

Richard W. Baker

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Richard W. Baker, 62, a resident of Friendship Ridge, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, in The Medical Center, Beaver, following an extended illness.

Born July 10, 1945, in Sewickley, a son of the late Harold R. Jr. and Emily Kowaleska Baker, he was a 1963 graduate of Ambridge High School and attended Edinboro and Youngstown Universities. He was a flight operation coordinator with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict. Richard previously resided in the Miami, Florida, area for over 20 years. He was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan and was also a member of the Baden American Legion Post 641 and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 862.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Steven Watson, Baden; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Dennis Baker, Pittsburgh, and Donald and Ruth Baker, Center Township, and eight nieces and nephews, Dana and her husband Shawn Melvin, Heather and her husband Jonathan Walker, Natalie and her husband Howard Rusko, Laurel, Christopher, David, and Adam Baker, and Douglas Watson.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents, and by four aunts and seven uncles.

Friends will be received today from 1 to 5 p.m. in the BOHNMATICH FUNERAL HOME INC., 1099 Maplewood Ave., Ambridge, where a service will be held Monday at 11:30 a.m., with the Rev. Bert Domineck officiating.

Interment will follow in Sylvania Hills Memorial Park, Daugherty Township.

The Baden American Legion will conduct a service today at 2 p.m. in the funeral home.

The Beaver County Special Unit will meet at 12:15 p.m. at the cemetery to provide full military honors.