



Joyce J. Baker

March 2, 1942 - May 10, 2016

Joyce J. Baker, 74, of Jackson died Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at her home.

She was born March 2, 1942, in Scopus, Missouri, to Jesse Ephriam and Frances Cecil Black Shrum. She and Dwight Leo Baker were married Nov. 30, 1974, in Cape Girardeau. He died Oct. 31, 2005.

Joyce graduated from Patton High School in 1959. She was a member of New McKendree United Methodist Church in Jackson.

She worked for Tucker Truck Lines for 18 years and for the Southeast Missourian for 13 years.

She is survived by two brothers, Jim (Ann) Shrum of Cape Girardeau and Sam Shrum of Jackson; a sister, Jean Gilliland of Jackson; a stepson, Richard (Judy) Baker of Jackson; two grandsons, Mark (Kim) Baker of Jackson and Anthony Baker of Washington, D.C.; three great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Mabel Shrum of Cape Girardeau; and two brothers-in-law, Francis Urhahn of Oran, Missouri, and Virgil Hammer of Festus, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Bill, Clyde and Jake; three sisters, Arcelle, Lola and Katherine; and a grandson, Benjamin Baker.

"Her joy of living was giving."

Joy was a wonderful and giving person who offered her compassion, care and assistance to all those around her. She will be dearly missed by all, but especially her beloved dog, Gracie Lou, her constant companion for 11 years. Gracie brought her much happiness and comfort.

Friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday at Ford and Sons Funeral Home in Jackson.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Jimmie Corbin officiating. Private burial will be at a later date at Plainview Cemetery in Marble Hill, Missouri.

In place of memorials, her family asks anyone whose life she touched to offer an "act of kindness" to someone today in her memory.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Jackson
708 W. Main Street
Jackson, MO 63755
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info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I got to know Joy when she volunteered to answer the phone at our church. We hit it off immediately when I found out she had a schnauzer. We became close over the years and I could count on Joy for anything. We laughed so much. Joy was so kind and knowing her is such a blessing. Save me a spot, I will see you again. Kim Martin

Kim Martin - May 16, 2016 at 09:07 AM

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“ Joy was a wonderful dear Friend as described by this favorite quote:
"FRIENDS
are those people who touch one another's hearts and lives and make them brighter and happier as time goes by."

God bless relatives as they grieve their loss, I pray he will calm and ease your aching hearts. I too feel her absence and shall always feel fortunate to have had her friendship her since High School days.

We all loved You Joy, will miss you. Until we meet again over yonder, Good bye.
Melba (Burton) Ray

Melba Ray - May 12, 2016 at 09:22 AM