



Clelon Jones Baker

April 3, 1924 - February 28, 2020

CLELON JONES BAKER

Clelon Jones Baker went to be with the Lord on February 28, 2020.

He was born April 3, 1924 in Lancaster, S.C., the son of the late Arthur Scripture Baker and Jessie Cleo Baker. Known to many by his nickname “Smoke”, because as a teenager he ran so fast it looked like a smoke trail behind him.

He was a graduate of Flat Creek High School in Lancaster, SC and attended the University of South Carolina majoring in Engineering and Construction Management.

He was a World War II Veteran, who served in 1st Army, landing on Omaha Beach, Normandy, France during Operation Overlord, on June 7th, 1944, Honorable Discharged in October 1945.

He was employed by Springs Industries for 42 years, serving as Director of Engineering Construction until his retirement. He was instrumental in a number of community projects, USC-Lancaster Arts and Science Building, White Homestead restoration and many Springs Mills construction projects including one in Indonesia.

He had a deep and abiding faith for his LORD. He served faithfully in every church that he was a member. An ordained deacon in several churches, he had a passion for visiting and taking food to older church members. All his life, he was a true prayer warrior, talk to the Lord and seeking his counsel.

He leaves an amazing legacy of accomplishments. While some of those accomplishments are physical buildings, he was most proud of the lives he touched and helped throughout his life.

Clelon first wife, Dorothy Blackmon Baker pre – deceased him in 1961. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Betty Bennett Baker, two sons, Robert C. Baker (Elaine) of Rock Hill, SC and Keith S. Baker (Edie) of Myrtle Beach, SC, four granddaughters, Kristen Bratton (Andy) of Matthews, NC, Malissa Baker of Fort Mill, SC, Ashley Laura Hidalgo (Enoel) of Myrtle Beach, SC and Jessie Lee Baker of Myrtle Beach, SC. Four great grandchildren, Chase and Davis Bratton, Rafael and Maria Hidalgo.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at McMillian and Small Funeral Home, Myrtle Beach on Tuesday, March 3rd at 2:00pm with Pastor Terry Scalzitti and Jerry Robertson officiating. Family will receive friends and family at 12:30pm prior to service.

In Lieu of Flowers, the family requests donations be made to Ocean View Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 347-4909
office@hillcrestcemetery.com
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McMillian-Small Funeral Home
910-67th Ave. N.
Myrtle Beach, SC 29572
mcmillanssmall@msfh.net
<http://www.msfh.net/>

Celebration of Life

MAR 3. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Interment

MAR 3. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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