



Horace George Baxter

October 18, 1930 - October 27, 2015

Horace George Baxter, age 85, of Rudyard, Michigan, died unexpectedly Tuesday, October 27, 2015, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He was born October 18, 1930, in Redford, Michigan, to Edward and Hazel (Chadwick) Baxter.

Horace's family moved around Michigan until he was ten years old when they settled in Sault Ste. Marie. At age 17, Horace joined the 1437th Engineer Treadway Bridge Company of the Michigan National Guard and was activated in the service as soon as he graduated from Sault High in 1950. He trained in St. Louis, Washington, and then served in Sundi, Japan, and Puson and Chunchon, Korea. He completed his service in 1952. On August 7, 1952, Horace married Phyllis N. DeWitt in Rudyard and then attended the Moody Bible Institute for their summer program. Horace worked as a salesman at Montgomery Wards in Sault Ste. Marie for over 26 years before the store closed in 1979. He then started the furniture department at Erickson's Appliance & Furniture and worked there for 15 years before retiring in 1994.

After accepting the Lord as his personal savior at age seven, Horace was very active in church for his entire life. He served in nearly every capacity at the Rudyard Bible Church including, board member, Sunday school teacher, choir member, and youth director. He enjoyed a trip to the Holy Land in 1972. He and Phyllis considered part of their ministry welcoming servicemen from

Kincheloe Air Force Base into their home for Sunday dinner and fellowship after church. Horace has also been an active member of the Gideons for many years and just recently joined the Christian Motorcyclist Association.

Horace loved to golf. He golfed with the men from his Bible study, in the Munoscong Mixed League, and the Munsocong Senior Men's League. He also enjoyed gardening, going to local basketball games, and watching the Lions, Tigers, and Pistons on television. He enjoyed relaxing outside on summer evenings "watching his garden grow."

Horace is survived by his wife, Phyllis; son, Terry (Deb) Baxter of Rudyard; daughter, Jan (Rick) Williams of Wayland, Michigan; grandsons, Adam (fiancé, Kari) Williams, and Cody (Jen) Williams; and great grandson, Bradley Williams. He is also survived by his sister, Joyce (Ed) DeWitt of Rudyard; and sisters-in-law, Gladys Baxter of Sault Ste. Marie, and Marge Baxter of California.

Horace was preceded in death by two brothers, Sherwood and Douglas Baxter.

Services will be held Saturday, October 31, at the Rudyard Bible Church, 11124 W. Main Street in Rudyard. Visitation will be held from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. with the funeral service beginning at 2:00 P.M. Burial will follow the service at North Rudyard Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the local chapter of Gideons International, 12025 Haylake Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Cemetery Details

North Rudyard Township Cemetery

15141 S Tilson Rd
Rudyard, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **31**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Rudyard Bible Church
11124 West Main Street
Rudyard, MI 49780

Funeral Service

OCT **31**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Horace George Baxter*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Horace George Baxter*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Horace George Baxter*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



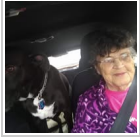
“ *To the family of Horace My sincere sympathies---to Horace, You have done good thou good and faithful servant may your reward be GREAT. A man I was allowed to meet , enjoy and get to know a little about*

Gary - October 31, 2015 at 10:42 AM



“ *Horace Baxter was very special to both me and my husband. He lead Sam to the Lord many years ago while Sam as in the USAF stationed at Kincheloe AFB. Both he and Phyl were faithful and fun youth leaders and were life lines to me in my teen years. They also helped get Sam and I together! We know he is happy today in heaven, but it is sad to know we all will miss him here on earth for a short time. Prayers are with his family. They have been temporarily separated from a very Godly and loving man! Sam and Donna Baughman*

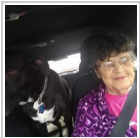
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“ Will miss Horace, but he is sitting in a wonderful place with Our Lord and Savior. He was one of the first golfers that I'd see on Thursday morning at senior men's league. Hugs and prayers to all of his family and loved ones.



Sonja Clegg - October 30, 2015 at 05:43 PM



“ Sonja Clegg sent a virtual gift in memory of Horace George Baxter



Sonja Clegg - October 30, 2015 at 05:27 PM



“ Like so many others I am as the song says "a life that has been changed by Horace and Phyllis ministry to youth". So many fond memories and stories that could be shared but what is most important was the consistent testimony and encouragement to know and love for Christ.

Praying in love and comfort for all the family in this time of human loss and in praise and celebration for Horace's homecoming and hearing "Well done thy good and faithful servant"

*In loving memory and continual prayers
Alan Bowden*

alan bowden - October 30, 2015 at 12:57 PM

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“ Our hearts were saddened to hear of Horace's homegoing. Not for him, as he is with His Savior whom He loved, but for you Phylis, Terry and Jan and families, and also for all those who loved him. Through the years we often talked of the influence you both had on our lives. What a blessing we were able to have breakfast with you this summer and share that with you. We know we will see him again. We will be praying for you in the days to come as We know you will miss him so. Much love to you, wish we lived closer so we could be there.

Ron and Linda Thompson

Linda Thompson - October 30, 2015 at 12:10 PM

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“ Phyllis please accept our heartfelt condolences to you and your family at the sudden passing of Horace. He will truly be missed by all.

Chuck and Patti Savitskie

Chuck Savitskie - October 30, 2015 at 08:41 AM



“ *Horace will always be our Young Peoples leader. Now he is forever young.*

We would love to be with you on Saturday to remember a man who gave so much to so many of us enthusiastically and energetically. We would remember his deep convictions based on his love for God and His Word.

Sorry we can't be with you Saturday. Love you all.

Scott and Kathy Brood

Kathy Brood - October 30, 2015 at 08:12 AM