



Virginia L Baker

August 17, 1936 - March 26, 2021

Virginia Lee Renfro Baker, of Evansville, passed away in the home of her son on Friday, March 26, 2021. She was 84 and taken quickly after a short battle with cancer.

She had a full life being mother to seven children, grandmother, great-grandmother & recently great-great grandmother. Virginia was born August 17, 1936 in Clay County, Arkansas to the late Rosie and Amiel Renfro. She married Louis "L.T." Baker at the age of 17 and became a mother to their seven children. She and Louis ministered to churches until he passed away nearly 30 years ago. Prior to Louis's passing they pastored many churches in the General Baptist Denomination and served as missionaries in Jamaica, running the Faith Home Children's Home for many years. After returning to the states, they continued starting new churches until the sudden death of Louis.

As a widow at the age of 54, Virginia embarked on a new life, moving to Evansville, learning to drive, and getting her first hired job working in home healthcare taking care of patients. She continued her mission work, embarking on many short term medical/dental trips to Honduras as her life continued being centered around her church, Westwood where she volunteered countless hours in ministry. Whether it was serving in the kitchen for Vacation Bible School, coordinating small group devotions, running the Life Choice Center kitchen for their Fall Festival booth fundraising efforts, or encouraging families from her vast experience as a pastor's wife and

missionary, she dedicated her life to God and served him.

She was a caregiver to many. She loved God, her church and her family (biological & nonbiological) deeply. We are comforted knowing she is with Him and back with the love her life, L.T. Baker

Surviving Virginia are her two remaining siblings, Juanita (Irvin) Moody and Gaylon (Ledicia) Renfro; seven children, Debbie (Joe) York, Vickey (Kenny) Phillips, Ron (Debbie) Baker, Rick (Margaret) Baker, Pam (Chris) Bongfeldt, Russ (Kinsey) Baker and Randy (Karen) Baker, 21 grandchildren, multiple great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Louis Baker; by her sister Marilyn Roby, her brother Junior Renfro and a grandson, Brandon Walker.

Funeral services for Virginia will begin at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at Westwood Church, Pastor Dave Teruel and Pastor Ben Russell officiating. Burial will follow in Manitou, Ky at the Concord General Baptist Church Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday at Pierre Funeral Home and from 9:00 A.M. until service time on Wednesday at Westwood Church. Online condolences may be made at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to Westwood Church.

Cemetery Details

Concord General Baptist Church Cemetery

Manitou, KY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Visitation

MAR 31. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Westwood Church
121 S. Boehne Camp Road
Evansville, IN 47712

funeral

MAR 31. 10:00 AM (CT)

Westwood Church
121 S. Boehne Camp Road
Evansville, IN 47712

Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Virginia L Baker*



Pierre Funeral Home - March 30, 2021 at 12:47 PM

CK

Beautiful tribute of photos depicting my cousin's life. Rest now in peace, sweet Virginia 🙏❤️.

Chris Matlock Keller - March 30, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ *Virginia L Baker*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM

JW

“ *Ron & family,*

We were saddened to hear of your mom's Homegoing. Your mom was a special lady with a true heart for God and for people. May the Lord continue to give you strength for the days ahead, and may He comfort your grieving hearts as only He can. You're in our thoughts and prayers.

James & Sheena Winfrey - March 31, 2021 at 05:04 PM



“ 118 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - March 30, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Virginia L Baker*.



March 30, 2021 at 12:01 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Virginia L Baker*.



March 30, 2021 at 09:37 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia L Baker.*



March 30, 2021 at 08:04 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia L Baker.*



March 29, 2021 at 01:46 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia L Baker.*



March 29, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Ginnies' passing, but no doubt it is a Heavenly promotion. We had a very good working/fellowship with Ginnie and Louis during their time with us here in Florida until his untimely (in my opinion) death. I pray the God of all comfort will be very near to comfort and strengthen you during this very difficult time. Please accept our sincere sympathy and love.
Fred and Jan Brittain*

fred and Jan Brittain - March 29, 2021 at 11:45 AM

PB

Thank you so much! You two were such a help to Mother during that time when Daddy passed away. I know they both loved you two and appreciated your friendship. Mother outlived Daddy by almost 30 years! I'm sure they are reunited now in heaven!

