



Kathryn Baker

May 24, 1947 - March 21, 2016

Kathryn Anne Baker passed away on March 21, 2016, at the age of 68, at McLaren Hospital surrounded by her loving family. Kathryn was born on May 24, 1947 in Lansing, Michigan to Clarence and May Beckman.

Kathryn was a pillar of faith, and passionate about her ministry to help others. She wanted to fix all the problems so her loved ones weren't hurting. Kathryn had a gift of hospitality, setting others at ease at home and at church. She loved getting and sending mail. She always sent cards to her grandkids for every holiday.

Kathryn married Terry Baker on July 10, 1966, and they raised five children together. She not only attended Penway Church of God, Kathryn was also the receptionist at church, for several years, showing love and friendship throughout her work. Some of her favorite sayings were, "Friends will come and go, but you will only and always have your family." And, "Make the most of what you have and don't let the past determine your future."

Kathryn became an artist of many forms; painting, quilting and sewing clothing for her kids. She learned to paint when her neighbor wanted to learn to paint, but didn't want to go to the class by herself, so, Kathryn offered to accompany her. Thanks to her neighbor's need, Kathryn discovered a love of painting. Family and friends will always remember how Kathryn followed her kids and

grandkids to all their functions, supporting and encouraging, and even more for how much she loved her whole family.

Kathryn is survived by her husband Terry R. Baker; her sons, David (Marilyn) Baker and Stephen Baker; daughters, Dawn (Jeffrey) Mitzel, Karen (Darren) Craig, and Gretchen (Cory) Williams; her grandchildren, Kirstyn Baker, Kassandra (Tyler) Hilliker, Aaron (Dakota) Love, Jordan Love, Rebekah Craig, Joshua Craig and Hope Williams; her great-grandchildren, Annabel Rolison-Love, Benjamin Jones, Evelyn Hilliker and Michael Hilliker; her sister, Kristine Beckman; and many nieces and nephews and foster children. She is preceded in death by her mother, May Wibert Whiting and father, Clarence Beckman; her sister, Judith Parker; and her brother, David Parker.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 23, at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and on Thursday, March 24, at Pennway Church of God, Lansing, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at the Pennway Church of God, 1101 E. Cavanaugh Road, Lansing, Michigan on Friday, March 25, at 2:00 p.m., with Rev. John Davey officiating.

Interment will be at Chapel Hill Cemetery, Lansing. In memory of Kathryn, the family suggests memorial gifts be given to Pennway Church of God. Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences on the Tribute Page at prayfuneralhome.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **24**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

Pennway Church of God

Visitation

MAR **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Pennway Church of God
1101 E Cavanaugh Rd
Lansing, MI 48910

Funeral Ceremony

MAR **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Pennway Church of God
1101 E Cavanaugh Rd
Lansing, MI 48910

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Kathryn Baker*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 23, 2016 at 03:30 PM

LK

“ *Stephen and Gretchen:*

So sorry to learn of your Mom's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. She was a very special lady and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. May God grant you Peace and Comfort during this time.

Love and Prayers,

Jerry and Linda Kuepfer

Jason and Ann Kuepfer

Linda Kuepfer - March 26, 2016 at 02:20 PM

RC

“ I don't ever remember seeing Kathy without her smile and hearing her laughter. Kathy was always kind even letting Cheryl and me stay at her and Terry's little apt in Lansing so many years ago. Though I haven't seen Kathy in many years I know we lost a caring spirit.

Ruth Duguid cole

Ruth Cole - March 24, 2016 at 09:44 AM

SB

“ Please remember that Friday the 25th includes a visitation starting at 1pm and the service is 2pm both Friday events located at:

*Pennway Church of God
1101 E Cavanaugh Rd
Lansing, MI 48910*

Stephen Baker - March 24, 2016 at 03:13 AM

FM

“ Pam and I send our deep and sincere sympathy to all of you. Kathy was always such an encourager and a positive spirit to us during our ministry years at Pennway. We are praying for you during this difficult time of loss. May God's peace and presence be very near you.

*Your friends,
Fred and Pam Meadows*

Fred Meadows - March 23, 2016 at 10:19 PM

SB

Thank you soon much Fred and Pam! Both of you and your family have always been very dear to us.

Peace and blessings and thanks and love,

-Stephen, Gretchen, Karen, Dawn, David, Terry, and the entire Baker and Beckman family

Stephen Baker - March 24, 2016 at 03:07 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn Baker .*



March 23, 2016 at 04:53 PM

JR

“ *Justin, Jennifer, Gregory , Erin, Jerusha, and Randy purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Kathryn Baker .*



Justin, Jennifer, Gregory , Erin, Jerusha, and Randy - March 23, 2016 at 03:48 PM



“ 42 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 23, 2016 at 03:23 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Kathryn Baker .



March 23, 2016 at 01:22 AM



“ Gary & Carolyn, Larry & Alma, Douglas & Deb, Cheryl & Sam purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Kathryn Baker .



Gary & Carolyn, Larry & Alma, Douglas & Deb, Cheryl & Sam
- March 22, 2016 at 02:42 PM

CH

“ Any time I'd return to Pennway after leaving for college and in the years since I could always count on being greeted by Kathy Baker's smiling face. We grieve her passing because we'll no longer have the "present" with her. We are left with her legacy that remains of a smiling, warm lady who truly embraced everyone who entered the doors of Pennway ChOG. Oh to have seen the embrace between she and Jesus. You know it was marvelous

Chad Hayward - March 22, 2016 at 05:32 AM