



## Janet Ann Baker

October 18, 1937 - October 2, 2021

Janet Ann (Yarolin) Baker, 83, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on Saturday, October 2, 2021. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio on October 18, 1937, to Michael and Ann (Sinder) Yarolin. Jan attended Brush High School and went on to college at Bowling Green State University. There she met Robert “Bob” Baker, who would become her cherished husband and father of four children.

While living and working near and in Napoleon, Jan held jobs as an administrative assistant for Johns-Manville, Henry County Board of Education, and Ed Rohrs Realty. Her proudest accomplishment was being a mother and grandmother. She was active in the community through gardening, book and card clubs, as well as, volunteering for political functions. Jan was an avid gardener and collector of art; and her home was truly her sanctuary. She spent her life devoted to friends and family. She will be remembered as vibrant and social, caring and generous. She was always looking for a way to connect with others.

Jan is survived by her husband, Bob; daughters, Linda Baker, Carol (Tim) Ryan, and Jennifer (Jason) Williams; grandchildren, Erich, Elise, and Eva Numrich, Molly Morrow, Jacob and Trey Ryan, Caitlyn Burton, and Jazz Williams; and great grandchildren, Jackson and Braxton Burton. In addition to her parents and siblings, she was preceded in death by her son, Richard.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 10:30 AM. Interment will take place at Young Cemetery, Liberty Center. Memorial contributions may be made to the Henry County Senior Center or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com). The family requests that masks be worn for visitation and services.

# Cemetery Details

## Young Cemetery

ST RTE 109  
Liberty Center, OH 43532

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

OCT 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Funeral Service

OCT 7. 10:30 AM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ *happy birthday mom... hope you are celebrating in style up there...we miss you and your laugh! As usual my card will be late. love ya - linda*



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**linda baker** - October 21, 2021 at 09:49 AM

BH

“ *Having lived overseas for nearly 20 years, Janet and Bob were always on our must visit list when we came to Napoleon to see mom. We grew up with the Bakers as our good friends and have wonderful memories of Fourth of July parades, shared laughs and a cocktail or two. We will always think of Janet with a big smile and twinkle in her eye. Sending our love and prayers to Bob, Linda, Carol and Jenny and the rest of the family. Betsy & Dale Harrington*

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**Betsy Harrington** - October 07, 2021 at 05:10 PM

PG

“ *I was such a lucky person when I moved next door to Jan and her family. Her vivaciousness, honesty and exuberance enriched my life for 47 years. Even though we were neighbours for only 5 years she has been my family for most of my life. She and Bob are my daughter Alexander Jennifer's godparents.... her middle name from Jennifer Baker. I have been remembering her and all the great things about her. I am so glad I got to celebrate her grandchildren's graduations this summer. You are already missed. Rest in peace and give Richard a big hug. We love you.*

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**penny greenler** - October 07, 2021 at 10:39 AM

 Alexa  
Bishop

“ *Dear Bakers,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. I was blessed to have Jan as my god  
mother. She was always such a vibrant and loving soul and her  
presence was always so warm and welcoming. It was a blessing to  
have her and Bob at our wedding. May sweet memories bring you  
comfort at this time of loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and  
prayers.  
Love,  
Alexa (Ali) Bishop*

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**Alexa Bishop** - October 07, 2021 at 07:32 AM

CW

“ *Dear Bob, Linda, Carol and Jennifer,  
My very sincere sympathy goes out to you at this difficult time. Jan  
was a good friend for many years and it's hard to realize she has  
passed. She will be missed.  
Carole White*

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**Carole White** - October 06, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the  
family of Janet Ann Baker.*



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October 05, 2021 at 04:08 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Baker.*



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October 05, 2021 at 02:23 PM



“ *Dear Bob and family, So sorry for your loss. Janet was always so welcoming and kind to all of us whenever we came to visit. She and Bob will always have a special place in our hearts! Fred, Denise, Garrett, Dana & Cady Lauf. ♡♡*

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**Fred & Denise Lauf** - October 05, 2021 at 01:41 PM



“ *To the Bakers, and especially to my best friend Carol,*

*Thoughts of your mom bring a smile to my face, and I am so glad I got to see her just over a year ago when I was lucky enough to spend a couple of days in Napoleon and stay with the Bakers:). Jan was always so complimentary and good for my self-esteem! I always loved her reactions to conversations - not just her words, but her facial expressions and body language. She was truly a wonderful person. I know you will miss her dearly.*

*With love, Joy Good*

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**Joy Renae** - October 05, 2021 at 12:16 PM



“ *The Gaylord Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Janet Ann Baker.*