Pam Bongfeldt - March 29, 2021 at 12:58 PM

PB

Sorry, that text was slightly truncated. This is Pam Baker Bongfeldt. Thank you again for sharing.

Pam Bongfeldt - March 29, 2021 at 01:00 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Virginia L Baker.*



March 29, 2021 at 11:30 AM

VW

“ So sorry to about the passing of this sweet lady. She and her husband were a great influence to our spiritual lives and we are forever grateful our paths crossed many years ago. Our first trip to a General Baptist mission field was when we went to Jamaica and they were our missionaries at Faith Home. They were such a beautiful couple and were such an inspiration to us. It was the beginning of many mission trips using our photography to help spread the news about missions. Randy, you are the only one of the children that we knew since you were living there in Jamaica when we were there.. I am not sure if you remember us or not, but we met you a few times since then. We are Don and Virginia Witter from Fairfield, IL and owned a photography studio there in Fairfield. We kept in touch with your parents over the years and came to your dad's funeral when he passed away. We will be praying for you and all your family in the days ahead. We are so thankful for knowing your parents. They have touched the lives of so many people. Our lives have been so blessed by knowing them.

*Don and Virginia Witter
1832 County Rd 680 N
Fairfield, IL 62837*

Virginia Witter - March 28, 2021 at 08:40 PM

PB

Thank you for your kind comments. I don't know if I ever met you, but I do know your names. A beautiful photograph that you took hung on my mom's wall for years. It was one that you took in Jamaica. This is Pam Baker-Bongfeldt. I know for sure Randy remembers you! Thank you again for taking the time to write a beautiful memory here.

Pam Bongfeldt - March 28, 2021 at 09:53 PM

RB

Yes, I certainly do remember you and that picture has been hanging on my wall for the past several years.

Randy Baker - March 29, 2021 at 02:02 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Virginia L Baker.*



March 28, 2021 at 07:25 PM



“ *Spence D. purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Virginia L Baker.*



Spence D. - March 28, 2021 at 07:52 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Virginia L Baker.*



March 27, 2021 at 10:35 PM



“ *So sorry to be reading about Virginia's passing but praising she's met her Savior and enjoying a great reunion with family and friends who've been waiting to welcome her home ! She loved attending our signings and meals at Howell GB Church and gave me time to catch up with her and the family she loved so much ! Terry tested positive for Covid this week and we're both quarantined until Friday so unable to be there for her service , keeping you all in our prayers as you say goodbye to this Godly lady 🙏🥹🙏*

Linda & Terry Gamblin - March 27, 2021 at 08:57 PM

CK

To all of my cousins and your families, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother and sister Virginia. I know from experience that God can sustain and support each of you in ways that those around you can't. May you each feel the love from the hearts which loved your mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. I will painfully miss her, knowing that we will be joyfully reunited someday 🙏❤️✝️🌸.

Chris Matlock Keller - March 27, 2021 at 09:33 PM

RO

So sorry to hear of Virginia's passing. I remember her well while she and Bro. Louis were at Madison General Baptist in Madison, Tennessee. Bro. Louis was one of the officiates at my wedding. I cared a lot about this family and remember them with great fondness. 🙏

Regina Cliburn Overton - March 29, 2021 at 08:47 AM

PB

Thank you Regina! (This is Pam (Baker) Bongfeldt.) The Cliburn clan was almost as big as the Baker clan back then. We remember you all very well from "back in the day". The family appreciates you taking the time to share you memory with us.

Pam Baker Bongfeldt - March 29, 2021 at 01:04 PM