

Charles Baker

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Charles Edward “Chuck” Baker, died at 11:35 a.m., Saturday, November 23, 2013 at his home of 21 years in Fidelity surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Carrollton on July 13, 1952, one of nine children born to Kenny and the late Margie (Coonrod) Shaw. Charles enlisted with the United States Army and served his country honorably as a SP4 with tours in Vietnam spanning from 1969 to 1974. He was employed as a deckhand with Arto Barge Lines for 8 years before retiring in 2004; was an active member of the Eldred American Legion Post 1135 and took great pride in his military experience. He enjoyed playing guitar and above all cherished each and every moment spent with his family, particularly his grandchildren, who truly were the apple of his eye. He married the former Brenda Teney on January 13, 2011 in Jerseyville and the two were blessed with many wonderful years together. Surviving are his wife Brenda Baker of Fidelity; three children and their spouses, Jay & Betty Baker of Palmyra; Tracy & Nathan Baker of Hettick and Dottie Baker of Auburn; five step-children, whom he loved as his very own, Chester & Julie Grizzle of Arkansas; Billy & Amy Grizzle of Fidelity; JD Grizzle of Kane; William Kelley of Fidelity and Jerri & Tim Richardson of Fidelity; 21 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; his father, Kenny Shaw of Greenfield; six sisters, Dottie Erwin of Orangeburg, SC; Fannie Stewart of Eldred; Elma & Chris Elliott of Greenfield; Sherry Woodkirk of Springfield; Lavada Boatman of Greenfield; and Ma y & Bill Howland of Carlinville; as well as a brother, Pete Shaw of Greenfield.



In addition to his mother, Margie, Charles was preceded in death by a step-daughter, Tonny Grizzle; five grandchildren, Cassandra and Nathaniel Grizzle; Candace Baker; and Don and Joshua Grizzle; one great-grandchild; a brother, Kenneth Shaw and his mother-in-law Margaret Grogan. Visitation will be from 12 noon until time of services at 3 p.m. Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville with full military honors being conducted by the Tri-County Honor Guard. Cremation

rights will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial may be given to the family in care of Crawford Funeral Home.

Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville is entrusted with arrangements.