

## BARKER

Salado, TX ~ Funeral services for Gerald James Barker, 67, of Salado, TX, will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, at the First Church of the Nazarene in Temple, with Pastor Donald Boesel officiating. Burial will follow, at 2:00 p.m., at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen with full military honors. The family will receive friends for visitation Wednesday evening, from 6-8 p.m., at the Dossman Funeral Home.

Mr. Barker was born in Julian, West Virginia, on August 1, 1939, the son of Dennie and Eunice May Barker. He was a graduate of Scott High School in Madison West Virginia and attended Gadsden State Junior College. He was a First Sergeant while

serving in the U.S. Army. He received many awards and medals including the Silver Star Medal; Bronze Star Medal; Combat Infantry Badge; Meritorious Service medal; Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm; Vietnam Service Medal with 1 Silver Star and two Bronze Stars; National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea); Army Commendation Medal M/V Device; Good Conduct Medal -6th Award; Mr. Barker retired in 1978. He was a Vietnam Veteran.

Mr. Barker lived in Calhoun County, Alabama for 30 years. He was a member of the Hiram #42 Lodge, Jacksonville, Alabama (Master Mason); Scottish Rites and Zamora Temple, Birmingham, Alabama; Order of the Eastern Star in Alabama; life member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He married Merylene Ford Jan 30, 1981 in Jacksonville, Alabama. They moved to Salado in 2003. He was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Temple, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Merylene Ford Barker of Salado; son, Gerald J. (Marisol) Barker, Jr. of Salado; daughter, Carolyn J. Barker Dyer of Florida; one stepson, David L. Burdette of Texas; sister, Verna (Marvin) Titus of Florida; five grandchildren, Chynna Barker, Dennie James Barker, Denise Jasso/Barker, Sydney Dyer and Nicholas Dyer; sister-in-law, Rachel (James) Dobbs and brother-in-law, Edward (Bunny) Ford both of Alabama.

Memorials may be made to the First Church of the Nazarene, Temple Debt Reduction Fund, 5000 South 31st Street, Temple, Texas 76502.