



Grace M. Baxter-Pape

November 12, 1916 - May 1, 2021

Grace M. Baxter-Pape, 104, of Fond du Lac, went to her eternal rest on Saturday, May 1, 2021, at St. Agnes Hospital.

She was born on November 12, 1916, in Fond du Lac, the daughter of George D. and Stella Rook Rottman, Sr. She graduated from Fond du Lac High School, attended UW-Oshkosh, and later graduated from Moraine Park Technical College as a Licensed Practical Nurse. On September 11, 1937, she married Donald F. Baxter, at First Baptist in Fond du Lac. He preceded her in death in September 1968. She then married Alfred Pape on February 1, 1985. He preceded her in death on January 29, 2008.

Grace worked as a psychiatric nurse at St. Agnes Hospital, working with Dr. Treffert and Dr. Meisensberger. She was a life-long member of First Baptist Church and served in various capacities with the church. She was a very active person and loved bowling, golfing and canoeing in to her 90's. Grace was a member of the Fond du Lac Order of Eastern Star, was an active member of Fond du Lac Historical Society and Galloway Village. She enjoyed volunteering in the Grandparents Reading Program at Rosenow Elementary School.

She is survived by her children: Gregg (Sharon) Baxter of Eustis, FL, Scott (Betty) Baxter of Dalton, WI, and James Baxter of Tucson, AZ; five

grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and many nieces, great nieces, great-great nieces and nephews. Grace is further survived by six step-children and their families.

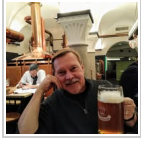
She is preceded in death by her parents, both husbands, her son David Baxter, her sisters: Alice Bawden, Vivian Brusius and Mary Louise Ryan; and her brother George Rottman, Jr.

Cremation will take place with private inurnment at Rienzi Cemetery. A Celebration of Grace's life will be held this summer at a date to be announced shortly.

Special thanks to Above and Beyond Care Solutions, Boda's Restaurant, and St. Agnes Hospital for the end-of-life care given to Grace. Additional thanks to the membership of the Masters Motorcycle Club who supported Grace for many years.

As Grace loved and owned many large dogs, memorials may be directed to Sandy Paws Rescue, Fond du Lac, in Grace's name.

Tribute Wall



“ After my dad died in 61, Gracie remained a lifelong friend to my mother. Gracie was always there for friends and family, and she could always bring a smile or caring word to brighten a day. A blessing to all, and will be sorely missed.

Brooks Feldmann - May 12, 2021 at 10:34 AM

JA

“ Dear Baxter Family: It's always very hard to lose a loved one. She was a great lady. You only cross paths with this type of person once in a lifetime and it was a privilege to know her.

Jeff Ayars

Jeff Ayars - May 12, 2021 at 06:15 AM

MS

“ I worked with Grace for many years at St. Agnes Hospital. She was a wonderful, loving and caring co-worker and friend. She was always there when you needed advice or just someone to talk to. She will be missed by all. Prayers of peace and comfort to her family and friends.

Mary Lynn Schraufnagel

Mary Lynn Schraufnagel - May 10, 2021 at 10:55 AM



TA

“ Grace was a one of a kind. As a kid I always felt welcome in her house which was filled with love and laughter.

We always looked forward to her quick wit and knew we better bring our A game if you were gonna hang with Gracie.

Mark Twain once said:

The two most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why. Grace lived a long life and the “Why” is because she brought so much joy to all around her.

Tom A.

Tom Ayars - May 09, 2021 at 11:29 AM