



## Cecil Lamar Baker

March 19, 1944 - April 26, 2022

Mr. Cecil Lamar Baker of Hattiesburg, MS passed away in his home on Tuesday April 26th, 2022 at 1:28 pm due to natural causes. Cecil recently celebrated his 78th birthday with his favorite people, is preceded in death by his wife, Angelia Huckaby Baker, and is survived by his only child, Crystal (Crystie) Baker. Cecil grew up in Bogue Chitto, MS and married his high school sweetheart at 19 years old. Cecil was a businessman and salesperson at heart; he loved to make a deal, meet new people, and learn new things. Despite losing a hand to an industrial accident in the 1960's, nothing slowed Cecil down or stopped him from accomplishing his goals or dreams. One of his favorite life experiences was learning to fly a Cessna 151 and he flew it every chance he could! He also proved you don't need two hands to ride a motorcycle, build a fence, or be a great father. Cecil and Angelia were very proud of the life that they built for themselves, the friends they made at every point in their life, and ultimately the opportunities they created for their daughter, Crystie. A celebration of Cecil's life will take place on Saturday April 30th from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm at Pier 98 at 5295 Old Highway 11, Hattiesburg, MS 39402. Guests are welcome to join anytime during that time frame and are only asked to bring stories or photos of Cecil that celebrate the unique character that he was. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Southern Pines Animal Shelter, which is where Cecil adopted Oscar the Pug (quite possibly Cecil's actual soulmate), at [southernpinesanimalshelter.org](http://southernpinesanimalshelter.org). The world will never know another person quite like Cecil Baker and he will be missed by all that truly knew the real Cecil.