



Mr. James Joseph Baker

September 5, 1944 - February 12, 2026

James Joseph Baker, 81, of Foley, Alabama, passed away at his home on February 12, 2026. He was preceded in death by his parents, Barbara and Calvin Jones.

He is survived by his life partner, Pamela Perry Baker, daughters Rebecca (Michael) Parker, Rachel (Kyle) Parker, and grandsons Ryan and Ty; brothers Kenny (Kelli) Jones, Kevin Jones (Tracy), Janeen Laughlin (Joe), and Barbara Roberts; and nieces and nephews.

Jim was born on September 5, 1944, in Junction City, Kansas. After earning his bachelor's from Kansas State and master's from USC, Jim worked as a bank examiner for the Federal Reserve District of Kansas and then a Systems' Analyst for the Department of the Army in Fort Riley. In 1973 he started his Customs career in New Orleans, LA as a Classification's Specialist and moved into Law Enforcement as a Customs Patrol Officer. He was most proud of his time as a Special Agent as

he took part in many seizures and arrests. He retired after many adventures with Customs on the last day of 1999.

Jim was a great storyteller and jokester. His laugh was infectious and when he got going, one couldn't help but join in. After retirement, he always kept busy with one project after another. He enjoyed working outside, tending his blueberry bushes, and volunteering monthly at the FUMC Fish Fry.

Throughout his life, Jim most enjoyed spending time with his family; often on the sidelines cheering on his girls, watching them compete and then later coach. When not at a sporting event, he loved when the whole family was together, whether working on something at the house, hosting a crawfish boil, or just sitting on the dock of the bay at Rachel's.

The family will receive friends at Foley United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 10 am with a memorial service beginning at 11 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Foley United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Foley United Methodist Church
915 N. Pine St
Foley, AL 36535

Memorial Service

FEB **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ After talking to Jim at a class reunion, I found out what a great sense of humor he had. He also had a sharp mind. He was a jack of all trades and even mastered some of them! What a great guy! Pat DeLapa

Patricia DeLapa - February 21 at 10:42 AM

GE

“ My condolences to the Baker family. I knew Jim from out membership in the local Blue Knights Chapter. Pam, you probably don't remember me by name but I'm the guy who towed the 28' trimaran sailboat into your backyard 5 years ago. Rachel, you probably don't recall me either but we me a few time such as when you tended bar at one of our local's conference meetings. I'm guessing your dad's pic posted here is from your wedding. I recall him being so proud. And he enjoyed riding Kyle's ATV around his yard so much. My thoughts are with you all on this day. Thank you for sharing Jim with me.

Gene - February 21 at 08:45 AM

DM

“ Prayers for the family!



Danny McLain - February 20 at 11:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James Joseph Baker.*



February 19 at 10:31 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Joseph Baker.*



February 19 at 09:32 PM