



## Jimmy Baber

June 26, 1949 - December 23, 2022

Jimmy George Baber, a 1967 Higginsville High School graduate, passed away December 26, 2022 in Nashville, TN. Soon after graduation, Jimmy embraced his military obligation by enlisting in the Marine Corp. He was wounded on August 19, 1968 in the Dodge City operations area in Vietnam and again on November 22, 1968 on Hill 55 South of Danang, Vietnam. He was the recipient of two Purple Hearts. As a decorated combat hero Jim continued to struggle back in the states through many surgeries and rehab for another two years. Upon discharge, he then joined the DAV full time to help other returning Vietnam veterans. Jim tackled the civilian world with the same ferocity as he had charged up Hill 55 South of Danang (a battle where he was wounded), and formed Baber Group Landscapers in Atlanta, Georgia and eventually expanding to Destin, Florida. Known to his friends and 20+ employees as “Diamond” for his generous and extravagant lifestyle, Diamond treated employees as family, loved cooking, deep-sea fishing, daily runs and Bible study. Whether it was on the high school gridiron, the family farm, in his business or the rice paddies of Vietnam, Jim fought hard, worked hard, played hard and approached all facets of life with no fear... A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2023 from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the Arcadian Moon Event Center.

He is survived by his daughter, Kelly (Ken) Popovits; grandchildren, Abby Popovits and Joey Popovits; siblings, John Mark (Ron Lorenz) Satterwhite, Connie Lynn (Mike) Gauthier, Paul Franklin (Wendy) Satterwhite, and Pamela

Ann (Paul) Menefee; nieces and nephews, Brandon W. (Jennifer) Bornstein, Kelsey (Ashton) Tate, Kendra Satterwhite, Emma McMillen, Grace McMillen; great-nieces, Cecile, Jolene, Riley and lifetime childhood friend and fellow Marine, Tom Daniels.

Mr. Baber is preceded in death by his grandparents, George and Minnie Kaeding; parents, Wanda and Harry Satterwhite; father, Mack Ray Baber and brother, Gregory Ray Satterwhite.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB **18**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jim and I became friends while he was stationed in Jackson Mississippi with DAV. I was several years younger than Jim and he treated me like a younger brother. I had tried to find him over the years but failed. I continue to miss his friendship. I owe him much. I offer my sincere condolences for your loss.*

*Johnny Allen  
Rienzi, MS*

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**Johnny Allen** - July 04, 2024 at 05:40 PM



“ *Jimmy Baber*

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October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Jimmy Baber*

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October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Jimmy Baber*

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October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM

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“ Jim was a year ahead of my class but I remember him well. He was always cutting up & kept everybody, either shaking their heads chuckling or just flat cracking up. He was a buddy to everyone & to many a good friend.

There was an incident where he & Tom Daniels took my "then" husband out on the town. I will always remember the look on all their faces when I walked in....it was priceless. I have told that story many times with a smile on my face & a chuckle. What a fun memory.

In school his nickname was "animal" but I can't remember how he acquired it.

My condolences to his family & friends. He certainly will always be fondly remembered by me.

Karen Gunier

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**Karen Gunier** - February 24, 2023 at 02:13 AM