



Iola Baker

September 2, 1926 - December 16, 2024

Cyrinthia "Iola" Martin Baker, age 98 years, a resident of Port Ludlow, WA, passed away on Monday December 16th, surrounded by her loving family.

Iola was born September 2, 1926 in Cypress, Illinois to John Clinton Martin and Bessie (Toler) Martin.

On December 24, 1947, Iola married John Alvin Baker Jr. They had 5 children together. John died suddenly just before Christmas in 1967, leaving her to raise 5 young kids on her own. Those of you who have met the Baker family, know that she did a great job.

Iola was a long time resident of Cape Girardeau, MO where she owned and operated the popular downtown restaurant Baker's Big Burger from 1960-1978. In 1990, she retired to Flower Mound, TX joining her family in the DFW area. Among her favorite things were her family, everything Christmas, gardening, playing cards with her friends at the senior center, bird watching and butterflies.

She is survived by daughter, Hautina Bollinger (Dan); son, Bradley Baker (Kevin Faulkner); daughter, Lisa Freeman (Steve); daughter-in-law Lori Reites Baker; granddaughter Jenna Edwards (Josh); grandson John Baker IV (Molly); granddaughter Carissa Hand (Michael); great granddaughter Hadley

Baker; great grandson Troy Hand; sisters Patricia (Jim) Harrison and Sue Bresett; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband John Baker Jr; beloved stepfather, Herb Mathis; sons, John Baker III and Scott Baker; beloved daughter-in-law Beverly; grandson Scott Baker Jr; three brothers; Ralph, Robert and Leroy Martin; and two step-brothers - Robert and Donald Mathis.

Visitation will be 11:00 am to 12:00 pm on Friday, January 3, 2025 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral Service will be at 12:00 pm Friday, January 3, 2025 at the funeral home, with the Rev. Donny Ford officiating.

Streaming link for Friday January 3, 2025

<https://youtube.com/live/gEhHcNtEtog?feature=share>

Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery in Cape Girardeau following the service.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

1101 Perry Avenue
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Iola Baker.* ”



January 02, 2025 at 07:38 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Iola Baker.* ”



January 02, 2025 at 02:04 PM



“ *Patricia O. purchased the Lavender Reflections S pray for the family of Iola Baker.* ”



Patricia O. - January 02, 2025 at 01:08 AM



“ *Love, John & Debbie Carlson purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Iola Baker.* ”



Love, John & Debbie Carlson - January 01, 2025 at 06:52 PM

LC

“ Love, John & Debbie Carlson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lola Baker.

Love, John & Debbie Carlson - January 01, 2025 at 06:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lola Baker.



January 01, 2025 at 10:55 AM

LB

“ My mom took us 4 girls to Baker's. Food was delicious & a smiling Mrs Baker knew her customers by name.
I am not certain, but did the kids go to Nell Holcomb grade school? In the 70s?
My heartfelt condolences on the loss of this sweet lady



Lisa (Lewis) Boswell - December 30, 2024 at 09:58 PM

BE

“ My first job was a car hop at Bakers Big burger in 1973-74. My sister also worked inside as a waitress. I enjoyed that job and meeting new people. Thank you for the opportunity, Mrs Lola.

Beverly - December 30, 2024 at 07:42 PM

LB

“ *Lori Baker lit a candle in memory of lola Baker*



Lori Baker - December 30, 2024 at 04:45 PM

DJ

“ *David and June purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of lola Baker.*



David and June - December 28, 2024 at 11:08 AM

FF

“ *From~ The Edwards Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of lola Baker.*

From~ The Edwards Family - December 27, 2024 at 02:36 PM

FF

“ *From~ The Edwards Family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of lola Baker.*



From~ The Edwards Family - December 27, 2024 at 02:36 PM

DY

“ Debbie Yokum planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of lola Baker.

Debbie Yokum - December 27, 2024 at 12:38 PM

DY

“ Debbie Yokum purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of lola Baker.



Debbie Yokum - December 27, 2024 at 12:38 PM

MJ

“ My heartfelt condolences to lola's family and friends. I was her neighbor at Flower Mound TX since 2014. She was very friendly and frequently walked towards my side to offer the fruits of her plants (pepper, tomatoes). She was a great neighbor and I was saddened by her move to Washington. I have a few of her garden decors that will remind me of her frequently. May you find eternal rest and peace with our Lord. My mom and I will miss you.



Myrna E Javier - December 26, 2024 at 10:37 PM

RB

“ I remember Aunt lola gave me a dishwashing job at the Big Burger. I was in the kitchen and the Chef I guess he was the Chef came in and thought I was trying to steal something but he came at me with a kitchen knife. Just then Aunt lola told him I was the new dishwasher. I guess I was 13 maybe 14 years old. He really scared me. Thank you Aunt lola, I love you.

Robert Baker - December 26, 2024 at 08:31 PM

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Myrna E Javier - December 26, 2024 at 10:27 PM

BS

“ Bill and Martha Scott purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of lola Baker.



Bill and Martha Scott - December 26, 2024 at 08:11 PM

SK

“ Susan Rutledge Kemp purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of lola Baker.



Susan Rutledge Kemp - December 26, 2024 at 07:33 PM

SK

“ Susan Rutledge Kemp planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of lola Baker.

Susan Rutledge Kemp - December 26, 2024 at 07:33 PM

MM

“ Great memories of this wonderful lady.
Always had fun going to Cape to visit with
family and enjoying the Big Burger.



Mike and Brooksie Mathis - December 26, 2024 at 07:26 PM

KO

“ Kelly O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of lola Baker.

Kelly O. - December 26, 2024 at 07:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of lola Baker.



December 26, 2024 at 05:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of lola Baker.

December 26, 2024 at 05:23 PM