James Elmer Barkley, a retired Air Force major, died on April 3, 2013. He worked as a Boeing contract negotiator.

Funeral services will be held at Prairie Hills Baptist Church in Augusta, Kansas, on April 8, with interment to follow in Bruno Township Cemetery. A memorial has been established with Prairie Hills Baptist Church in care of the Dunsford Funeral Home, and Crematory in Augusta, www.dunsfordfh.com.

James was born on February 7, 1932, in Greens Castle, Missouri, to Francis and Viola Moffitt Barkley. He graduated from Kansas Newman University with a degree in business. On August 31, 1951, he married Roberta Elaine Walker in Newton, Iowa. He was a Vietnam War veteran and retired from the U.S. Air Force as a major. He worked as a Boeing contract negotiator.

He is survived by his sons James Barkley of Wichita, Mike Barkley and Dennis Barkley of Haysville, daughter Linda Atkins of Augusta, and son Daniel Barkley of Andover; sisters Alpha Walker of Monrovia, California, and Debra Barkley of 29 Palms, California; 11 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and an infant brother, Hugh Barkley.