



## Patricia Baker

December 3, 1949 - April 7, 2026

Patricia (Pat) Ann Baker, age 76, of Storm Lake, Iowa, passed away on April 7, 2026, at Hospice House – the Josie Harper Residence in Omaha, Nebraska, surrounded by her family.

Funeral Mass will take place Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held Tuesday, April 21, 2026 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Pat was born December 3, 1949, in Onawa, Iowa, to William and Bonnie Kelley. She grew up in Onawa and graduated from West Monona High School in 1968. She continued her education at Briar Cliff College in Sioux City, Iowa.

On June 14, 1969, Pat married the love of her life, Ken Baker, in Blencoe, Iowa. Together they built a beautiful life and raised two children, David and Kelley.

Pat dedicated her talents and warm spirit to many roles throughout her life. She worked as an administrative assistant for the USDA, served as a librarian assistant at St. Mary's Catholic School, and supported youth and families as a 4-H program assistant with the Buena Vista County Extension Office. Her

work was always marked by kindness, patience, and a genuine desire to help others.

Pat lived a life rich with activity, creativity, and community. She was deeply committed to supporting the youth of Buena Vista County, volunteering with Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and 4-H, where she encouraged learning, leadership, and confidence in countless young people. A longtime member of the local quilt club, she recently served as its treasurer. She also enjoyed gathering with The Woolies group and lent her voice to the St. Mary's Catholic Church Choir. Her dedication to service extended throughout the community as she volunteered with the SOS Store, the Buena Vista County Fair Board, St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery Board, and the Buena Vista County Extension Council.

Pat loved keeping her hands busy, even in her final days. She found joy in quilting, knitting, sewing, and restoring furniture. She delighted in thrifting, tending her garden, and traveling with friends. Above all, she cherished time spent with her beloved grandchildren, who brought her immeasurable happiness.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Bonnie Kelley; her husband, Ken; her parents-in-law, Don and Bobbie Baker; and her aunts, Emogene Thibodeau and Bernadine Christensen.

Those left to honor and cherish her memory include her children, David Baker of Kansas City, Kansas; Kelley (Tracy) Bolte of Glenwood, Iowa; and Marc Bartel of Sheboygan, Wisconsin; her siblings, Stephen (Barbara) Kelley of Annandale, Virginia, Peggy (Richard) O'Toole of Lenexa, Kansas, and Mike (Marilyn) Kelley of Onawa, Iowa; sister-in-law, Linda Burks of University City, Missouri; and Nancy (Michael) Peterson of Martinsdale, Indiana; her grandchildren, Erika Baker, Andrew Baker, Austin Bolte, Spencer Bolte, Asher

Bolte, and Parker Bolte, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Pat's legacy of creativity, service, and love will continue to live on in the many lives she touched.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

1238 600th St.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
(712) 732-1911  
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com  
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

## Rosary

APR 21. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

APR **22**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake  
320 Seneca St  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Patricia Baker*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - April 20 at 03:29 PM

NB

“ *Thinking of you and sending prayers to you, Kelly and Tracy, David, and Marc, and your families, as you celebrate your Mom's (Pat's) life. She (and your Dad) were so good to/for me when I taught at St. Mary's. Pat included me with your family at times for dinner, at a garage sale at your house, with St. Mary school events, with golfing and boating and stock car racing in Alta, going to ball games, and more. She made such differences in other's lives and her smile and laugh made me happy. She was like a sister to me and helped me be me. She (and you and your Dad) helped make me who I am today as a professor at NKU in Kentucky.*

*Nancy (Anderson) Bowers, Lakeside Park, Kentucky*

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**Nancy Bowers** - April 21 at 04:18 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Patricia Baker.*



April 21 at 02:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patricia Baker.

