



## Joyce Cannon Baker

February 28, 1935 - February 8, 2010

Joyce Cannon Baker, 74, passed peacefully from this life at Morrilton Healthcare in Morrilton, Arkansas, on February 8th, 2010. She was born on February 28th, 1935, in Osceola, Arkansas, the only child of Carl Cannon and Inez Garner Cannon. They preceded her in death, as did her former husband and father of her children, Forrest L. Baker.

She is survived by two sons, Frank Baker of Millington, Tennessee, and Bart L. Baker and his wife Angela of Clinton, and three daughters, Shirley Bowen and husband Robert of Conway, Rachel Stephens of Paris, and Jenny Roller and husband Ed of Morrilton. She is survived by six grandsons, Seth Baker, Eli Baker, Hunter Stephens, Cliff Elliott, Henry and Max Bowen; by two granddaughters, Sonny Elliott and Abbey Stephens, and by two step-granddaughters, Ashley and Meghan Roller. She is also survived by her aunt, Cleet Anderson of Tupelo, Mississippi, and by a number of friends and relatives.

A graduate of Osceola High School and Hendrix College, she was an independent and thoughtful woman who read widely, appreciated the blessings of friends and family, liked to laugh and dearly loved the Catholic Church. She was a devoted fan of Notre Dame football. In her younger years, she enjoyed politics and served as a delegate to the Arkansas Constitutional Convention in 1970. She lived for many years in Rising Star, Texas, where she was co-owner of the Rainbow Caf<sup>e</sup> with her good friend Robin Reeves. She loved hosting her grandchildren on summer visits. Joyce was cherished

and respected by her children and grandchildren and her presence on this earth will be deeply missed.

A simple service for family and friends will be held at 2 pm on Thursday, February 11th at Saint Boniface Catholic Church in Bigelow. The family wishes to thank Dr. Milligan and his staff and the staff at Morrilton Healthcare Center and at Arkansas Hospice for their compassionate care of Joyce in her final days. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Heifer Project International. Arrangements by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Cannon Baker*

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January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Just want you to know our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love you.*

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February 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was terribly sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Baker. I was only privileged to be around her on a few occasions. But I remember her pleasant demeanor and her laughter.*

*As we know all too well from recent events, there are some things that are worse than death. Intractable pain and suffering are 2 of those things. I hope that the family finds comfort in your memories of Mrs. Baker in better times and in the certain knowledge that her suffering has ceased.*

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February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM