

Obituary
for
Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) Porter Babers, Jr

After a long illness with Parkinson's Disease, Porter Babers Jr peacefully passed on Saturday, December 28, 2024 at home in Montgomery, AL at the age of 86. Porter was born on January 16, 1938 in Montgomery, AL to the late Porter Baber and Dempsie Beecham Babers.

In July 1959, Porter married his wife of 65 years, Annie Bell Dotson, whom he met while a high school student driving the school bus. Their union produced four children.

After high school, Porter enlisted in the United States Air Force (USAF). He served in multiple, supervisory fuel-related positions, rapidly advancing and ultimately achieving the highest enlisted rank of Chief Master Sergeant ("Chief"). After 27 exemplary years in the Air Force, highlighted with numerous medals and achievements, Porter retired and embarked on several additional careers, including federal government and real estate. A strong advocate for education during his career, Porter obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Troy State University.

For over 21 years, Porter was a member of Southlawn Baptist Church where he also served as Chairman of the Deacon Board. In addition to serving the Lord, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, grilling, volunteering, and spending time with his family.

Porter leaves to cherish his memory his wife Annie Babers, three daughters, Lt Col (Retired) Teresa Babers, Jacqueline Babers, and Lucinda Babers, and one son, Major (Retired) Alonzo Babers (Beverly). He was blessed to have six grandchildren, Alana Babers, Cameron Babers, Zachary Babers, David Thompson, Jr, Jayme Kimbrough (Otha), and Kennedi Thompson, and five great-grandchildren, Kierra Thompson, Viktoria Thompson Johnson, Malachi Kimbrough, Leighla Kimbrough, and Bryce Thompson. He grew up with one brother, James Baber (Jossie), and two sisters, Glenda Culpepper (Willard) and Beverly Williams. He also enjoyed numerous nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, cousins, friends, and co-workers. During his illness, Porter was cared for by several devoted caregivers, LaSonya Harris, Kim Chaney, TaCarlya Davis, Courtney Milton, Tonya Williams,

Corette Rush, and Shaska Johnson. He was proceeded in death by his father, Porter Baber, mother, Dempsie Beecham Babers, and stepmother, Bessie Baber.