



## SFC (Ret.) Johnny James Baker

May 25, 1941 - March 15, 2018

SFC (Retired) Johnny James Baker was called from earthly labor to heavenly reward late Friday night at Agape Hospice House in Columbia. Born May 25, 1941, in Cadiz, Kentucky, he was a son of the late Johnnie C. and Levi Rogers Baker. Educated in the public school system of Kentucky, Johnny graduated from Cripus Attucks High School in Hopkinsville as a member of the Class of 1959.

Johnny proudly his nation in the United States Army, retiring after more than twenty years of service. After his military service, Johnny continued to serve his country, spending several years as a federal civilian employee (MEPS) before retiring and entering state employee with the Richland One School District before finally retiring to enjoy his golden years.

Johnny was united in holy matrimony to the former Thelma Lee Wright of Newport News, Virginia. Their union was blessed with three children.

In addition to his parents, Johnny was preceded in death by his beloved wife Thelma and his stepbrother, Norris Crete Baker.

Johnny leaves to cherish precious memories a loving daughter, Cassandra Baker (Robert) Belcher of Columbia; two sons: Johnny Leon (Lawahid) Baker of Kuwait and Kevin Jerome (Maureen) Baker of Marina Del Ray, CA; four

grandchildren: Justin James Baker of Greenville, Kevin T. Baker, Channing Marie Baker, both of Marina Del Rey, and Anastasia Baker of Kuwait; three brothers: Tommy Lee (Georgette) Baker of East Chicago, IN, Jimmy Lee (Marsha) Baker, and Robert Douglas Baker, both of Nashville, TN; four sisters: Catherine Baker (Jimmy) Zellner of Hopkinsville, Emma Jane (Joseph) Webb, Susie Mae (Price) Martin, both of Nashville, and Rotressa Baker (Ernest) Yelling of Goodlettsville, TN; two aunts: Pearline Weaver of Hopkinsville and Martha Waddlington of Nashville; and a host of other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to the Hardy Handz Foundation PO Box 24806 Columbia, SC 29224.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Jackson National Cemetery

## Previous Events

### Public Viewing

MAR 21. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia  
1200 Fontaine Place  
Columbia, SC 29223  
(803) 786-6300  
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com  
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

### Family Visitation

MAR 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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### Public Viewing

MAR 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Christian Faith Fellowship  
2625 Alpine Road  
Columbia, SC 29223

## **Celebration of Life**

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## **Graveside service**

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**MAR 22.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ SFC (Ret.) Johnny James Baker

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ Cassandra, Johnny and Kevin, I am so sorry for your loss. The last time we spoke, Mr. Baker was amazed that he saw one of the “kids” from Fort Jackson who knew his daughter, remembered him, and still addressed him as “Sir” Mr. Baker, tell Ms. Baker hello from me. Take your Rest, SIR!!

Denise Lewis Bright - March 21, 2018 at 09:35 PM



“ Denise Bright lit a candle in memory of SFC (Ret.) Johnny James Baker



Denise Bright - March 21, 2018 at 09:25 PM



“ My name is James(Skip) Hill. I met the Baker family back in the early 1970s. Mr. Baker's oldest son Johnny(Fatman) and I played baseball together. From day one Mr and Mrs Baker treated me as one of their own sons and I was always at their house on Ft Jackson. He was truly a great role model on how to care of family. RIP Mr Baker. I know you are smiling down on your DJs!

James Hill - March 21, 2018 at 03:21 PM

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“ To the family of our Dear Johnny;

*Johnny was so dear to me and to many of our classmates--Attucks Class of 1959. We shall cherish the memories, not only the school days memories, but the days and times we shares at our many Class Reunions. Johnny and his dear Thelma shared many precious times with the Class of 1959 as well as other Attucks Alumni. Praise and thanks to God Almighty! During recent years, Johnny would invite Ada and me to his family reunions which were held in Hopkinsville, KY. He was a very special guy--a special and dear friend.*

*I send my sincere sympathy and condolence to the Children and Family of Dear Johnny J. Baker. May God bless and comfort you.*

*Bobbie M Croney Hutchins  
Attucks Class of 1959*

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**B Hutchins** - March 21, 2018 at 02:01 PM

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“ Vivian, Marvin and family purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of SFC (Ret.) Johnny James Baker.



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**Vivian, Marvin and family** - March 21, 2018 at 10:47 AM

 Lisa  
Mumford

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of Mr. Johnny. I will truly miss him. My family and I considered him part of our family. We will miss you at Our Thanksgiving Dinners. But I know that God knows, and you are in no more pain. Give Mrs Thelma a hug and kiss for me. Praying for Tweeny, Kevin, and Johnny during this difficult time. Love Lisa Mumford, Mother Ada and family*



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**Lisa Mumford** - March 20, 2018 at 01:51 PM

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*Johnny, rest in peace. You lived a good life, only your latter days on earth were not the healthiest or happiest, but we can imagine how happy you must be now that you and Thelma Lou have come together again. You are missed. I know you are at a better place, yet you are, and will be missed here. We are happy to still have Tweeny, Johnny, Jr., Kevin and all the grandchildren with us.*

*With love to the family,*

*Shirley and Elliott Pride*

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**Shirley and Elliott Pride** - March 21, 2018 at 12:42 PM