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Tommy Jack Baker

Born in Alamogordo, New Mexico on Jun. 25, 1944
Departed on Jun. 28, 2007 and resided in Arkansas City, KS.

Visitation: [Sunday, Jul. 1, 2007](#)

Service: [Tuesday, Jul. 3, 2007](#)

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Tommy Jack "Tom" Baker, 63, of Arkansas City, died Thursday (June 28, 2007) at the Robert J. Dole V.A. Medical Center of Wichita. Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Tuesday (July 3, 2007) at the Rindt-Erdman Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Parker Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Monday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The family will greet friends at the funeral home Sunday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tom was born June 25, 1944, in Alamogordo, New Mexico to Clifford Jack and Peggy Annette (Belflower) Baker. He was reared and educated in Corpus Christi and Bishop, Texas, graduating from Bishop High School in 1962. He later graduated from Cowley College. Tom served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He served in the Military Police and was one of the first Sentry Dog Handlers in Vietnam. Tom married Glenna Barnes on May 21, 1971 in Newkirk. The couple lived most of their married lives in Arkansas City. Tom worked as a police officer after the Vietnam war in Arkansas City, served as Chief of Police at Kingman, Kansas, and then returned to the Arkansas City Police Department to finish his law enforcement career. He later worked in various construction fields ending with operating his own heating and cooling company.

Tom is survived by his wife Glenna of the home; two sons T.J. and his wife Diana Baker, Tyson Baker; two daughters Tonya Baker, Terice and her husband Greg Watts; his mother Peggy Good all of Arkansas City; one brother Billy Ray and his wife Pat Baker of Houston, Texas; mother-in-law Opal Barnes; six grandchildren Cade, Kyler, Kylie, Devin, Dylan and Hannah; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father and father-in-law Clyde Barnes.

In lieu of the flowers the family asks for assistance with final expenses. Contributions may be made through the funeral home.

Arrangements are being made through the Rindt-Erdman Funeral Home of Arkansas City. Online condolences may be made at www.rindt-erdman.com

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