, Tyler, and Leonard; 17 great-grandchildren; siblings, Ron (Iwana) Miller, Donna (Mark) Ransom,

Cindy Miller, Cathy (Mark) Jacobs, Don (Carol) Miller and Jim Baker; his chocolate lab, Patty; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Patricia; daughters, Angela Baker and Cindy Hoffman; and grandson Ronald Hoffman.

Friends of Jerry are encouraged to show their support for his family at visitation on Sunday, April 15, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held Monday, April 16, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Pray Funeral Home with Rev. Koepke officiating. If desired the family suggests memorial contributions be in Jerry's honor to the US Department of Veterans Affairs. Friends and family are also encouraged to share memories of Jerry on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Needmore Cemetery

Chester Township on Needmore Hwy west of
Cochran Rd
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 15. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral Ceremony

APR 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

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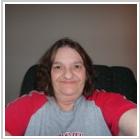
Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Douglas Baker*



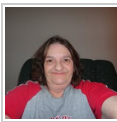
Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 13, 2018 at 07:11 PM



“ *Robyn Otenev lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Douglas Baker*



Robyn Otenev - April 16, 2018 at 10:40 AM



Sorry for the families loss please tell Jim i am sorry for the loss of his brother

Robyn Otenev - April 16, 2018 at 10:42 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Douglas Baker.*



April 15, 2018 at 12:56 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



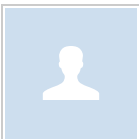
Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 14, 2018 at 05:36 PM



“ I saw Jerry a couple of weeks ago and he asked me to take these pictures. R.I.P. my friend thank you for your services.



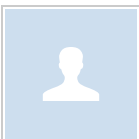
Maria Barrientoz - April 14, 2018 at 02:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Douglas Baker.



April 14, 2018 at 10:36 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Douglas Baker.



April 13, 2018 at 08:13 PM

LJ

“ I have so many wonderful, hilarious memories of Jerry, or as i called him, my "pop" that I cannot pick just one to share. You will just have to buy the book. 😊

We worked together for 13 years and i wish i could have every moment back to do again. Love you forever shake and bake ❤️



Laura Jenks - April 13, 2018 at 07:54 PM

GE

I remember Jerry well. We worked together for a few months at M Walton. The last time I saw him was November 25, 1964 at HGB. RIP. Thank you for serving our country Two Bronze Stars says so much. Thanks again Gene Conley

Gene - April 17, 2018 at 03:18 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Douglas Baker.*



April 13, 2018 at 07:43 PM



“ 35 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 13, 2018 at 06:07 PM



“ *Two Bears and Barbara Lantrip purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Douglas Baker.*



Two Bears and Barbara Lantrip - April 13, 2018 at 01:45 PM

DL

“ I would like to offer my condolences to the whole family and to share a special time with Jerry and Bob Wood. Of course we played a lot of cards, but my favorite times was at the Pow Wows in Mt Pleasant. The last time Jerry, Bob, and myself went I finally got them both to dance with me in the veterans dance along with about 75 other veterans. It was a sight to behold, and a very proud moment for me to share with my brothers. I think they are both dancing now. Veterans Day at Fire Keepers with Jerry, Bob Wood, Mike English, and myself was special times I will not forget. Scott and Deb, Brad and Darlene I love you.

David Lantrip
"Two Bears"

David Lantrip - April 13, 2018 at 01:27 PM

TH

“ Hey pops, you said 85, anyway.. You sure could mow some grass.. Had some great times working at the cemetery with you ,, trying to keep you and your counterpart Laura out of trouble, don't think there was a day that went by that I didn't have to make something up because you had to take Laura to get her "Beaners" coffee,, lol, or talk me into taking them 5 baby skunks home because there mother got run over.. Just so Laura would go back to work.. Lmao,, thanks pops for the great memories,, R. I. P. My friend..

Tyler houser - April 13, 2018 at 04:28 AM

KH

“ TO THE BAKER, HOFFMAN FAMILIES,

SO SADEND FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR FATHER, HE WAS A GOOD GUY, AND FRIEND TO MANY. HE WILL BE SADLY MISSED. HE WILL BE HOLDING TEXAS HOLDEM CARD PARTIES IN HEAVEN NOW. ALWAYS A SMILE ON HIS FACE. SINCERLY, DAN, KIRK, KATHY HARKNESS.

kathy harkness - April 12, 2018 at 08:59 PM

HP

“ Harrington's Lawn & Power purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Douglas Baker.



Harrington's Lawn & Power - April 12, 2018 at 07:52 PM

BR

“ SO MUCH TO SAY JERRY WAS A AWSOME PESON AND A GREAT FAMILY MAN .AND THE BEST PART HE ALWAYS HAD TIME TO LISEN TO WHAT YOU HAD TO SAY .NEVER A BAD WORD TO SAY ABOUT ANYONE .GOD BLESS YOU JERRY.

Bruce Robinson - April 12, 2018 at 12:37 PM

BR

“ Bruce Robinson lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Douglas Baker



Bruce Robinson - April 12, 2018 at 12:24 PM

RS

“ Miss him already!sorry for your loss Scott and brad.

ryan shockley - April 11, 2018 at 05:47 PM

AP

My heart just aches for your family. I just can't believe that our dads passed only days apart. He was a good man and a great friend. I'm so sorry.

Amanda (Wood) Pocalujka - April 11, 2018 at 11:41 PM

LS

I knew Jerry from the city cemeteries. He was a good man and I will miss him. My sympathies to you all.

loretta stanaway - April 11, 2018 at 11:44 PM

CG

I seen your dad at least once a day somewhere someway I would bump into him I will miss him dearly rest in peace Jerry Baker

Christopher glass - April 12, 2018 at 12:02 AM

DN

I'm sorry for your loss Scotty and Brad. I'll always remember your dad as the "Borden Ice cream man!!". I love how he shared ice cream all summer long when we were kids!! He was always so nice to me and my Brother!! Take Care. Dawn (Schoonover) Northrop!!

Dawn Northrop - April 12, 2018 at 12:49 AM

GC

Sorry for your loss ❤️

George D Clottin - April 12, 2018 at 11:26 AM

TD

So sorry for the family loss ! ❤️❤️

Tim and Cindy Day - April 12, 2018 at 12:11 PM

SW

He was a good friend to Bob. Bob looked forward to his time with your dad. I know you will miss him dearly. Stay strong and keep your memories close.

Sandy Wood - April 13, 2018 at 09:32 AM

RL

*Sorry for your loss. Jerry was an amazing man with a big heart that would help everybody. He will be greatly missed. We will carry him in our hearts forever. We will miss you and love you Jerry rip. "I'm free" Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard him call; I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day, to love, to laugh, to work and play. Tasks left undone must stay that way; I found that place at the close of the day. If my parting has left a void, then fill with remembered joy. A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss; ah yes these things, I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savoured much; good friends, good time, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seems all too brief; Don't lengthen it now with undo grief. Lift up your head and share with me, God wanted me now, he set me free. RIP JERRY WE LOVE YOU.
Rebecca, Jessica, Ryan Rj*

Rebecca Ledesma - April 13, 2018 at 10:11 AM

MD

Sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family to remember all the good times and know he is always with you in your hearts! May he enjoy the everlasting light and life with the Lord in Heaven. RIP Jerry. Love, Dellinger's

Mandy Dellinger - April 19, 2018 at 08:31 PM