

Roberta Annette Baker

September 11, 1947 - July 14, 2025

Annette Baker, age 77, of Hohenwald, Tennessee, passed away peacefully on July 14, 2025. She was born on September 11, 1947, in Hohenwald to the late Jethro Baxter and Thelma Lucille Haley.

Annette was the beloved wife of the late Cecil Baker. The two were married on February 11, 1968, and shared 44 years of marriage filled with love, laughter, and adventure. Together, they built a life rich in memories, especially their time spent camping and fishing off their pontoon boat at the river—a pastime that brought her great joy.

Throughout her life, Annette wore many hats. She sold Avon, Tupperware, and Mary Kay with a gift for connecting with others. She worked in several local factories before settling into her true calling: substitute teaching. For 31 years, Annette faithfully served the students of Lewis County Schools. Known for her sharp eyes (some swore she had them in the back of her head), her warm yet firm presence left a lasting impression on generations of students. Even into adulthood, many fondly remembered her as one of the most loyal and unforgettable substitutes they ever had.

Annette had a big personality and an even bigger heart. She was a hoot to be around, a vivid storyteller, and always ready for a good game of cards, especially Bunco and Canasta. She loved playing Bingo and made frequent, spirited trips to Tunica, where her luck once paid off in the form of a shiny, brand-new red Dodge Charger, purchased in all cash. She cherished that car—until one of her grandchildren infamously backed into it, leaving behind a

dent and a story that never stopped being retold.

She loved her family deeply and created countless memories with them, especially in her backyard pool. Annette taught many children how to swim, and her pool became a cherished gathering place full of laughter, splashes, and love.

Annette's strength, wit, and unwavering loyalty to those she cared for will be deeply missed. Her stories, her laughter, and her legacy of love and teaching will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Annette is survived by her daughter Denise Webb, son Dale Baker, grandchildren Kristy Grinder, Kashia O'Guin, Hayley Mathis, Chelsea Cotham & Shelly Webb, great grandchildren Reagan Grippi, Bentley & Boone Mathis, Harper Gibbs, Aubree, Acelyn & Abel Cotham, Scarlett & Ashton Gibbs, Marlee Roush, Aspyn O'Guin and Hayden Jackson.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband Cecil Ervin Baker, brother Robert Lee Baxter, sister Lorene McClain, sister Darlene Grinder and sister Charlotte Battles.

Visitation with the family will be held on Thursday, July 17 from 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM at McDonald Funeral Home in Hohenwald, TN.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, July 18 beginning at 10:30 AM at McDonald Funeral Home.

Burial will immediately follow in the Swiss Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Swiss Cemetery

281 Summertown Hwy
Hohenwald, TN 38462

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Lewis County
20 West 2nd Avenue
Hohenwald, TN 38462
(931) 796-2207

Funeral Service

JUL 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



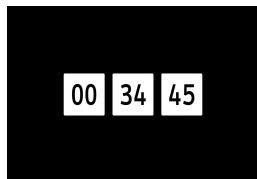
“ McDonald Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Roberta Annette Baker



McDonald Funeral Home, Inc - September 29, 2025 at 10:37 AM



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“ Sherry Quillen sent a virtual gift in memory of Roberta Baker



Sherry Quillen - July 17, 2025 at 10:49 PM

CM

“ Carolyn Moss lit a candle in memory of Roberta Baker



Carolyn Moss - July 16, 2025 at 05:20 PM



“ Always so friendly and nice to me. Loved to talk with her. . Fun to share family talk. 💕💕

Carole Loveless - July 16, 2025 at 01:15 PM

MB

“ MICHAEL BATES sent a virtual gift in memory of Roberta Baker



MICHAEL BATES - July 16, 2025 at 01:12 PM

RG

“ Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Roberta Annette Baker



Ronald Gammons - July 16, 2025 at 11:01 AM

SK

“ To my wonderful friend!! We go all the way back to school! We had so many great times back in the day going to Webber City every weekend & dancing the night away!! And later we played bunco for years & had great times that I will always cherish!! Love you & you will be missed! Until we meet again, love you & miss you always!! Shirley (Hinson) Klimowicz Peters



Shirley Klimowicz - July 15, 2025 at 11:34 PM

LF

“ Lance Family lit a candle in memory of Roberta Baker



Lance Family - July 15, 2025 at 08:00 PM

JH

“ Annette and I sold Tupperware together. We had great fun during that time. A very funny and good person.



Joanie Stewart Holtsford - July 15, 2025 at 07:45 PM