



## Katherine Betty Baxter

March 29, 1925 - July 19, 2014

Katherine Betty Baxter, 89 year old resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died July 19, 2014 at Willard Walker Hospice Home, Fayetteville, Arkansas. She was born March 29, 1925 in Siloam Springs to Guy Masters and Marinda Stults Masters. Katherine graduated from Siloam Springs High School in 1944 and moved to Washington, D.C. to work for the F.B.I. While there, she married David Louis Baxter, Sr. on November 6, 1947. She lived in Takoma Park, Maryland, until 1968, when she moved back to Siloam Springs. Katherine spent many more years working for Franklin Electric, until her retirement.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Siloam Springs and the Beta Sigma Phi sorority. Katherine volunteered at the Manna Center, the Dogwood Literacy Council and the Hope Kitchen. She enjoyed traveling, spending time with her grandkids, and baking homemade bread, peanut butter fudge and pecan tarts. Katherine was an avid quilt maker and gardener, who was well known for her azalea garden.

She was preceded in death by the love of her life, Dave in 1967; her parents; two sisters, Charlotte Masters and Thelma Howard; and four brothers, Delmer Masters, Raymond Masters, Calvin Masters and Johnny Masters.

She is survived by four children: David Louis Baxter, Jr. and wife Concha of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Karen Baxter-Rhoades and husband James "Dusty"

Rhoades of Little Rock, Arkansas, Charles Baxter and wife Marianne of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Dr. Linda Baxter and husband Bill Richardson of Carrollton, Georgia; ten grandchildren: Christopher, Patrick, Timothy, Nicholas, Tonya, Aaron, James, Marinda, Deidre and Bryan; three great grandchildren: Jack, Katie and Charlotte; one sister, Marjorie Martin of Edmond, Oklahoma; her walking buddy for 34 years, Doris Childers; and her best friend, Judy Omo.

A funeral mass will be held 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Les Farley officiating. A rosary service will be held 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs with a visitation service immediately following from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to National MS Society, P.O. Box 4527, New York, NY 10163 or to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718.

# Previous Events

## Rosary Service

JUL 22. 5:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home  
441 U.S. 412  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761  
(479) 524-5131  
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

JUL 22. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Mass

JUL 23. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
1998 Hwy 412 E  
Siloam Springs, AR

# Tribute Wall

GF

“ Our deepest condolences to you all. We are certainly missing seeing our sweet Ms. Katherine daily for our visits over the flowers. Her spirit, vitality, and obvious love for her family were an inspiration to everyone she met.

*Gail, Todd and Sarah Fenix*

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**Gail Fenix** - August 06, 2014 at 09:32 PM

SM

“ Shelia Hensley Mcnutt lit a candle in memory of Katherine Betty Baxter



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**shelia hensley mcnutt** - August 03, 2014 at 12:57 PM

ME

“ Please allow me to offer my condolences to the, Baxter family with these comforting words: There, in front of eyewitnesses, Jesus performed an unforgettable resurrection. It was a token of the resurrection that he had already predicted some time prior to this event, a restoration to life on earth under “a new heaven.” On that occasion, Jesus had said: “Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out.”—Revelation 21:1, 3, 4; John 5:28, 29; 2 Peter 3:13. This is the hope for, Ms. Baxter, as well. I am very sorry for your loss. May God's Word comfort you and your family. Sincerely, Meryl ~ [crochetmerylsway@gmail.com](mailto:crochetmerylsway@gmail.com)

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**Meryl** - July 23, 2014 at 05:43 PM

MJ

“ Karen and Linda and all the Baxter family--we have had all of you in our thoughts and prayers the past 10 days. Am so glad your mother is finally with your Dad-she has so much to tell him about all of you. He has had no rest since she joined him in Heaven on Sat! Am sorry we cannot be at your Mom's funeral Wed. Please know you will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers! CW, Mable, and Lindsey St John  
Alissa and Jon Barber and Fred(Buddy) Dees

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**mable st john** - July 23, 2014 at 12:24 AM

LJ

“ Lauren James lit a candle in memory of Katherine Betty Baxter



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**Lauren James** - July 22, 2014 at 10:59 AM

LJ

“ I'm so glad that I was able to meet Grandma Baxter just a few years ago. I enjoyed seeing her at the annual Baxter family reunions in the summer and other times at the Rhoades house in North Little Rock. It was so wonderful to see how much she loved her family. She will be missed very much.

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**Lauren James** - July 22, 2014 at 10:58 AM

SP

“ *Shermana Philpott lit a candle in memory of Katherine Betty Baxter*



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**Shermana Philpott** - July 22, 2014 at 07:45 AM

JJ

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May God be with you during this difficult time.*

*Jane Johnson*



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**Jane Johnson** - July 21, 2014 at 09:00 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Katherine Betty Baxter.*



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July 21, 2014 at 06:16 PM

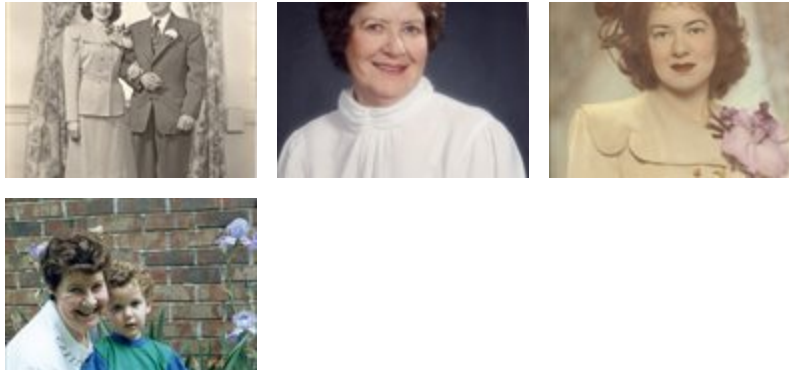
AR

“ Grandma Baxter was the first person to ever make me a watercress sandwich. A bit of a back story. I have always loved to read and I think I had just finished up one of the Boxcar Children books where they talk about living near a stream and making watercress sandwiches. I was up at Grandma's during this time and went on and on about watercress sandwiches all afternoon, finally she says "Let's go!" and we drive down to the creek where we always used to swim and she harvest's watercress from the creek bed. We go back home and make up two sandwiches and I'll always love her for that along with too many other things to list. We miss you Grandma.  
-Aaron

Aaron Rhoades - July 21, 2014 at 09:15 AM

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FUNERAL HOME, INC.

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Wasson Funeral Home - July 20, 2014 at 02:09 PM

DF

*I loved this sweet lady. Always busy doing for others. Always smiling. Prayers to all the family.*

Diana Johnson (co-worker at FE) - July 21, 2014 at 08:20 AM