



CSM (Ret) Harold George Baxter

March 2, 1925 - January 20, 2014

Harold George Baxter, son of the late George A. and Anna (Ingram) Baxter, was born March 2, 1925 in Blue Springs, Missouri. Harold graduated from William Chrisman High School in Independence, Missouri in December 1943.

In January 1944, Harold was drafted into the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his retirement on August 29, 1978. He had attained the rank of Command Sergeant Major and earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with numeral 9, Army Commendation Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal (10th Award), American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal w/3 Service Stars, WWII Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), National Defense Medal w/Bronze Star, Korean Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/4 Service Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 Device and the United States Army Engineer Regiment's Silver deFleury Medal and numerous Letters of Commendation and Appreciation.

On January 8, 1949, Harold was united in marriage to the love of his life, Marolyn Harrison. They have shared more than 65 years together and were blessed with four children: Sharon, Charles, Janet and Lisa.

Harold's life was devoted to the military, but in his spare time, he enjoyed

being outdoors while hunting and fishing. He was a distinguished member of the Engineer Regiment, lifetime member of the Army Engineer Association and Disabled Americans Association, 44 year member of the Association United States Army and Veteran of Foreign Wars.

Harold passed away surrounded by his family at 10:02 a.m., Monday, January 20, 2014 in the Harry S Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital of Columbia, Missouri due to complications related to leukemia. He had attained the age of 88 years.

Harold leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of over 65 years: Marolyn L. Baxter of the home; three children: Charles G. Baxter and wife Jeannie of Waynesville, MO, Janet Sue Klund and husband Dan of Robertsville, MO and Lisa Ann Frahm and husband Steve of Olathe, KS; six grandchildren: Joshua, Lori, Danny, Sarah, Richard and Jennifer; seventeen great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Harold was preceded in death by one daughter: Sharon Kay; grandparents: Josiah and Ida Baxter, John and Jane Ingram; father-in-law and mother-in-law: Charles H. and Clara Harrison; brother-in-law and sister-in-law: Ralph and Nita Harrison; and several cousins.

Harold's family and those he touched will always remember his kindness, compassion, warmth, strong laugh and love. We will all miss seeing the sparkle in his eyes and watching the incredible example he lived as a loving husband, dad, soldier, grandpa and great grandpa.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 24, 2014 in the Soldier's Memorial Chapel of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri with Chaplain (LTC) Michael J. King officiating. SCM (Ret) Frank Herbert read a beautiful eulogy of CSM Baxter's life history and accomplishments. Serving as escorts were the United

States Army and serving as honorary escorts were SCM (Ret) Julius Nutter, CSM (Ret) Smith Cade, Daniel Klund, Stefan Frahm, Danny Klund and Joshua Baxter.

Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood with MAJ (Ret) Stan Baughn conducting the service. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Service

JAN **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Soldier Memorial Chapel
Fort Leonard Wood, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of CSM (Ret) Harold George Baxter*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - January 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *CSM (Ret) Harold George Baxter*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Marolyn and Family: I am so sorry for your loss of the finest man I have known and was proud to call my father-in-law. He is in heaven now, along with his daughter, Sharon Kay, the love of my life. I pray they will look down upon all of us and remember how they touched all of our lives in the fondest ways. Harold, you are a true American hero and you sacrificed for us all! THANK YOU!*

Frank Livingston - January 29, 2014 at 05:52 AM

1J

“ I served in the 8th Engineers, 1st Air Cav with CSM Baxter during most of my tour in 'Nam in the S-3 and S-2 Sections, 1968-1969. He was an excellent leader; set the example for us all; and kept this young, first term soldier on the straight-and-narrow during our almost daily contact with each other in base camp. I meet him again at several of the Battalion reunions at FLW during the mid-90's, made my own peace with him after what I thought was a rocky relationship in 'Nam, and only then realized just how much he cared about every trooper in the unit through what could only be described as our one near- continuous crappy-day-in-paradise for us all in I Corps and later in III Corps. I offer my sincere condolences to his family, and also my apologies for not keeping closer contact with him in recent years. He will be missed (!) and, hopefully, each of us will keep his memory alive so that he will not be forgotten.

1SGT (R) Leo P. Miller, Sterling Heights, MI: Then SP5,
HHC/8EB/1CD(A), RVN Feb68-Apr69

1SG(R) Leo P. Miller Jr. - January 28, 2014 at 03:49 PM

RK

“ Charles/Janet,

I am so sorry to hear this. Hope your mom is doing okay and the family is well.

My thoughts are with you all during this difficult time.

Robert Kjorvestad (KJ)

Robert Kjorvestad - January 24, 2014 at 10:51 AM

JB

“ Love and prayers for Mr. Baxter's family. I didn't know him but I know his amazing daughter Lisa - he had to have been a great man to raise a woman like her.

