



**ALFRED W. BAKER**  
**1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 50TH INFANTRY REGIMENT**  
Battalion Staff, "S-1", March, 1969



Col (R) Alfred W. Baker, 69, of Harrisburg, died Friday March 5, 2010, in Harrisburg Hospital.

He was a retired Colonel with the U.S. Army, serving sixteen of his thirty-two years overseas. He was the recipient of four Purple Hearts, a Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, three Legions of Merit, and many other awards and honors. At one time, Al was the most highly decorated veteran of the Vietnam War era.

In addition to his military career, he was the president and CEO of PIBH, Harrisburg, and co-owner with his wife, Joan, of RAE's Tobacco Shop, Strawberry Square. Al was a member of the Rotary Club of Harrisburg where he served on the Board of Directors, was their webmaster, and hosted club Happy Hours that raised thousands of dollars for various club projects.

Al was born in Oak Hill, WV, to the late James G. and Martha (Meadows) Baker. He is survived by his wife, Joan (Sewall) Baker; two daughters, Carrie L. Baker of Harrisburg and Jena Spearin of VA; four sons, Alfred W., Jr., James G. and Charles E., all of TX, and Jason Grotuss of FL; a brother, Joseph W., of Newport News, VA; seventeen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The time and date for a Celebration of Al's Life will be announced in the near future. The family respectfully requests memorial contributions to be made in Al's name to the donor's charity of choice.

To send messages of condolence to the Baker family, please visit [Parthemore.com](http://Parthemore.com).

