



Bonnie L. Baker

September 25, 1929 - June 21, 2019

Bonnie L. Baker, age 89, of Huntington, died at 2:50 a.m. Friday, June 21, 2019 at Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Thursday, June 27, 2019 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will immediately follow at 12 p.m. Thursday at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Rev. Raymond Scribner officiating. Burial will be in Andrews Riverside Cemetery at a later date.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice to benefit the welfare of children and animals, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Bonnie was born on September 25, 1929 in Kokomo, the daughter of Virgil and Ruth (Kinch) Smuts. She married Junior France in 1946 and he preceded her in death. She married Tom Baker on August 21, 1954. Bonnie worked as a supervisor and purchasing agent at General Engineering; she also worked at Essex Wire in Andrews as a secretary and later became a purchasing agent for the company. In 1976, she began her work in the Huntington North High School cafeteria, where she became known as the "Lunch Lady." She retired after 25 years of affectionately serving the students. She attended First Christian Church in Andrews for many years and later attended New Hope

United Church of Christ in Bippus. Bonnie loved her family, especially her grandchildren. She enjoyed swimming, cooking, reading, traveling, and her two dogs, Cassie and Tinkerbelle. She cared deeply for everyone and it was her mission to make sure people were happy and comfortable. She was like a ray of sunshine that everyone was attracted to. When anyone would come into her presence, she just made them feel better.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Tom Baker of Huntington, sons Michael France of Fort Wayne and Terry France of Ormond Beach, Florida, daughters Melissa Baker and Melinda Baker, both of Huntington, and a sister, Donna Martin. Also surviving are grandchildren Tony Baker, Tosha Rumble, Maria Martin, Todd France, Traci Rivera, Stephanie Andrews, and Matt France, and 18 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her first husband, a son, Thomas Baker, brothers Danny Smuts, Robert Smuts, Herb Smuts, Rex Smuts, and Doug Smuts, and sisters Louise Lawson, Doris Benfatti, Peggy Smuts, and Wanda Mae Smuts.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery (Andrews)

7351-7399 W. River Rd.
Andrews, IN 46702

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
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Service

JUN 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Bonnie L. Baker*



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - June 21, 2019 at 03:24 PM

SS

She was such a sweet lady. She will be missed. Rest In Peace Bonnie.

Stephanie (Wintrode) Smith - June 21, 2019 at 05:07 PM

RS

“ *Hi Tom, Mike, Terry, and family. We were sorry to learn of Bonnie's passing away, even though it has been two years ago. Most memories of her are from years ago, as are those memories of Junior and Tom too. We miss them all and we hope Tom is well and that Terry is doing okay. Mike, God Bless you and all of your family. Yesterday, visited with Ray Tackett, who played fast-pitch softball with me, Tom, Bill and others. My wife Betty also worked in school cafeterias here in Marion for around 15 years. Your mother was a sweet lady; wish i could have known her better. Still see Donna around sometimes. I miss Rex too and the whole Smuts family. God Bless! Love in Christ, Roddy Smith.*

Rodger W. Smith - August 01, 2021 at 02:21 PM

NS

“ Nick, Casie, Cole & Dane Starnes purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Bonnie L. Baker.



Nick, Casie, Cole & Dane Starnes - June 26, 2019 at 12:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Bonnie L. Baker.



June 26, 2019 at 08:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Bonnie L. Baker.



June 25, 2019 at 11:14 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of Bonnie L. Baker.



June 25, 2019 at 09:13 PM

CM

“ Claudia (Garretson) Machall lit a candle in memory of Bonnie L. Baker



Claudia (Garretson) Machall - June 25, 2019 at 06:05 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Bonnie L. Baker.



June 24, 2019 at 08:26 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Bonnie L. Baker.



June 24, 2019 at 10:13 AM

HF

“ HVH friends and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Bonnie L. Baker.



HVH friends and family - June 24, 2019 at 08:43 AM

DS

“ *Doug Smuts kids and spouses purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bonnie L. Baker.*



Doug Smuts kids and spouses - June 23, 2019 at 05:05 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bonnie L. Baker.*



June 23, 2019 at 04:51 PM

BR

“ *Aunt Bonnie,
You were always such a delight to be with. We will miss your visits to California and the interesting and humorous stories you shared about the young Smuts family as they grew up in Indiana. Thanks so very much for sharing them with us.
Love,
Billy Don and Vicki*

Bill Ransford - June 23, 2019 at 04:46 PM

BS

“ My Aunt Bonnie was a very special lady. I loved when she came to visit me in Utah. We had so much fun. She had a wonderful spirit about her. She was so loving & I will miss her so much. My dad was her brother & he was a good brother to her & loved her very much. They will be together now. I have wonderful memories of her & they will be forever in my heart. My family sends our love to all her kids, her husband, her sister Aunt Donna, grandkids & friends.

Love,
Becky Shaw

Becky Shaw - June 22, 2019 at 05:09 PM

BS

“ Becky Shaw lit a candle in memory of Bonnie L. Baker



Becky Shaw - June 22, 2019 at 05:09 PM

RB

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Bonnie's passing. She was a wonderful lady, always a smile & friend to all. Prayers for her family. I'll be thinking of Melissa & Melissa especially & the times we spent together at your house.

Ramonda & Steve Bickel - June 22, 2019 at 08:50 AM

CN

“ My deepest condolences go out to the entire family at this time. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy with prayers of comfort.

Cliff Neukam,RN - June 22, 2019 at 06:05 AM

NR

“ *Norma And Lonny Ripplinger lit a candle in memory of Bonnie L. Baker*



Norma and Lonny Ripplinger - June 21, 2019 at 06:56 PM

MW

“ *I absolutely loved your mother! She worked at my dad's factory and I worked for her in the upholstery department there. Every day was hard work, but Bonnie made it fun. So many stories!!!! I will miss her! I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Margaret Wallace - June 21, 2019 at 04:15 PM

BL

“ *25 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - June 21, 2019 at 02:23 PM