



## Donna L. Baker

August 31, 1940 - March 2, 2023

Donna L. Baker, age 82, of Grove, Oklahoma passed into the arms of her Savior on Thursday, March 2, 2023, in Fairland, Oklahoma.

Donna was born on August 31, 1940, in Anthony, Kansas to Bernard and Dorothea (Bennett) Schmitz.

Donna graduated from Wakita High School in Wakita, Oklahoma where she played on the basketball team. She married Jimmie D. Baker on May 29, 1965, at Hudson Creek Baptist Church near Fairland, Oklahoma. They made their home in Enid until moving to the Grand Lake area in 1971. In her younger years, she was employed by Lyle's Drive In as a waitress. She and her husband purchased the Grove Credit Bureau and they operated it until 1981. Never one to sit idle, they also owned a Convenience and Liquor Store in the 70's and 80's, before Jimmie passed away in 1990. She later operated Baker's Country Store near Tomcat Corner from 2000 – 2006 before her retirement.

Donna was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church and active in the Alter Society and was a volunteer for Good Shepherd Hospice. She was also active in the American Legion. She was a pioneer in beginning of the DOC program, Meals on Wheels, Camp Bandage, and participated in the Relay for Life.

She was a generous, loving and caring lady, always available for any volunteer work where she felt she was needed. Her legacy lives on in the many programs she was involved in, and she will be greatly missed by family,

friends and associates from all walks of life.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents and her husband; and sisters Joyce Worick and Janice Fenton.

Left to cherish her memory, her sons Jimmie Dale Baker, Jr. of Grove, and Bernard J. Baker (Kimberly) of Grove, and Grandson Beau J. Baker of Grove; brother Larry J. Schmitz of Wichita, Kansas, sister Bernarda McCurley of Amarillo, Texas; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Visitation will be from 5-7pm Wednesday, March 8th at Nichols Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services. Funeral Mass will be at 10am Thursday, March 9, 2023 at St Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society at [donate.cancer.org](https://donate.cancer.org) in Donna's memory.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service  
10201 U.S. Highway 59  
Grove, OK 74344  
(918) 786-6761  
nicholsfunerals@yahoo.com

## Funeral Service

MAR 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

St Elizabeth's Catholic Church  
Grove, OK 74344

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# Tribute Wall



“ Nichols Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna L. Baker



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**Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services** - March 08, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ Donna L. Baker

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October 04, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear this. Praying for you and your brother Jimmie. Much love and big hugs. ❤️ 🙏

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**Lois Beamer Blair** - March 04, 2023 at 09:08 PM