



Mr. James Gudger Baker

November 25, 1923 - December 13, 2010

James Gudger Baker, 87, of Asheville passed away Monday, December 13, 2010 after a period of declining health at the VA Medical Center in Asheville. A native of Asheville, he was son of the late Freeman and Maud Ola Gudger Baker. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his sweetheart and much beloved wife of 54 years, Mary Louise Whitmire Baker, brother, Henry Lamar Baker, and two sisters, Alice Lucienda B. Bagnel and Maude Anne B. Carlton.

James was a graduate of Lee Edwards High School and The Citadel in Charleston, S.C. He proudly served in World War II with the 104th Division (Timberwolves), 413th Regiment, 1st Battalion, Company "A" where he received the Purple Heart and was awarded the Silver Star. He had been a member of many professional and civic organizations over the years. He retired from Jefferson-Pilot Financial Services in 2004 after 56 years in the insurance and financial planning business.

His survivors include his sons, James Gudger Baker, Jr. and Roland Tyler Baker and his wife, Tena Smith Baker; two grandsons, James Robert Baker and Sean Phillip Baker; brother, Freeman Ruggles Baker, Jr. of Winston-Salem; sister, Myrtle Anne B. Wilkinson of Raleigh and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held 11:00 AM, Friday, December 17, 2010 at Trinity Episcopal Church with the Rev. Carol Hubbard officiating. The family will receive friends following the service in the Clark room.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, 60 Church Street, Asheville, NC 28801 or to a charity of one's choice.

Mr. Baker's family wishes to thank the entire staff of the Charles B. George VA Community Living Center in Asheville for their dedication, professionalism and compassion.

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent through the website www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Trinity Episcopal Church

60 Church Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Previous Events

Service

DEC 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Asheville, NC 28801

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Gudger Baker*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I wish to extend my deepest sympathies for your loss.*

*Jim Capone
415/E TW pup*

Jim Capone - January 16, 2011 at 02:12 PM



“ *Jim and Ty - I was very sorry to learn of your father's passing. This space says share memories - OK, so here goes. My favorite saying of his had to be "the Lord looks after dumb animals and Gibson." My other favorite memory is him showing me how to twiddle my thumbs backwards (which I can still do - to the amazement of all who behold). I have thought of him everytime I've done that over the years. I'll surely continue - but I think I'll be a little sadder when I do - but I don't think he would want that, so I'll give him a big smile for every twiddle from now on.*

My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Ed

Ed Highsmith - December 20, 2010 at 04:03 PM



“ *My condolences on you father's passing. I sent Ed a message about it.*

John Highsmith - December 16, 2010 at 07:21 PM

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“ *Jim, I am real sorry that I can't be at my friend Jims funeral..
As I told You I have lost a very Dear friend!!
My thoughts are with You..*

Buddy and Mary Riesenberg

Buddy Mary Riesenberg - December 16, 2010 at 03:27 PM