Jennifer Brown - January 24, 2014 at 10:23 AM

LC

“ My prayers to the family. I remember Mr. Baxter when I was a child and went to S-4 with dad.

Liz (Imilkowski) Crawford - January 24, 2014 at 07:06 AM

AJ

“ April Jones lit a candle in memory of CSM (Ret) Harold George Baxter



April Jones - January 23, 2014 at 11:27 PM

CC

“ CSM Baxter was one of my favorite people in the world, he & his lovely wife. Always kind & sweet. Prayers for his family, he will be missed so much.

Cindy Cline - January 23, 2014 at 01:30 PM

LG

“ CSM Baxter was the consummate professional. We worked together in the Hq of the 1st AIT Training Brigade at FLW when it was out toward the airfield, where I was assigned on my return from 'Nam. He was a soldier's soldier and was extremely skilled in communicating and leading. One little story: one of my jobs as brigade personnel NCO was to assign NCO's to positions in our battalions and companies. One time I had seated next to my desk a career sergeant who'd just returned from Korea. A military occupational specialty of his besides being an engineer NCO was that of drill instructor, which was just what was needed in one of our training companies. He showed some resistance verbally to being assigned as a drill instructor, to begin his day with the troops about 5 am, having just returned to the states. As he began to argue his case, I could hear the smage's horseshoe taps approaching. He'd heard a bit of the conversation as he was walking down the hallway, came over to my desk, and addressed the sgt with a 'come with me'. I only heard a little bit of the authoritative, polite, but one-sided conversation coming from his office, about the 'good of the Army', etc. When the newly-arrived sergeant returned from the sergeant major's office down the hallway, he settled into the chair next to my desk with a very different demeanor and said without much eye contact, "Just assign me wherever I'm needed." I tried to keep a straight face.

It was great to learn Command Sergeant Major Baxter was still in the area when I returned about 20 yrs ago and to run into him on occasion. Many, many are the people he influenced and who will forever hold him in the greatest heartfelt esteem.

Larry Goforth - January 23, 2014 at 01:19 PM

SJ

“ SARA JONES sent a virtual gift in memory of
CSM (Ret) Harold George Baxter



SARA JONES - January 23, 2014 at 11:42 AM

EH

“ Elizabeth Heydt lit a candle in memory of
CSM (Ret) Harold George Baxter



elizabeth heydt - January 23, 2014 at 09:49 AM

DG

“ Debbie Gan lit a candle in memory of CSM
(Ret) Harold George Baxter



Debbie Gan - January 23, 2014 at 09:47 AM

DG

*I went to school on FLW with Janet, one of CSM Baxter's daughters,
then got to know his wife, Marolyn at the Sergeants Majors Wives
group. My thoughts and prayers to this entire familyall of which have
served our country.*

Debbie Gan - January 23, 2014 at 09:48 AM

SA

“ *The MG Leif J Sverdrup Chapter of the Army Engineer Association sends their thoughts and prayers to the family of this Great American, NCO and Sapper.*

Sverdrup Chapter of the AEA - January 23, 2014 at 07:32 AM

HD

“ *My prayers go out to Harold's family, Harold never met a stranger, was always looking out for the welfare of his soldiers. I have known Harold for over 40 years, he was super in all respects. I had just returned from RVN and was called to the Fort Leonard Wood Post CSM 's Office, I thought what have done to be called to this office. Harold said hello, did you see CSM Joe Murrey before you left RVN, in DaNang, is he OK? I said he is, Harold said that is all I wanted to see you about, how about a cup of coffee.*

*Harold L Drossel
Las Vegas,NV*

Harold L Drossel - January 23, 2014 at 03:51 AM

LC

*So sorry for your loss, I remember Mr. Baxter when I was a child, he worked with my dad Ed Imilkowski. My prayers to the family.
Liz (Imilkowski) Crawford*

Liz (Imilkowski) Crawford - January 24, 2014 at 07:04 AM

JM

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to CSM's family. I first met CSM in 1986 when I began work at 3d Tng Bde and he ran the Weaponeer. CSM always recognized me, had a smile and took time to say a few words each time we would cross paths over the years. It was a great pleasure to have known and worked with such a veteran/person..



Janell Mathews - January 22, 2014 at 09:14 PM



Prayers for the family! CSM was always so sweet at the hospital. I worked there and he always had a smile for everyone!

Tina Christenson - January 23, 2014 at 12:19 PM

MS

“ IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. PRAYERS GO OUT TO HIS FAMILY
MARLIN STEVENS



MARLIN STEVENS - January 22, 2014 at 04:01 PM