



Clarice Margaret Garrison Baker

July 16, 1932 - August 23, 2021

Clarice Margaret Nolen Garrison Baker, 89, was born on July 16, 1932 in Higginson, AR to Josie Hardin and Clarence Nolen. Her mother, Josie, died during Clarice's birth. Clarice's father, Clarence was killed in a truck accident when she was a toddler.

Clarice was adopted by her aunt Bessie Nolen Garrison and her husband Tommy Garrison by whom she was lovingly reared until Tommy's death. Bessie later married Sam Junior (SJ) Baker. Clarice was lovingly raised by them, who were affectionally called Mamo and Dada.

Clarice met the love of her life, William Archie Baker. They were married in April 1948 OR 1949.

There were many playful arguments between them over the correct date. They went on to rear seven wonderful children - Janice, Paul, Patricia, Nolan, Richard, Machell, and Keith.

Also, from this union, Clarice went from being an only child to gaining brothers and sisters in love, that she loved dearly.

Clarice accepted Christ an early age. For many years she attended Centennial Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of her pastor (and

neighbor) Reverend M.E. Bracely. Clarice was especially close to the entire Bracely and Whitney families. There was a path between their homes that she used to walk to, and drag every kid she had to the doorsteps of the church. Clarice was a loyal and faithful member of Centennial Missionary Baptist Church until her health failed.

Clarice was a beautiful homemaker who strived to keep her house clean as a whistle, her kids/grands/great grands fed and well-loved. Clarice was a wonderful cook. She cooked many a Thanksgiving and Christmas meals by herself for everyone to come by and enjoy. She especially had her sweet potatoes ready for every meal. She still enjoyed them until her death.

Clarice was the ultimate childcare provider for the community that everyone loved and respected.

She truly was the "Old Lady Who Lived in a Shoe". Clarice was LOVED immensely by her family and the community of Kensett. If you ever had a need for a babysitter, Clarice's house was the place you didn't have to worry. At one time, there was not a family within Kensett that she had not mothered/taken care of someone in that family. Clarice could keep all of her grands plus up to 10 other kids, all at the same time. In 1992/93, she was raising 4 great-grand babies at once!!! Who does that, and wants to do that? Clarice did it!!!

Clarice also loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren at any event they participated in. She spent the last few years traveling to basketball games every Saturday morning and sitting in the Riverview Gym watching all the kiddos. Even the kids that were not hers by blood, were hers too! She loved to sit in the gyms and people watch.

Clarice is preceded in death by her husband, William Archie Baker; her son, Nolan Baker; her parents, Josie Hardin, Clarence Nolen, Tommy Garrison,

Bessie Nolen Garrison Baker, and Sam (SJ) Baker; her great grandsons, Edrick Simon Jr. and Adrien Baker; her sisters in love, Annis Baker, Betty Bedford, Bertha White, Alice Baker, and Lillian Bowman; her brothers in love, Kenneth Baker, Donald Baker, Foster Baker, James Baker, Phillip White, Melvin Foster, Elmer Chatman, and Rickey Chatman.

Clarice is survived by her children, Janice (Herb) Taylor, Paul Brown, Patricia Johnson, Richard (Paula) Baker, Machell Baker Roberson, and Keith (Jannett) Baker; her 17 grandchildren: Shawnae Simon, Milton Carpenter, Patrice Brown, Heather Lee, Nakita Baker, Nolan Baker, Terrence Baker, William (Amanda) Baker, Lawanda (Donel) McBee, Coree Bradley, Travara Williams, Ashanti Lark, Alicia (Lionel) Riley, Daphne (Johnny) Beasley, Shad Johnson, Craig Haynes, and Jessica Baker; 35 great grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Virginia Faye Baker; her sisters in love, Emma McClendon, Phyllis Baker, Velta Baker, Lucille (James) Hart, Minnie Baker, Virginia Hurtt, Gertrude Medlock, Dorothy Berry, Martha Chatmon, Diane Chatmon, Edith Chatman, Nita Chatman, Carolyn Baker, Carolyn Foster; brothers in love, Marshall (Adelle) Baker, Vincent (Allyson) Baker, Mark (Altamease) Baker, Clarence (Louise) Chatman; her special birthday twins, Cierra Rycraw and Greg Herrin; special friends, Carolyn Bailey, Imogene Arnold, and Patty Jackson; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Friday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Powell Funeral Home in Searcy. Funeral Services will be held 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 28, 2021 at the Whitney Lane FWC in Kensett. Interment will follow in Crow Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home in Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

The family has asked that all those in attendance please wear a mask.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy
Searcy, AR 72143
(501) 268-7220
searcy@powellfuneralhome.net
<https://www.powellfuneralhome.net/>

