



## James L Baker

May 2, 1933 - September 23, 2022

James L. Baker, 89, of Wharton passed away on Friday, September 23rd. He was born May 2, 1933, in Kenton, the son of Tracy and Olive (Brashares) Baker.

James (Jim) is survived by his daughter, Jeralyn, of Michigan, his sister, Beverly Bennett, of Upper Sandusky, many nephews, nieces, cousins, and special friends/neighbors.

He married Donna J. Dilley at the Patterson United Methodist Church on May 5, 1967, and she preceded in him death in 2008 after 41 years of marriage. He was also preceded in death by his parents and brothers-in-law, David Bennett and Joseph Fabo.

James graduated from Wharton High School followed by enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1952. He served at the U.S. Naval Air Facility, Navy #214, Port Lyautey, French Morocco, northern Africa as personnel support during the Korean War. After his enlistment, he became employed at United Aircraft Products in Forest, later became Parker Hannifin, from which he retired with over 30 years service in 1994. He was an active member of his local U.A.W.

James thoroughly enjoyed his retirement remaining at this family's homestead in Wharton pursuing his hobbies. He enjoyed attending auctions and the

Wyandot County fair with his family, liked going to horse racing with his friends especially the Little Brown Jug for many years in Delaware, Ohio. Jim was also an avid reader and collector of Findlay Glass. He especially loved Wyandot County, Ohio, living a good life there in the countryside.

A private graveside service was held on September 29th at the Wharton Richland Union Cemetery, Wharton with Pastor Doug Pummel officiating a beautiful service. Arrangements were handled by Clark Shields Funeral Home. James received military honors for his service to our country.

Memorial contributions may be made to any local humane society/animal shelter or any veteran's association.