

Mary Margaret Baker

Mary M. Baker was born May 9, 1920, to Frank and Clara (Karrels) Poss in Sturgis, SD. In 1938, Mary graduated from St. Martin's Academy in Sturgis. After graduation, she worked at Archie Haley's grocery store for two years. The following year, she attended Business College in Rapid City. Returning to Sturgis, she worked at the AAA agriculture office in the finance department for one year before starting work at the Bear Butte Valley Bank for Harold Walker. She worked for Harold and Bruce Walker for many years. She retired in 1983 from the First Bank System after 38 years with the bank.

After retiring, Mary worked many part time jobs including bailiff in Sturgis and Deadwood, hospital switchboard, blood bank registration, senior center cashier, school cafeteria, and others. She especially liked to bake caramel rolls for the church bazaar and for the police officers at the Sturgis Bike Rally.

Mary and Leo Baker were married October 9, 1946, at the St. Martin's Chapel in Sturgis. They have two children, Donald and Janet. Donald was 8 years old and Janet was 6 years old when Leo died after a lengthy illness.

Mary was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church and a working member of the Altar Society and St. Francis Circle.

Until recent years she did enjoy traveling within the United States, Canada, Europe, and Hawaii. She enjoyed reading a good book and especially liked to play bridge. With her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, she was always ready to play rummy, UNO, King's Corners and other card games.

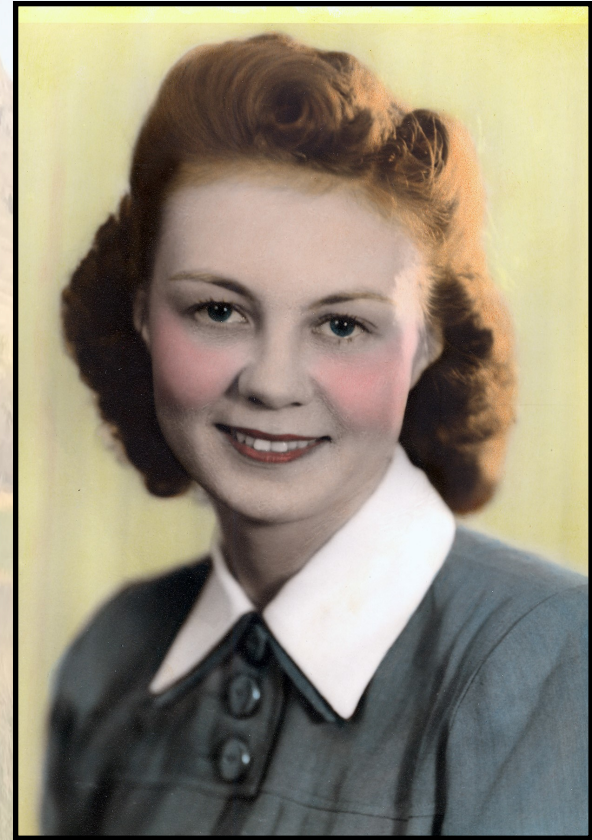
Mary Margaret Baker, 101, of Belle Fourche and formerly of Sturgis died Sunday, May 9, 2021, in Belle Fourche, SD.

Mary is survived by her son, Donald R. Baker of Sturgis, SD; daughter, Janet C. (Gerald) Besser of Owatonna, MN; five grandchildren, Lisa (Brian) Gruhn of Rapid City, SD, Aimee (Jason) Paulsen of Wall, SD, Robyn Adams of Owatonna, MN, and Ryan (Kim Hamill) Besser of Arroyo Seco, NM, and Renae (Dennis) Servaty of Spearfish, SD; eleven great-grandchildren, Macee and Graysen Paulsen, Parker (finance' Wisper Mata) Adams, Payton Adams, Gabriel Adams, Aidan Besser, Jade Besser, Jacob (Jessica) Servaty, Owen Servaty, Ella Servaty, and Brea Servaty; one great-great-grandson, Logan Adams; brother, John Poss of Gainesville, FL; one sister, Lois (Chris) Halbrook of Red Bluff, CA.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Leo in 1955; her parents, Frank and Clara Poss; brother, Ed Poss; two sisters-in-law, Leah Poss, and Marilyn Poss.

May she rest in peace and love of our Lord.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



In Loving Memory Of

Mary Margaret Baker

May 9, 1920 - May 9, 2021

The Broken Chain

*Little did we know that morning,
God was going to call your name.*

In life we loved you dearly.

In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you.

*You did not go alone,
for part of us went with you
the day God called you home.*

You left us peaceful memories.

*Your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you,
you are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one,
the Chain will link again*



In Loving Memory ***Mary Margaret Baker***

Born

May 9, 1920
Sturgis, South Dakota

Died

May 9, 2021
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

Mass of Christian Burial

Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Celebrant

Father Timothy Castor

Musicians

Dr. Barry Furze Myron Volk

Special Music

“On Eagle’s Wings” “Be Not Afraid” “Gift of Finest Wheat”
“Let There Be Peace On Earth” “How Great Thou Art”

Pallbearers

Jacob Servaty Owen Servaty Aidan Besser
Parker Adams Gabe Adams Graysen Paulsen

Honorary Pallbearers

Payton Adams Macee Paulsen Jade Besser
Ella Servaty Brea Servaty

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota