

E.J. Thomas Cluster UMM
Veteran Honoree of 2011
James Barber

On Veteran's Day Sunday, November 13, 2011, we come to honor and thank those men & women who have served. Serving in places we cannot pronounce or find on a map; but serve us they did. Jim is one of those who answered the call and served his country in the U.S. Army from 1957-1959. He did his Armory School basic training at Fort Knox. After graduation he was sent to Washington State and then shipped to Korea where he would be stationed. Jim worked in the motor pool and drove Tank. Let us never again question Jim's ability to drive.

Not only has Jim served his country with honor, but also he has brought that same style of service with honor to our church. Jim's ability to fill this sanctuary with beautiful music has enhanced many a worship service at Little Utica. Not only has he shared his gifts of music with us whenever asked, he also supports his church in many ways. Singing in our choir and leading the UMM Singing group as his health would allow. Memorial Fund Treasurer and scraped many a dish at our chicken dinners.

I personally want to thank him for his constant support of the UMM and it's many missions. He is always there to listen and give advice when I needed it. Jim is a true friend and devoted to bringing joy through his music to so many others.

It is with great pleasure, that I on behalf of the UMM, present Jim with this book, *Strength for Service To God and Country Devotional*, messages for those in the service of others.

God's blessings always,
Donald R. Day, Sr. President UMM