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In Memory of Karen Lee Baker

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In Memory of Karen Lee Baker

Karen Lee Baker was born May 11, 1946 in Wisconsin to the late Leroy and Esther (Anderson) Baker, and passed away on March 29, 2025, in Essex, Missouri at the age of 78 years old.

Karen lived in many places including Wisconsin and Illinois, and lived in this area for 20 years before she passed. She was an amazing cook, was very family orientated and loved all her grandchildren immensley.

Surviving family include an ex-husband, Marvin Cooke, one son Chad and (Christine) Cooke of Wisconsin, 4 daughters: Cindy Cooke of Wisconsin, Naomi and Michael Sterling of Dexter, Missouri, and Maygin and Jason Pinkley of Essex, Missouri. She had also 3 sisters: Rita, Dorothy and Linda. She had 11 grandchildren that includes: Allison Cooke, Jeramy and (Sarah) Wesbecher, Kristen and (Mike) Dalton, Nicholas Thysson, Colton Thysson, Eric and (Ali) Sterling, Karra and (JR) Pregel, Katie and (Timothy) Spence, Elizabeth Pinkley, and JT and (Lillie) Pinkley, 13 great grandchildren and her best friend, Rhonda Barns of Essex, Missouri.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, 8 siblings, a daughter Michelle and her granddaughter, Rachael Westbecher of Park Hills, Missouri.

No further arrangements have been made at this time.

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