



James Porter Baker Jr.

November 28, 1942 - October 13, 2024

James “Jim” Porter Baker Jr., of Easton, Maryland, passed away peacefully on the night of Sunday, October 13, 2024, at Washington MedStar Hospital. He was born on November 28, 1942, in Richmond, Virginia, to Dr. James Porter Baker and Louise Rogerson Baker and was the brother of the late Elizabeth Church. Jim spent his formative years at the Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, where his father served as Medical Director at the Greenbrier Clinic.

Jim attended West Virginia University (WVU) in Morgantown, WV, where he met his future wife, Janne “Jan” Harmon. After WVU, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology and went on to proudly serve in the United States Army for six years.

In the fall of 1966, Jim and Jan were married in Charleston, West Virginia, and later settled on Maryland’s Eastern Shore, where Jim began his career with Delmarva Power & Light Company.

A passionate sailor, Jim crewed on the *Running Tide*, one of the most successful S&S-designed racing yachts of the 1970s. His love for the sea eventually led him to a new career as service manager at Lippincott’s Marina on Kent Island. In the 1980s, he co-founded Teal Point Marine, a boat maintenance company, with his partner the late Arthur F. Jeffra—a venture

they successfully ran through the 1980s and 1990s.

Jim and Jan were blessed with one daughter, Sarah Baker, whom they raised in Easton. They always cherished their West Virginia roots and, after retiring, they designed and built a second home on 30 acres near Mt. Storm in Mineral County. They loved their time in West Virginia tending to their gardens and exploring all the nearby mountains and rivers and finding peace in the place that had always held special meaning for them.

Despite facing significant health challenges in recent years, Jim lived life to the fullest. He had a thirst for knowledge and the ability to master anything he set his mind to, and he built deep lifelong friendships that meant the world to him. Jim was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Easton and enjoyed spending time at the Tilghman Watermen's Museum in Tilghman, Maryland. His many passions included deep-sea fishing, the history and engineering of trains, woodworking, steam engines and electronics, building fine furniture, racing automobiles, and reading. He was also a dedicated collector of Billie Holiday albums and a wide variety of music spanning many decades.

Jim is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jan Baker; his daughter, Sarah Baker, and her partner, Justin Gross; his niece, Emilie Smiley, and her daughter, Tess; and his nephew, John Church, along with his wife, Monica, and their two children, James and Nora. Jim also leaves behind countless friends whose lives he deeply touched.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held on November 2, 2024, at the Elks Lodge, 502 Dutchmans Lane, Easton, Maryland, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Jim's memory to the GBS-CIDP Foundation to support patients affected by Guillain-

Barré Syndrome: [<https://www.gbs-cidp.org/donate/>]

Previous Events

celebration of life

NOV 2. 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM (est)

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