**Joseph Hamilton Barker - Obituary**

Joseph Hamilton Barker, age 93, passed away at his home following a period of extended illness in July 11, 2023.  Born October 13, 1929, in Adgateville, Georgia, he was the youngest child of Howard Barker and Ruth Waits.

Mr. Barker was preceded in death by his mother, father, siblings, and grandson, Dustin Karst.

He is survived by wife of 35 years, Judy P. R. Barker; Children:  Brenda Karst (Frankie Moore), Alan Barker (Linda), Kimberly Holbrook (Robert), Timothy Roberts (Susan); Grandchildren:  Jessica Way (Clint), Megan Barker, Jarred Barker, Robin Holbrook, Rebecca Holbrook, Katie Holbrook; Step-Grandchildren:  Garrett Roberts, Kimberly Roberts, Michael Frank (Cheryl), Katie Frank,  Seth Allen (Stacy), Josh Allen (Gretchen), Hannah Lancaster (Michael Guthrie); 4 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild, and 16 step-great-grandchildren.  He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Joseph was devoted to his family and church.  He also often volunteered in the community.

After attending high school in Macon, Georgia, he attended college at Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia, where he graduated in 1953 earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture.  He worked from 1952 to 1953 as Ach. Draftsman at Sears & Roebuck Company in Atlanta, Georgia.  He also worked for the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, at the Centers for Disease Control as Facilities Planning Consultant until his retirement in 1989.

While serving in the U.S. Army Air Defense, he earned the rank of Captain.  Afterward, he served in the US Army Reserves until retirement as Colonel in 1989.

The funeral will be at Embry Hills United Methodist Church, 3304 Henderson Mill Road, Atlanta, GA 30341, on Friday, July 14, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. with visitation beginning at 10:30 A.M. The graveside burial service will follow at 3:00 P.M., Friday, July 14, 2023, at  Hebron Cemetery on Highway 11, Monticello, GA.

Arrangements by Jordan Funeral Home. Please visit our website at [www.jordanfunealhomemonticello.com](http://www.jordanfunealhomemonticello.com/)