



Betty Johann Bakker

June 9, 1931 - February 13, 2013

Betty Johann Bakker, age 81, of Racoon Michigan went to rest eternally in the arms of her Savior on Wednesday afternoon, February 13th, 2013 surrounded by her loving family. Joanne was born June 9th, 1931 in Holland, MI to the late Lester and Betty (Aiken) Walker. She and her husband Lloyd raised their family in Holland, Michigan and retired to Racoon in the Upper Peninsula in 1995. Joanne is survived by her loving husband of 62 years: Lloyd Bakker of Racoon Michigan; two sisters: Barb (Max, Deceased) Bakker of Holland, MI, Diane (Ken) Beltman of Holland, MI; one brother: Marley (Nancy) Walker of Moss Point, MS; two sons: Kim (Karen) Bakker of Charlevoix, MI, and Brett (Ann) Bakker of Marshall, MI; five daughters: Vickie (Dan) Knell Jacques of Berne, IN, Michele (John) Dick of Holland, MI, Jodie (Paul) Knell of Holland, MI, Rebecca Bakker of Whitehall, MI and Donnette (George) Kovas of Racoon, MI; twenty-four grandchildren; and forty-eight great-grandchildren. Joanne was preceded in death by her parents; a sister: Delores (Robert, Deceased) VanSlooten; and two sons: Kyle Bakker and Jeff Bakker. Joanne will be greatly missed and remembered by all who met her, for her hospitality, generous spirit, love and concern for others. To her family, she will be remembered as a wonderful example of a loving wife, mother, proud grandmother, who set an example to aspire to. A memorial service will be held at 4:00 PM on Saturday, February 16th at the Brimley Baptist Church with Pastor Daniel Knepper officiating. A celebration of her life will also be held at 2:00 PM on June 8th in Holland, Michigan at Harlem Reformed Church with

refreshments to follow. Please send memorials to the Brimley Baptist Church in Brimley, Michigan or the Harlem Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan.

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Dear Uncle Lloyd and cousins,
We rejoice in knowing Aunt Joann is with our Lord and Savior. Our hearts are heavy with the loss of her earthly presence. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May the many wonderful memories replace the sadness that you have in your hearts.
Love always,
Lynn and Judy

Lynn and Judy Bakker - February 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Mom,
Thank you. Enjoy your Mansion.
Donnette

Donnette Kovas - February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ To the Entire Bakker Family,

I send my deepest sympathy and may all the wonderful memories be a great comfort to you all.

Debe' Stone Zeh - February 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ I wanted to express my condolences to the Bakker family and all her family and friends for the loss of "aunt Joanne". I was just a friend of the extended family during my late high school and college days and I would regular find myself at her home as my friend Kevin was staying at there place at the time. She treated me just another son. She had a huge heart and loved everyone who came her way. She set for a wonderful example of tolerance and acceptance. And yes she used some discipline at times as well. (when rightly deserved) :-) Sorry for the families loss. I am a better person for having known her. :-) Blessings, Duane

Duane VandenBrink - February 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ I never met your mom, but,I do know she was well taken care of by you and George. Sorry for your loss. May God comfort you in this time of loss. Love in Christ, Sheryl

Sheryl Runkle - February 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ I am so sorry for your loss! Joanne was a very special person!

I recently went on a retreat called Heartstones. We learned that a heartstone is a sign or symbol of Gods presence in our lives. Joanne was a true heartstone to everyone who knew her! My love to the family!

Peggy Van Den Heuvel - February 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Grandma,

I remember the summers at the cabin. The laughter we would have... and the even more laughter when i fell out of my chair. I miss you and will continue to. Enjoy Heaven... Ill see you again some day.

Jen Terpstra - February 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ We are all very sorry for your loss, our deepest sympathies are with your family at this time....We are thinking of you all and praying for healing. Love you all...

Randy and Linda Bakker

Randy/Linda Bakker - February 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TQ

“ Amazing women that I have always admired. She was kind and forgiving. She was grace at its finest. A perfect example for her children. God Bless her and keep her near you she was very special to all that knew her.

Tanya Quisenberry - February 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Bakker Family,
I love you all and send my deepest condolences. I know Aunt Joanne is in a much better place and pain free. She's dancing on those streets of gold with Kyle and Jeff! I pray that God will wrap you in his arms of love during the difficult days ahead.
With much love and hugs,
Liz

Liz French - February 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Dear Bakker family,

I worked with Joanne many years ago at a place called Kid Connection. I am so sad to hear the news of her passing! She was one of the most loving, kind, and generous people I ever met. It was so fun to reconnect with her on FB many years later. Please know that her kindness, loving spirit, and fun loving personality touched many, many people, including myself! She always spoke with such love about her family, and especially Lloyd. I feel so privileged to have known her.

Bruce Wright - February 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Donnette,

I am sorry for the loss and emptiness that you are feeling by the loss of your mother, one of the most significant people in your life. Your mother will always be with you in spirit and memories. What a wonderful mother to share a life with! I love you

Deborah - February 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *I may not have been able to see Aunt Joanne much once I left Michigan, but I am still going to miss her. I love you Aunt Joanne.*

Shawn Bakker - February 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our condolences to the family. I remember when I stayed over night at the Bakkers house on Blair St. Mrs. Bakker was a very friendly, outgoing and fun person. I enjoyed going over there after school sometimes to play with Michele. Someday we will see her again in heaven.

Tom and Bonnie Jones (Jepma) - February 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Mommy words can not express how much you will be missed or for that matter how much I miss you already. I love you and can hardly wait for our next reunion.

Rebecca Bakker - February 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ John and Michele,

You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Love and sympathy,
Larry and Anne*

Larry and Anne Marrin - February 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I will always have a special place in my heart for Aunt Joanne, she was just a beautiful person. Uncle Llod, Vickie, Kim, Michele, Jodi, Brett, Becky and Donnette, I am so very sorry for you loss.

Love,

Rob

Rob Van Slooten - February 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM