



## Merlin J. DeBaere

June 8, 1940 - April 22, 2022

The Celebration of Life for Mr. Merlin J. DeBaere, 81, of Wrens, Georgia, who entered into rest April 22, 2022, will be conducted Thursday morning at 11 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church of Wrens.

Mr. DeBaere was a native of Gillette, Wisconsin, having made Jefferson County his home for the past 50 years. He was retired from the US Army obtaining the rank of E-7 and a Viet Nam Veteran having served with the 82nd Airborne Division 1st Special Forces Group Green Beret. Mr. DeBaere also retired from Thermo-King Corporation. He was an avid outdoorsman and a motorcycle enthusiast. Mr. DeBaere was of the Catholic Faith.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Rosa Lou Watkins DeBaere; a son and his wife, Howard and Dagmar DeBaere, Palm Bay, Florida; a daughter and her husband, Ivy and Mike Truitt, Grand Rapids, Michigan; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; a brother, Ronnie DeBaere, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; two sisters, Sherry Komechek, Wisconsin and Ann Frank, Anaheim, California.

The family will receive friends following the Celebration of Life. Casual attire is suggested.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Disabled American

Veterans, 2294 Columbia Highway, North Aiken, SC, 29805.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta of North Augusta in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Wrens  
500 N Main St  
Wrens, GA 30833

# Tribute Wall



“ *Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Merlin J. DeBaere*



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - April 27, 2022 at 09:28 AM



“ *Merlin J. DeBaere*

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October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Merlin J. DeBaere*

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September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Uncle Mert was a good man..a better husband and dad...I will cherish all the memories and great time I spent with my Uncle Mert and Aunt Rosa...Rest in Peace Uncle Mert ...I love you...*

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**Karen De Baere** - April 27, 2022 at 04:34 PM



“ 25 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Posey Funeral Directors - April 27, 2022 at 09:14 AM

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“ *Sending my love and condolences to you Rosa and family. I have so many great memories of Merlin. I wish I could be there but please know that you are in my prayers.*  
*Rachel*

Rachel Favour - April 26, 2022 at 12:07 PM