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**The Gaylord Family** - October 05, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Baker.*



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October 05, 2021 at 09:49 AM

TJ

“ We were next-door neighbors to the Bakers on Orchard Lane, before the Eddy’s house was built, and our families were close. Linda and I were in the same grade, and my brother Jeff and I also spent lots of time with Richard. The Bakers indeed had the “go to” yard, and I remember hitting wiffle balls with that big red bat. Mom and Jan were especially good friends, and remained so across the years. I remember Jan for her enthusiastic interest in me and my sibs (which also continued over the years), for her meticulously kept garden, and for the way she said “youse guys” which I learned years to be a Great Lakes Inland North expression. Many years later I paid a visit to Ohio and took a notion to visit, and to my surprise realized I still remembered the Bakers’ phone number. Jan answered with her signature enthusiasm, leading to a memorable visit. And I now in separation, I realize the Bakers have been an anchor to me. As we Grabowskis moved from place to place and diverged in life, Jan was always maintaining that garden and would certainly answer that phone number. Thank you Jan for the affirmation and security you gave to those around you.

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**Tom Grabowski, Jr** - October 05, 2021 at 12:05 AM

JC

“ Bob, Linda, Carol, and Jenny, as a real surprise to hear about Jan! We have been friends since their marriage, and was raised in Liberty Center with Bob! I just called and left a message to Jan a couple weeks ago and was great seeing her a year ago! Would like to see you on Wednesday! Love, Jan (Spiess) Cook

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**Janet Cook** - October 04, 2021 at 07:34 PM

VD

“ Bob and all of your family-62 years wasn't long enough, we shared weddings, births of our kids and grandkids-the day we moved you to Napoleon from Gibsonburg-so many fun times at Wamplers Lake. The memories go a long way back, but these memories will be cherished forever. May you each be granted the comfort to sustain you in the days ahead. Love Viv Dominique

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**Vivian Dominique** - October 04, 2021 at 06:55 PM

TS

“ I would never be able to choose one memory to share as we had so many fun times together. When we moved to Orchard Lane in 2008 it wasn't long that I had an invitation from Jan to join her and some friends for an outing. Everyone that knew Jan knows that she was always making new friends. It didn't take long for Jan and I to become joined at the hip. If she wasn't thinking of something to do, I was. People were always asking us when we were out what kind of trouble we were getting into that day. We never actually got in any trouble but people could tell that we enjoyed our times together. I don't know if it was the huge smiles on our faces or the laughter that brought us to tears sometimes that gave it away. We were two peas in a pod!! I cannot believe that I will never hear Jan laugh again or see the sparkle in her eyes when she is telling me a story or hear the excitement in her voice when she is telling me about a new craft project we're going to do! She is gone and with her she has taken a huge part of my heart! I loved Jan Baker , she was a very special friend and I will miss her. I do already! You are at peace now and I know that Richard greeted you with open arms along with your mom and dad and your sister and brother! We will meet again and I can't wait to see what new craft project you will have for us to do when I get there!!

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**Tracy Stevens** - October 04, 2021 at 06:31 PM

KJ

“ *The Baker's was the neighborhood go to yard. Many childhood memories spent playing softball with a big red BC bat. Janet was a great gardener. There was always fresh produce for sale in the front yard. I remember sitting on her front porch shucking fresh peas with Janet and Linda. Janet was devoted to her children and the neighborhood kids.  
My condolences to the family.*

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**Kate Johnson** - October 04, 2021 at 04:57 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Baker.*



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October 04, 2021 at 04:13 PM

SF

“ *Dear Bob, Linda, Carol, Jenny and family, Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I was blessed to have Janet as a friend for 50 plus years, but it wasn't long enough. May sweet memories bring you comfort at this time of loss. You have my deepest sympathy.  
Suzanne Fotoples.*



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**Suzanne Fotoples** - October 04, 2021 at 11:48 AM

SB

“ Sue, Robert and Steve Briner purchased the Divine Light for the family of Janet Ann Baker.



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**Sue, Robert and Steve Briner** - October 04, 2021 at 11:28 AM



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



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October 03, 2021 at 10:07 PM

RS

“ My deepest sympathy to the Baker Family. Jan always had a smile and hug for me and I was better for knowing her. She and Rich are together again.

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**Rick Small** - October 03, 2021 at 07:17 PM

JS

“ Bob and family, please accept our sincerest condolences. We are so sorry for your loss. Jan was so vibrant and cheery all the time! I will truly miss her positive attitude. Sincerely, Jan and John Stover

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**Janice L Stover** - October 03, 2021 at 05:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Janet Ann Baker.



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October 03, 2021 at 02:25 PM