April 21 at 02:18 PM



“ *Thinking of you and sending prayers, Kelley and Tracy, David, and Marc (and your families), as you remember your Mom. I have so many memories of your Mom (and your Dad, too) being my friend, helping me get comfortable living in Storm Lake when I taught at St. Mary's - taking me to ball games, helping with school events, inviting me for dinner on occasion, letting me be a part of her garage sale, taking me to stock car races and more. She was almost like a sister to me. Pat taught me so much and helped me be me in Storm Lake. She (and all of you) has helped me be the professor I am today in Kentucky. God blessed her richly and may you remember the good times as you celebrate her. And know she is with your Dad (Kenny) in heaven and will be with you always, too.*



*Nancy (Anderson) Bowers, northern Kentucky*

**Nancy Bowers** - April 21 at 09:21 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Patricia Baker.* ”



April 20 at 09:42 PM



“ *Kathy Mock, Class of 68 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patricia Baker.* ”



**Kathy Mock, Class of 68** - April 20 at 06:56 PM



“ *278 files added to the album LifeTributes* ”



**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - April 20 at 03:20 PM

KS

“ Kathy, Matt and Stephanie purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Patricia Baker.



Kathy, Matt and Stephanie - April 20 at 02:21 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - April 20 at 01:34 PM

JF

“ Although we met Pat only a couple times through connections with Steve's family, it was evident she possessed a special dignity and grace among her many other admirable qualities. May she rest in peace and our deepest condolences to all the Kelley family. Carrie, Jeff, and Terry Flannery.

Jeffrey Flannery - April 20 at 10:05 AM



“ Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Patricia Baker.



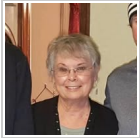
April 20 at 09:54 AM

DM

“ Dave Merten lit a candle in memory of Patricia Baker



Dave Merten - April 16 at 10:53 AM



“ Pat was one of my very best friends. We had many fun times together, and she was very smart . Her talents were many . I loved that friend very much, and my hearty is forever broken. May her memory bring a smile to all who knew her.

Carol Bertram - April 14 at 10:57 PM

CM

“ So sorry to hear of Pat's passing. Such a nice lady and great family. Thinking of you all during this difficult time.

Cory Milbrandt - April 14 at 02:47 PM

CD

“ Cheryl DeMan lit a candle in memory of Patricia Baker



Cheryl DeMan - April 13 at 10:15 PM

PR

“ I met Pat at SOS when I started working there. She was one of the nicest ladies I've ever met! She will truly be missed! 💕🙏

Peg Rohlk - April 13 at 04:35 PM

KM

“ Kevin & Julie McKinney sent a virtual gift in memory of Patricia Baker



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**Kevin & Julie McKinney** - April 13 at 10:36 AM

BM

“ Ben and Judy Malcom lit a candle in memory of Patricia Baker



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**Ben and Judy Malcom** - April 11 at 12:16 PM

WT

“ So sorry to hear Pat passed away. I worked with her for many years. Sympathy to her family. May she rest in peace.



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**Wilbur/Karen Triplett** - April 11 at 09:47 AM

DH

“ Duane/ Eldona Hornor lit a candle in memory of Patricia Baker



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**Duane/ Eldona Hornor** - April 10 at 03:13 PM

LM

“ *Very good friend of mine we met at Storm Lake Drug many many years ago and shared the love of making quilts and buying fabric and gardening. She will be missed.* ”



Linda McCullough - April 10 at 09:56 AM

DS

*Pat was married to our first cousin Kenny who was killed while delivering mail on his rural route. Pat stayed close to my bros and I over the past few years. She will be missed. But can rest in peace from her suffering.*

Dottie. Dammann Schiltz - April 10 at 06:49 PM

RF

“ *So sorry to hear of Pat's passing.* ”



Ruth Freese - April 09 at 04:02 PM

BR

“ *Bruce and Deb Richardson lit a candle in memory of Patricia Baker* ”



Bruce and Deb Richardson - April 09 at 02:06 PM

JD

“ John and Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Patricia Baker



John and Connie Demers - April 09 at 01:30 PM

LH

“ Laura Hahn Hanna sent a virtual gift in memory of Patricia Baker



Laura Hahn Hanna - April 09 at 12:17 PM

TJ

“ Tonya Johnson lit a candle in memory of Patricia Baker



Tonya Johnson - April 09 at 11:52 AM

JM

“ Janet and Kevin McKenna lit a candle in memory of Patricia Baker



Janet and Kevin McKenna - April 08 at 10:42 PM

DJ

“ *Deb and Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Patricia Baker*



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**Deb and Kevin Jesse** - April 08 at 08:39 PM

JC

“ *Jeff and Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Patricia Baker*



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**Jeff and Jean Chindlund** - April 08 at 07:10 PM

DJ

“ *Deb and Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Patricia Baker*



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**Deb and Kevin Jesse** - April 08 at 04:36 PM