



Joseph L. Baker Jr

November 8, 1931 - December 7, 2017

Joseph "Papa Joe" L. Baker Jr., 86, of Bourbonnais, formerly of Pratt, WV, passed away on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at Presence St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee. He was born on November 8, 1931 in Meadow Fork, WV, the son of Joseph L. Sr. and Bridget (Irvin) Baker. Joe married Virginia Chastain in 1981 in Bourbonnais. She preceded him in death in 2005.

Joe had worked for Belson Steel in Kankakee and retired from Raleigh Steel in West Virginia. He was an avid reader and enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and doing yard work. He was a fan of Chicago Cubs baseball and West Virginia University football.

Joe was a veteran of the United States Army and served in Korea.

He is survived by four daughters Sharon (Vern) Kochel of Herscher, Jonell (Rich Kimbrell) Taylor of Bourbonnais, Joedean Small of Columbus, OH and Jolene Small of Bell, FL; one sister Mary Frances Meadows of Palmyra, VA; nine grandchildren Tony Rawlings of Columbus, OH, Rachel Schwartz of Bradley, Soren Jensen of Herscher, Lars Jenson of Chebanse, Sena McKissack of GA, Christie Landeck of Herscher, Dawn Schroeder of Grant Park, Julie Gossage of Colorado Springs, CO and Jennifer Baglio of Herscher; eighteen great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

Along with his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter Diane McCoin, one sister and two brothers.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial service will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 2pm, with visitation one hour prior, at Schreffler Funeral Home in West Kankakee. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel

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Kankakee, IL 60901

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph L. Baker Jr*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences for Josephs family. Losing someone we love is truly heartbreaking. I want to take a moment and share something that has given me much personal comfort and hope. It is the scriptural promise at Daniel 12:2 "And many of those asleep in the dust of the earth will wake up, some to everlasting life." Losing a loved one in death is not the end, we have a beautiful hope just ahead. How we long to see them again and be reunited forever.*

Beth Moore - December 12, 2017 at 08:45 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss, and send my condolences. This is one of the hardest times in a family's life, always know that others care. Most important God cares. He has promised a time when he will "swallow up death forever and he will wipe the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25:8) Praying for your family, and praying you will find comfort in this promise.*

Michelle - December 09, 2017 at 08:48 AM