



Bryan Lance Baker

October 23, 1947 - June 27, 2011

Bryan Lance Baker died Monday, June 27 at the Veteran's Hospital in Gainesville. Born in Valdosta, GA on October 23, 1947 to Lance and Violet Baker, Bryan had lived in Tallahassee from childhood.

Bryan served in the U.S. Army and was a Viet Nam Veteran. He worked in the construction industry as a general contractor for many years. The past several years were spent as owner and operator of Smiley's Garage where he realized his lifelong dream of restoring vintage automobiles.

Bryan is survived by his two children, Matthew (Samantha) Baker and Jennifer (Kyle) Phillippi, and three grandchildren: Zachary Baker, Kyson Phillippi and Kyra Phillippi. He also leaves his siblings, Daryl Baker and Janis Long, niece, Brooke Baker and nephews, Justin and Jarrett Long and Joshua Baker, and close friend, Eleanor Lennington.

Bryan was a man of many interests who loved learning. He was hardworking by nature and dependable in every facet of his life. His insightful concern, compassion, and devotion to his family were hallmarks of his character. He will be dearly missed.

A memorial service will be held October 23, 2011 his birthday, the location has not yet be decided. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Bryan Baker Memorial Fund at www.eco-volunteerusa.org. This

fund will be set aside for efforts at The Ochlockonee River State Park (Bryan's favorite river). Once you enter the website click on "ways to help" on the right hand menu then "financial donation". There will be a drop down menu in the form - select "Bryan Baker Memorial Fund". Bryan would be so happy to know that his favorite spot is being well taken care of.