



Mrs. Mary Kendall Kelso Baker

May 4, 1925 - May 26, 2021

Mrs. Mary Kendell Kelso Baker, 96, of Chambersburg, died May 26, 2021, at her cottage at Chambers Pointe, Chambersburg. She was the wife of the late Verne Ray Baker, her husband of 68 years who preceded her in death on July 5, 2020.

Born May 4, 1925, in Cannonsburg, she was a daughter of the late Harry Wilson and Martha Gibson Kendell Kelso. She grew up on the family farm outside of McDonald, PA. After graduating from North Fayette Township High School in 1942, she attended Muskingum College. One college story she shared was of how she and some friends watched John and Anne Glenn get married while sitting secretly in the church balcony. She graduated with a B.S. in Chemistry in 1946. Upon graduation Mary accepted a position at the H.J. Heinz Co. in Pittsburgh and was soon transferred to the Chambersburg plant to work in the lab.

Mary met Verne Ray Baker and they were married on December 27, 1951. She was a homemaker while her children were young and later worked part time at Baker's Food Market, the grocery store she and Verne owned on the corner of Fourth St. and Wayne Avenue.

She was an active member of the Presbyterian Church of the Falling Spring for 69 years as a Sunday school teacher, member of the Women's Association, and active in adult Sunday school and Bible Studies through the

years.

Additionally, Mary was very active in the Franklin County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) for 40 years, holding the positions of Chapter Regent from 1989 to 1992, Treasurer, and serving on the scholarship committee; and was very involved with Verne in the oversight of the preservation of Rocky Springs Presbyterian Church.

A wonderful cook and hostess, family and friends enjoyed good times in her home. She also enjoyed sewing and knitting. Her love of reading carried down through the generations and inspired others in her family to read. She enjoyed playing bridge and played with the same group of women for several decades.

Her wit and sense of humor stayed with her to the end.

Surviving are her daughters, Brenda B. Dameron and husband J.T. of Chambersburg, and Martha "Marty" B. Nissly and husband Brian of Denver, PA; by four grandchildren, Margaret "Meg" Christenson and husband Chris, Augusta Nissly, Maureen Grove and husband Chris, and Spencer Nissly; as well as 3 great grandchildren, Eliza, Nathan, and Emmett Grove.

In addition to her husband and parents, Mary was predeceased by a young daughter Susan Kay Baker; a sister Dorothy Stevenson; and brother, John "Jack" Kelso.

The family will receive friends at William F. Sellers Funeral Home, 297 Philadelphia Avenue, Chambersburg, on Tuesday evening, June 8, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. A memorial service will be at her church, Presbyterian Church of the Falling Spring, Chambersburg, on June 9 at 11 AM, with Rev. Andrew R. Hart officiating. Interment will be private in Norland Cemetery, Chambersburg.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Baker's name to Franklin County Chapter of DAR, c/o Michele Wade, 4899 Burkett Rd., Chambersburg, PA 17202. Please note your support for care to Rocky Springs Presbyterian Church, or the scholarship fund in the memorandum.

Those wishing may offer condolences to the family at www.sellersfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

William F. Sellers Funeral Home
297 Philadelphia Ave.
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Memorial Service

JUN 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring
221 North Main Street
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Tribute Wall

RH

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. She was such a lovely lady and a big part of my childhood. I will always remember the good memories of your store and being invited out to ride horses. Thinking of all.

Robin Harmon - June 11, 2021 at 09:06 AM

VW

“ Mrs Baker was a wonderful lady. I lived a few houses from her, and her daughters. Rest In Peace , you now are with Mr Baker.

vicky wagner - June 03, 2021 at 07:44 PM

BH

“ Marty and Brenda, Your Mom was such a lovely lady. I never knew about her background, interesting stuff. I am sure you will miss her so much but may you find comfort in knowing that your parents are united again.
Fondly, Bonnie Harmon

Bonnie Harmon - June 03, 2021 at 01:19 PM

MB

“ For I am convinced that neither death nor life nor angels nor government nor things now here nor things to come nor power nor heights nor depth nor any other creation will be able to separate us from God's love that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38, 39.
My deepest condolences to each of you.

Ms Bea - May 31, 2021 at 03:02 PM

DP

“ *When the Lord calls our loved ones home, they leave a gift of memories in exchange. To all of the Baker family you are in my thoughts and prayers. Mary was the finest lady that I have ever met, she will always be in my heart. A caregiver, Doris Pinske*

doris pinske - May 30, 2021 at 07:30 AM