



Hubert "Sonny" V. Baber

May 26, 1937 - December 17, 2021

Hubert "Sonny" Virgil Baber, age 84 of Mattoon, IL passed away Friday, December 17, 2021, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL.

A funeral service in his honor will be held at 1:00 PM, Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at Maranatha Baptist Church, 3400 Dewitt Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938; Pastor George Jaderson will officiate with the assistance of Pastor Dan Haifley. A committal service will immediately follow in Dodge Grove Cemetery in Mattoon, IL. The visitation will be held the same day from 11:00 AM until the time of service at the church. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is charge of services.

Sonny was born on May 26, 1937, to the late Virgil A. and Sadie E. (McNeil) Baber. He married Saunda "Cindy" F. Graham on October 17, 1959, in Mattoon, IL at Broadway Christian Church. Sonny is survived by his wife of sixty - two years, Cindy Baber of Mattoon, IL; son, Larry A. Baber and wife Pam of Mattoon, IL; daughters, Julie L. Ethington and husband Rick of Trilla, IL, Tammy A. Donnell and husband Jim of Lerna, IL, Dina L. Jones of Mattoon, IL; grandchildren: Dwayne Baber of Mattoon, IL, Kayla Clark and husband Michael of Decatur, IL, Ricky Ethington and wife Melissa of Trilla, IL, Travis Ethington and wife Kallie of Trilla, IL, Dustin Ethington and wife Emily of Trilla, IL, Ashley Herbert and husband Joe of Mattoon, IL, Felicia Tucker and husband Donald of Mattoon, IL, Trevor Kirkley of St. Louis, MO; nineteen

great-grandchildren; sisters, Doris Bertinetti of Tinley Park, IL, Huberta Vaughn of Toccoa Falls, GA; and beloved canine companion, Rascal. Sonny is preceded in death by his brothers, Donald, Charles, and Gene Baber.

Sonny was a crane operator for Industrial Roofing in Mattoon, IL for over thirty-five years before retiring in 2000. He was a devout member of Maranatha Baptist Church in Mattoon, IL and enjoyed attending church with his family and fellow parishioners. Throughout the years, he enjoyed watching baseball and was avid St. Louis Cardinal's fan. He was wonderful husband, and loving father and grandfather, who was a true role model to his loved ones and his memory will live on.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street
Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Maranatha Baptist Church
3400 Dewitt Avenue
Mattoon, IL 61938

Service

DEC 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Hubert "Sonny" V. Baber*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Cindy, I was sorry to hear of Sonny's passing . I always enjoyed chatting with him. I know you will miss him and Rascal will, too.*

Nancy Renshaw - December 21, 2021 at 01:16 PM



“ *Tammy, so sorry to hear about your Dad. I lost my Dad on September 1. Our hearts are heavy but will cherish the memories. Love Jay and Debbie Hines.*

Debbie Hines - December 21, 2021 at 07:22 AM



“ *I am so sad to hear of the tremendous loss of Sonny for his family! But I rejoice that we will all see him again for eternity with our precious heavenly father. He will surely be missed! My birthday truffles will always be a special memory for me...thanks Sonny! 💖*

Becky - December 19, 2021 at 08:56 PM



Sorry for your loss,he was a good man.

Michael stocks - December 20, 2021 at 11:03 PM

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I went to the Alliance church with Sonny many years ago and consider him a good man and friend. I am so sorry for your loss.
Gary Groff

Gary Groff - December 21, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Hubert "Sonny" V. Baber.*



December 19, 2021 at 03:17 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Hubert "Sonny" V. Baber.*



December 19, 2021 at 02:56 PM