



Dorothy Baker

January 12, 1920 - April 30, 2012

After a long life filled with much love, Dorothy Baker was promoted to glory on April 30, 2012, surrounded by loved ones at home. She was 92.

Dorothy was born January 12, 1920 in Ewart, Michigan, to Emory and Daisie Bell. She attended Whittier, Lincoln, Cass Elementary and Cadillac High School. In her early working years, she was a nurse's aide, a waitress and sales clerk. In 1959, she moved to Chicago and worked as a receptionist at The Salvation Army's Emergency Lodge for Mothers & Children.

In 1961, she married Richard H. Baker in Chicago. In 1966, she moved to Detroit, where she and Dick were managers of the Salvation Army's Emergency Lodge. Most of her jobs throughout her working life were with The Salvation Army, such as managing the thrift store in Abilene, Texas, working with The Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Center in Evansville, Ind., and managing the Cadillac thrift store from 1982 to her retirement in 1996. She continued work as a recess aide with Cadillac Area Public Schools and later volunteered with the Foster Grandparents Program. She enjoyed the calls of "Hi, Grandma!" wherever she went.

Dorothy lived an active, full life. She enjoyed traveling with her family and spending time with her many "pool buddies" at water aerobics.

She loved and served God for over 55 years through The Salvation Army's many church programs including; Women's Home League Chaplain and Secretary, Sunday school teacher and the highest lay position as Corps Sergeant Major. Even in her last few years, she welcomed people receiving assistance at The Salvation Army's front desk here in Cadillac.

Dorothy is survived by one daughter, Judy (Leonard) Gilde Sr., two sons, Larry (Lynda) Johnson I, Arnold (Shirley) Johnson, son-in-law Bruce Ringstrom, two step-daughters, Clara Lou (Don) Parker, Connie (Terry) Simpson, 25 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and 30 great-great grandchildren, two sisters, Donna Moorhead, Dorla (Hank) Vanderjagt and brother Emory Bell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Richard, daughter Donna M. Ringstrom, step-daughter Sara Fitzgerald, and six sisters.

Funeral services will be held at The Salvation Army Citadel, 725 Wright St., Cadillac, MI at 11:00 AM Saturday, May 5, 2012 with Captain Mark Nance officiating. Burial will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. Friends may meet the family from 6-8 PM Friday at Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to The Salvation Army. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dorothy was a very special lady and we will miss her very much!
Sending love and prayers to the family.

Tommi Barber - May 03, 2012 at 08:53 AM

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“ I loved Dorothy;she was the epitome of strength and courage, love and grace. She was the matriarch of a wonderful family and an example of mothering and grandmothering that will never be equaled. I am glad her suffering has ended, but know how she will be missed here until we reunite with her. So, Dorothy, dear lady....bye for now. Just for now.

Beth Anne Cox - May 02, 2012 at 08:40 AM

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“ We will miss you Aunt Dorothy but I know your homecoming was glorious with choruses of '
Well done good and faithful servant"

Melissa Johnson - May 01, 2012 at 04:05 PM