



Farris Baker Jr.

July 30, 1938 - December 5, 2025

Farris Baker Jr. was born on July 30, 1938 in Only, TN. He was the third of eight children born to Farris Baker, Sr. and Lillian Beatrice Brake Baker.

He is predeceased by his wife, Barbara Ann Goins Baker, of 59 years, his parents, siblings Donald (Jewel) Baker, Louise Baker (Hillard) Armstrong (Marshall) Leathers, and Lonnie (Betty) Baker, son in laws, David Horner and Jim Brumit, and his in laws Lester B and Belva Goins.

Farris was known by a few names Junior, Daddy, his CB handle Country Bumpkin, and his favorite was Granddaddy.

Junior began his career at Genesco until he could start living his dream of becoming a truck driver. He worked at Tencon from early 1960s until the closure of the plant in early 1990s. He drove over 5,000,000 accident free miles. He later drove for Averitt Express until his retirement in 2006. He was able to travel to all but 2 states during his career. His retirement was short lived as he had trucking in his blood. He went back to work part time for Freeman Lumber a few years later and officially retired with Fabrication Specialties in 2022.

Junior was a strong man surviving a child hood illness, falling off his 18 wheeler in Colorado, and later surviving stage 4 Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma for

22+ years. He was an avid NASCAR fan rooting for “The King” Richard Petty, and later on “Awesome Bill from Dawsonville” Elliott.

He leaves behind his daughters Cindy (Gregg) Johnston (Centerville), April Baker (Dickson), Jill (Truman) Wrenne (Nashville). Grandchildren Lacey Johnston, Dillon (Paige) Johnston, Jessica Wrenne, Tru (Willow) Wrenne, Lilianna Wrenne, and great granddaughter Tinslee Johnston. Siblings Arthur (Norma) Baker, Martha (Everett) Mayberry, Joe (Joan) Baker, and Mary Sue (George) Bragg and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Special thanks to Caris and NHC for the loving care they provided during this time.

Pallbearers are Anthony Baker, Hayden Clark, Dillon Johnston, Gregg Johnston, Tru Wrenne, and Truman Wrenne.

Honorary pallbearers are Mike Goodpasture, George Bragg, James Garrett (Country Ham), Ricky Coble (Underdog), Ike Campbell (Lightfoot), Blue Beard, Plowboy, Ray Wilson (Fiberglass), Herbie Morgan (Bootlegger) and those passed before Slim Griffin (Lollipop), Thomas Dunn (Fish Hook), Wayne Harvill (Lightfoot) aka Clifford, Jim Kelly (Jungle Jim), Tommy Russell, Bob Holt and all the truckers out there bringing the good stuff! 10-4

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens Cemetery

2833 Hwy 100
Centerville, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave.
Centerville, TN 37033
(931) 729-3561

Funeral Service

DEC 11. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CR

“ *Christi taylor richardson lit a candle in memory of Farris Baker*



Christi taylor richardson - December 12, 2025 at 04:38 PM

KB

“ *Karen Bowen lit a candle in memory of Farris Baker*



Karen Bowen - December 09, 2025 at 08:01 PM

CH

“ *Charlene Hall lit a candle in memory of Farris Baker*



Charlene Hall - December 09, 2025 at 06:34 PM

JK

“ *So sorry for the families loss. Sending prayers 🙏🙏 and love ❤️❤️ Mr. Baker's new neighbors. Joan Kyle & Walt Coursey*



Joan Kyle - December 09, 2025 at 05:38 PM

RB

“ *Randall-Sandra Barber lit a candle in memory of Farris Baker*



Randall-Sandra Barber - December 08, 2025 at 08:44 PM

VF

“ *Prayers for the family.....thinking of you.*

Vicki Frazier - December 08, 2025 at 08:29 PM

VF

“ *So very sorry....worked with Jr at Tencon....lots of good memories. Prayers for the family.*

Vicki Frazier - December 08, 2025 at 04:13 PM

SG

“ *Stanley & Judy Gordon lit a candle in memory of Farris Baker*



Stanley & Judy Gordon - December 08, 2025 at 03:48 PM

RI

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Junior's passing. He was an excellent driver for Tencon back in the day. May God comfort his family during this difficult time. Rita Weatherspoon Ivey*



Rita Weatherspoon Ivey - December 08, 2025 at 01:50 PM

KB

“ *Karen Bowen lit a candle in memory of Farris Baker*



Karen Bowen - December 08, 2025 at 12:43 PM

MS

“ *Barry, Melissa, & Ashley Shelton*



Melissa Shelton - December 08, 2025 at 10:01 AM

BM

“ *Jr was a good friend. We love this family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time.*



Bobby/Sandy McFarlin - December 08, 2025 at 10:01 AM

PW

“ *I was at Tencon when Junior Baker was a driver. He was a good man, very dependable employee, a driver always ready to go anywhere with a load of signs. I know he will be missed by his family and friends. Prayers for peace and comfort. Heaven is a wonderful promise of God Almighty, and you will see him again. God bless.*

Paula Gail Williams

Paula Gail Williams - December 08, 2025 at 09:18 AM

MS

“ *Barry, Melissa, & Ashley Shelton*



Melissa Shelton - December 08, 2025 at 07:58 AM



“ *Loveless Carole lit a candle in memory of Farris Baker*



Loveless Carole - December 07, 2025 at 09:46 PM

LD

“ *Our families shared some great times together. Jr and Barbara were special people and both are missed very much! Prayers for comfort for all of the Baker family! Love and hugs to all! 🙏🙏🙏🙏*



Laura DeLong - December 07, 2025 at 07:41 PM

JU

“ *Junebowen lit a candle in memory of Farris Baker*



Junebowen - December 07, 2025 at 05:33 PM

SH

“ Condolences to the family. Junior and Barbara were wonderful people. I remember Junior delivering giant size neon business signs (McDonald's, etc). We don't see Averitt trucks very often in Michigan, but when I see one, I think of him and Van Hallums from Cookeville TN. They opened a huge hub on I-4 in Florida. I lived in Lakeland and every time I passed it, I thought of Junior. RIP

Sharon Harmon - December 07, 2025 at 03:07 PM

JG

“ John & Wanda Givens lit a candle in memory of Farris Baker



John & Wanda Givens - December 07, 2025 at 03:05 PM

ES

“ Ed and Melinda Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Farris Baker



Ed and Melinda Sullivan - December 07, 2025 at 01:42 PM

RM

“ Roy & Sharon McCoy lit a candle in memory of Farris Baker



Roy & Sharon McCoy - December 07, 2025 at 01:42 PM

RS

“ We both are so sorry of the death of a father ,husband.

Regina & Martha Shelton - December 07, 2025 at 01:07 PM

RH

“ We are thinking of u.

Ruby & Rex Horner - December 07, 2025 at 01:05 PM

MB

“ Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of
Farris Baker



Michael Bates - December 07, 2025 at 12:09 PM

JA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jim Adams - December 07, 2025 at 11:37 AM

GO

“ Glenda Griffin Orman lit a candle in memory
of Farris Baker



Glenda Griffin Orman - December 07, 2025 at 11:36 AM

RS

“ Renee Shepard sent a virtual gift in memory of
Farris Baker



Renee Shepard - December 07, 2025 at 08:11 AM

CM

“ Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of
Farris Baker



Cheeva McClearen - December 07, 2025 at 07:31 AM

KC

“ Kay Campbell lit a candle in memory of Farris
Baker



Kay Campbell - December 06, 2025 at 05:06 PM