



## Velma Berniece Baker

March 11, 1934 - December 8, 2011

Velma Berniece Baker of Elmore City, Oklahoma was born March 11, 1934 to Ada Pearl (Richardson) and Norman Madison Claxton on March 11, 1934 in Rosedale, Oklahoma. She passed into her eternal life with her Lord and Savior on December 8, 2011 at the age of 77.

Berniece graduated from Pauls Valley High School in 1952 and then met the love of her life, Harvey Baker of Maysville. She had always said she fell in love with him “the moment she saw this dark, handsome man get out of the car, and he kept coming and coming, because he was so tall!” They were married February 20th, 1953 and had celebrated 58 years together this year. Berniece was a wife and homemaker, a wonderful Mom to her three girls and Nanny to all her grandchildren and Nanny Baker to her great-grandchildren. She loved all her grandchildren dearly and they never failed to put a gleam in her eye when they came to visit. She was a Christian whom valued God and family above all and instilled the same in her daughters. Berniece was a member of the First Baptist Church of Elmore City since 1957 and loved working at church with the 4 and 5 yrs old class which she did as long as her health would allow. Even after she couldn't attend, she still continued to send out 'missed you' cards and would bake her sought after cakes and make her delicious Divinity candy.

Many people will remember Berniece as a dental assistant in Pauls Valley, the profession she loved and enjoyed so much. The trips that Dr. Paul Watkins took his 'girls' each year was something she looked forward to, but mainly, she

enjoyed visiting with the patients day to day and being around her co-workers. Berniece was a loving and faithful wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend. She is survived by her husband Harvey, her daughters Donna and husband Keith Blackburn of Elmore City, Brenda and her husband Darrell Robison of Tulsa, and Kathy and her husband Craig Brooks of Oklahoma City. 'Nanny' had 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren: Brian and Dee Langdon (Sydney and Ryley) of Mansfield, Tx.; Casey and Kelli Langdon (Caleb, Christian and Cameron) of Mustang, Ok.; Corie and Justin Kaiser (Garon and Grady) of Edmond, Ok.; Brent Robison of Broken Arrow, Ok.; USMC LCpl Zach Robison – deployed to Afghanistan; and Chase and Cole Brooks of Oklahoma City, Ok.

Berniece was preceded in death by her parents and 2 sisters, June Coward and Wilma Rowe. She is survived by 2 brothers, Bill Claxton of Ada, Ok. and Kenny Claxton of Davis, Ok. 2 sisters, Frieda Williamson of Norman, Ok. and Shirley Hall of Cushing, Ok.

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Elmore City First Baptist Church  
107 S. Texas  
Elmore City, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Velma Berniece Baker*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *Berniece would sing "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine!" around the dental office. She did more than sing it because she lived it everyday. I will miss her and her light. However, I look forward to seeing her again some day. Her funeral was just like her life, Beautiful! I am so happy that God put this special hero in my life and we shared such great moments together! Just like someone at the funeral said "Thank you for sharing your mom with us all!" Our love and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Kim Shaw##imported-end##*

December 13, 2011 at 10:29 PM



“ *May God Bless each of you and bring you peace in the loss of your Mom.*

*Because of Him*

*Sam Amerson##imported-begin##Sam Amerson##imported-end##*

December 12, 2011 at 10:51 AM



“ *Brenda, Donna, Kathy,*

*It's with great sadness that I'm writing this. Your mom was such a great person! I hate to hear of her passing and wish I could have been there for the funeral. She'll be fondly remembered. My condolences to you all.*

*God bless you.*

*Ben##imported-begin##Ben Bural##imported-end##*

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December 11, 2011 at 05:36 PM



“ *Our love and thoughts are with you today Kathy. What a wonderful blessing from God our Mothers are. And when He comes, all will be made new, and we will be changed into His image. God is good. Rest in His love. Cathy and Darry##imported-begin##Cathy and Darry Bergstresser##imported-end##*

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December 11, 2011 at 09:28 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Berniece was a sweet and beautiful lady. My family thought a lot of her, especially my father, Dr. Paul Watkins. She will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Steve Watkins##imported-end##*

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December 10, 2011 at 12:22 PM



“ It's a beautiful picture of Berniece! I have so many good memories of walking across the highway to visit Berniece & Harvey and play in the playhouse. She was so good to Stacy & I and we always had so much fun with her. She is missed and remembered and I'm sure she has already found someone to take care of in heaven. That's just Berniece. I am blessed to have had her for a neighbor and friend for so many years.##imported-begin##Kristy Stark##imported-end##

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December 10, 2011 at 09:30 AM



“ I worked with Bernice in Bible School several years ago. I fell in love with her as she showed her love of Christ and the children. I hope you all remember me, it has been several years, but lately you have been in my thoughts and prayers. I pray God to grant you peace and comfort in your time of grief.##imported-begin##Patty Tomlinson McKee##imported-end##

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December 09, 2011 at 09:33 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you in these days ahead. Love to you all.##imported-begin##Claudia Reeves##imported-end##

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December 09, 2011 at 07:48 PM



“ Berneice was such a soft and gentle soul. Always so friendly with a beautiful smile on her face at all times. Our family loved her very much. Her loss will be felt by many.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you!##imported-begin##Tonya Watkins##imported-end##

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December 09, 2011 at 05:55 PM



“ Dear Brenda,  
I saw your mom's beautiful smile and read the things she loved the most, I can see where you get your beauty and grace.  
May God comfort you and your family as He holds your mother as dear as you do. My heart goes out to you and your family. Prayers that you will each see her in yourselves as her legacy lives on in each of you.##imported-begin##Leona##imported-end##

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December 09, 2011 at 03:44 PM



“ I feel so much compassion for your sadness. After reading this I can see characteristics of your mother that live on in you. She sounds like a beautiful soul. I pray you may continue to touch her as you encounter her in your family and friends.##imported-begin##Jon Hart##imported-end##

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December 09, 2011 at 03:38 PM



“ Although I will not be able to attend the service, please know that my thoughts, prayers, and all my love will be with you all. The Lord is now blessed to have such a lovely Lady by His side, I loved her dearly as I do all of you. May God bless and keep you.##imported-begin##F. W. (Rick) Cagle##imported-end##

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December 09, 2011 at 02:35 PM



“ Sending love and prayers to the entire family. It is reassuring to know that she is in the arms of the Lord.

Peggy##imported-begin##Peggy Budnik ##imported-end##

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December 09, 2011 at 02:16 PM