Funeral Service

AUG 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Whitney Lane Church
1215 Whitney Lane
Kensett, AR 72082

Interment

AUG 28 (CT)

Crow Cemetery
237 Mobley Lane
Kensett, AR 72081

Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Clarice Margaret Garrison Baker



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - August 27, 2021 at 09:18 AM

LH

“ Larry And Joyce Houston lit a candle in memory of Clarice Margaret Garrison Baker



Larry and Joyce Houston - August 30, 2021 at 08:40 PM

DF

“ Don And Linda Fuller lit a candle in memory of Clarice Margaret Garrison Baker



Don and Linda Fuller - August 28, 2021 at 05:28 PM

DF

Deepest sympathy on the Baker family's loss. God Bless all of you.

Don and Linda Fuller - August 28, 2021 at 05:31 PM

HL

Thank you!

Heather Baker Lee - September 08, 2021 at 02:43 AM

RW

“ *Sincere Sympathy*



Rose A Whitelow - August 27, 2021 at 08:16 PM

HL

Thank you!

Heather Baker Lee - September 08, 2021 at 02:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clarice Margaret Garrison Baker.*



August 27, 2021 at 09:49 AM

AV

“ *Alma Kelsey Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Clarice Margaret Garrison Baker*



Alma Kelsey Vaughn - August 26, 2021 at 11:34 PM

AV

Clarice was a very sweet lady that will missed by everyone. Prayers to her family

Alma Kelsey Vaughn - August 26, 2021 at 11:36 PM

JE

Sending our condolences to Mrs. Janice Taylor and family.

Jessie & Rosetta Edwards - August 28, 2021 at 05:29 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clarice Margaret Garrison Baker.*



August 26, 2021 at 10:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Clarice Margaret Garrison Baker.*



August 26, 2021 at 07:31 PM

LP

“ *Larry, Melissa, Keagan ,Tiernan Pierce purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Clarice Margaret Garrison Baker.*



Larry, Melissa, Keagan ,Tiernan Pierce - August 26, 2021 at 12:49 PM

MS

“ *Mary, Chester, Cynthia, Sherry&Hattie purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Clarice Margaret Garrison Baker.*



Mary, Chester, Cynthia, Sherry&Hattie - August 26, 2021 at 11:01 AM

JC

“ *Janet Cherry lit a candle in memory of Clarice Margaret Garrison Baker*



Janet Cherry - August 26, 2021 at 04:59 AM

MH

*One of the nicest lady.
Always a joy.
The world is a little less without her.
Michael Holmes*

Michael Holmes - August 26, 2021 at 06:20 AM

HL

Thank you!

Heather Baker Lee - September 08, 2021 at 02:44 AM

KF

“ *Kerry Finley lit a candle in memory of Clarice Margaret Garrison Baker*



kerry finley - August 25, 2021 at 11:07 PM

TT

“ *Tori Hays And Tucker lit a candle in memory of Clarice Margaret Garrison Baker*



tori Hays and tucker - August 25, 2021 at 10:50 PM

JT

“ *Jessica Turner lit a candle in memory of Clarice Margaret Garrison Baker*



Jessica Turner - August 25, 2021 at 08:47 PM

SY

“ *Sylvia lit a candle in memory of Clarice Margaret Garrison Baker*



Sylvia - August 25, 2021 at 08:31 PM

TJ

Love ❤️ you Mrs. Clarice I will miss you always had something to say to lift me up in one way or another when we weren't cutting up ❤️❤️❤️

Terry Jones - August 25, 2021 at 09:12 PM

TJ

Praying for the family. That's my girl always had something to say to lift me up when we weren't cutting up ,or getting on me about her kfc chicken ❤️❤️❤️

Terry Jones - August 25, 2021 at 09:14 PM

AT

She is my second mom I always loved her she will be missed so much praying for the family it's hard but god know your pain love you

Alice Turner - August 25, 2021 at 09:55 PM

BS

I did not know Ms. Clarice, but she raised a wonderful daughter, Machell, my prayers go out to the family. Clela King

Bettie A Simpson - August 26, 2021 at 10:16 AM

JB

My dear Aunt Clarice. You were just like my 2nd mom....You and mama were more like sisters than sister-in-laws. You always were so sweet and kind to me. Heaven has surely gained an Angel!! Love and miss you!!

Jessie R Baker

JESSIE RAY BAKER - August 26, 2021 at 06:23 PM

HL

Thank you all!

Heather Baker Lee - September 08, 2021 at 02:45 AM

AB

“ *Addie Banks lit a candle in memory of Clarice Margaret Garrison Baker*



Addie Banks - August 25, 2021 at 06:26 PM