



## Mary Ellen Baker

August 23, 1935 - January 18, 2022

Mary Ellen Baker, 86, was born Mary Ellen Towle in Guthrie, Oklahoma, on August 23, 1935 to Edith and Edwin Towle. Mary passed away at her home January 18, 2022, after a battle with kidney disease and being on dialysis for 12 years. She was one of four children, Irene Ostrander, Lula Mae Disney, Mary and Russell Towle.

Mary met Paul when his family moved to a nearby farm. Paul saw Mary while driving by on his tractor and decided this new house would be alright. Paul joined the Navy in 1953 and he was stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas. After graduating at Stark High School in 1953, Mary started working as a nurse's aide in Chanute and Iola. Paul and Mary ran away to Durant, Oklahoma to get married on August 7, 1958. They had four children, Donald Baker, Teresa Mackey, Charles Baker, and James Baker. Nothing meant more to Mary than her children. Even though it was tough sometimes with Paul shipped out to all parts of the world. She had to be strong, tough, and yet she was also supportive, loving and kind. She was so proud of her family. She enjoyed their adventures and moving to all of the different places they lived while Paul was in the Navy.

Mary worked as a CNA helping people in the hospitals or home health care. She loved helping people and was proud of her work. She also sold Avon. She liked visiting people and filling their orders. When she wasn't working, she had several hobbies over the years. She started her own ceramics shop in Humboldt in 1983, raised rabbits, they enjoyed bowling, garage sales, sewing,

crocheting, and camping out.

Mary is survived by her husband Paul Baker, children Teresa Mackey, Jim and Laura Baker, grandchildren Amy Newman, Molly and TJ Corder and Emily Baker, great-grandchildren Skyler and Mason Newman and Greyson Corder, as well as many other relatives and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents Edith and Edwin Towle, siblings Glen and Irene Ostrander, Jim and Lou Disney, Russ and Bernice Towle, sons Donald and Charles Baker, son in law Randy Mackey and grandson Rick Wolken.

Visitation will be on Friday, January 21, 2022 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the funeral home. Graveside service will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 10:00 am at Memorial Park Cemetery in Chanute. Memorials have been suggested to Fresenius Kidney Care Center of Chanute and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

E.. 14th St.  
Chanute, KS 66720

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 21. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel  
101 N. Highland  
Chanute, KS 66720  
(620) 431-1220  
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

## Graveside Service

JAN 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Park Cemetery  
E.. 14th St.  
Chanute, KS 66720

# Tribute Wall

MK

“ Sorry I couldnt be there have the flu and cant gp any where for 10 days Mary will be missed she loved her family her family very much Paul I am sorry everthing that has gone on you take care as always Linda

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**Marvin E Kimzey** - January 22, 2022 at 12:20 PM

AN

“ Grandma you are now at peace ..you fought long and hard you always had a smile on your face and you will truly be missed!! I love you so much grandma watch over grandpa cause hes gonna need you ! I love you grandpa rest easy until we meet again. ..love you granddaughter  
♥ Amy Newman

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**Amy newman** - January 21, 2022 at 02:40 PM

LL

“ Love and hugs, Lesa purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mary Ellen Baker.



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**Love and hugs, Lesa** - January 21, 2022 at 09:58 AM

KD

“ Love you sweet lady. You were very special to me. I will cherish the times spent with you. Rest In Peace. Praying for comfort for you and your family, Paul.

*With my deepest sympathy*

*Kathy Dierks, RN*

*Dialysis*

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**Kathy Dierks** - January 20, 2022 at 08:56 PM

LB

“ Mary was one of my dearest friends. She will be greatly missed.  
*Linda Becker*

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**Linda Becker** - January 20, 2022 at 05:59 PM

BN

“ Brian and Kori Owens and Ryan Norton purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Ellen Baker.



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**Brian and Kori Owens and Ryan Norton** - January 20, 2022 at 03:20 PM

KO

“ When my brother and I were babies and then toddlers, Aunt Mary was our favorite aunt. She liked to take us with her to visit different places, especially Savonburg on Saturday nights. She also took us to visit Paul's nieces and nephews to play when Paul was gone with the Navy. We very much enjoyed going with her. It saddens my heart to lose her. □

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**Kathy Ogden** - January 20, 2022 at 03:17 PM