



## Mrs. Carolyn Baker

December 2, 1935 - July 30, 2017

Surrounded by her family, Carolyn S. Baker peacefully left this earth on July 30, 2017 for her eternal home with the Lord on her 61st wedding anniversary. She was predeceased by her parents Morris and LaVerne Simmons and her daughter Marcie Jan Baker. Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 61 years Richard M. Baker, daughter Pam (Billy) Longshore, son Bric (Emily) Baker, son Chad Baker, sister Rebecca and ten grandchildren: Colter (Rebecca) Longshore, Micah Baker, Brooke Baker, Isaiah Baker, Laurah Baker, Isaac Baker, Jack Baker, Behr Baker, Jessah Baker and Jace Baker. Carolyn was born on December 2, 1935 in Monroe, Louisiana and spent most of her formative years in Ruston, where she was a cheerleader and home coming queen at Ruston High School. After graduation, she attended Louisiana Tech. and was made "Engineering Tech. Queen" before transferring to Baylor University where, on

her first day, she met Richard M. Baker, whom she married on July 30, 1956. After a short stay in Monroe, La where Pam was born, Carolyn and family moved to Birmingham, Alabama and added Marcie, Bric and Chad to their adventure. While in Birmingham, Carolyn and Dick were very involved members of McElwain Baptist and Briarwood Presbyterian Church where they were involved in the singles' ministry hosting many events and gatherings, both formal and informal, at their home. Carolyn also mentored many young ladies over the years. After forty years in Birmingham, the Bakers pulled up roots and moved once again to a farm in Shelbyville, Tennessee where she and 'Dick' have spent the last eighteen years. An accomplished artist, Carolyn's many paintings now hang in the homes of her family and friends. And, with perfect pitch, she loved playing gospel music on the piano from 12 years old at church Camp Meeting in the pines till her passing. Carolyn was the center of her family, and with her culinary skills and generous heart, was the life spring of love in her home. Hosting countless meals, she made all feel welcome with her wonderful Cajun cooking and southern hospitality. Carolyn also loved to keep up with current events and politics, and enjoyed discussing the issues of the day with family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

There will be a memorial service at Feldhaus Funeral Home in Shelbyville, Tennessee at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 2, 2017 with visitation prior.

There will

also be a memorial service in Birmingham on Saturday August 5 at McElwain Baptist

Church with visitation following. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be

made to the American Family Association, Tupelo, MS.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Lynn Wilhelm lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Baker*



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**Lynn Wilhelm** - August 04, 2017 at 07:51 PM

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“ *The Derry Anderson & Shea Medlin Families purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Carolyn Baker.*



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**The Derry Anderson & Shea Medlin Families** - August 01, 2017 at 01:02 PM

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“ *I just heard the news of her passing. I am so very sad. I was one of the girls that came to their house in Birmingham, 30 years ago, and listened to her talk of Jesus, marriage, friendships, children, life in general. Her words still speak to me today. I haven't seen her in years, but those memories will always be some of my most treasured. Condolences to Mr. Baker and the whole family. Praying for you all.*

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**Leigh Anne Roberts Horton** - July 31, 2017 at 07:44 AM