



Dorothy Ellen Baer

September 20, 1923 - April 26, 2015

Dorothy Ellen Baer, age 91 of Manassas, Virginia died on Sunday, April 26, 2015 at Novant Health Prince William Medical Center.

She is survived by her husband Joseph R. Baer; her children Patricia Skaggs, Linda Parkinson and David Pierce; her step children James R. Baer, David T. Baer, Sandra Baer Kinney and the late Michael R Baer. Sister of Tom Windows, Ron Windows, Mazie Windows, Jo Ann Windows and Jean Hoak and the late Gordon Windows, Bill Windows, Dick Windows and June Farina. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at 2:00 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers the family ask that donations be made to Vitas Hospice, 1604 Spring Hill Road, Suite 450, Vienna, VA 22182.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **16**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LP

“ *I love you Gram, I will always miss you. I'm glad you got to see and meet Kylie. I'll never forget how your eyes always lit up when you saw her.*

Lauren Parkinson - May 16, 2015 at 09:21 AM

JB

“ *Jake Betz lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ellen Baer*



Jake Betz - May 14, 2015 at 04:52 PM

MB

“ *My name is Matt Betz. I loved doing puzzles with my Great Gram. I will miss her. I am glad I got to see her one last time. I love her so much.*

*Matt
(age 7)*

Matt Betz - May 14, 2015 at 04:50 PM

PS

“ Dorothy Baer was a great mother. She was talented, creative and fashionable. One memory I have of my mother is: One time I asked her why my sister got to date and do other things much earlier than I did. Her answer was "I was the experiment." At that time, I didn't think that was funny. She was a beautiful person and her children will miss her so much!

My son, Jimmy, remembers this: When he was about two years old, my mother had a milkglass candy dish in her living room. He would lift the lid when no one was around and get a piece of candy. Gram would say, "Jimmy, I hear you." Jimmy's reply was, "I'm just getting a piece of NDYC (his spelling for candy). His fondest memory is Gram would give him a hug when she saw him and tell him he was her #1 grandson.

My oldest grandson, Cody remembers a trip when we took the boys to Brevard to see Great Gram and Joe. Gram played tennis with them. He also thought she was lively and energetic.

Pat
Patricia Skaggs

Patricia Skaggs - May 13, 2015 at 07:16 PM

DM

“ Daniel M. purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Dorothy Ellen Baer.



Daniel M. - May 12, 2015 at 10:56 AM

LP

“ Mom was such a unique blend of traditional and modern. No one category could possibly contain her personality. Her traditional side was much represented through her love of family – which meant everything to her. I remember her reminiscing about the trip to Scotland that she and Joe made some years back. She said “I stood on that bridge (in Glasgow, I think) and it raised gooseflesh, thinking, that is where my family walked.” Her loyalty didn’t end with ancestry. Immediate family, all the kids, grand-kids, great grand-kids and their activities and accomplishments were always of equal interest to her. She also loved antiques and heirloom anything – completely traditional. The opposite side of Mom’s personality, her modern side would pop up unexpectedly, but mainly when she shopped for something new to wear. You never knew – could be something snakeskin, a jazzy animal print – she especially loved leopard prints, but they were always tasteful – she prided herself on her sense of style, which she developed during her years at Nancye Flemming and she continued to dress fashionably until the mini-strokes stole so much from her. We will all love and miss you, Mom – Thank you for being you.

Lin
Linda Parkinson

Linda Parkinson - May 07, 2015 at 01:47 PM

DP

“ We're all mourning the loss of a great lady who was a leader in her family at an early age and continued her leadership spirit throughout her life. She's in a much better place with all her aches and pains gone. Gram will never be gone in our hearts and in our minds, I know, because I'm married to her daughter, Linda, who has the same type of spirit, creativity, leadership and knowledge that her mom possessed. Linda will carry on her Mom's spirit and she is passing the same great values to our daughter, Erin.
Dorothy/Grams/Mom, we love and miss you.

Dan Parkinson - May 04, 2015 at 02:03 PM

EB

“ *My Gram was an amazing woman. She was so strong and determined, never letting anything hold her back. An incredible cook, she welcomed everyone into the Baer home with open arms - and you can bet no one left with an empty stomach!*

Family was everything to her. I can close my eyes and picture the sheer joy that lit up her face when we'd come to visit, or whenever she talked of loved ones or a special memory. Even as her strength faded over the past few months, the love in her eyes never dimmed a bit.

Living most of my life several states away, I have written Gram countless letters through the years and she always, ALWAYS wrote back. I loved seeing that familiar handwriting in my mailbox. It will take some time to get used to its absence.

I am so blessed to have had Gram in my life. I will love and miss her always.

Sending comfort and prayers to Grandpa Joe... and to all of her family and friends who are mourning her alongside me.

I love you, Gram....

*Erin Betz
(and Thad, Matt and Jake Betz)*

Erin Betz - April 30, 2015 at 07:42 PM

LM

“ Joe,

You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We have such wonderful memories of time spent with you and Dot. You were our Brevard, NC family and a lasting friendship was made the day we met. Dot was so creative and no one could entertain like the two of you. The wonderful meals and the special touches made everyone so honored to be invited to your home. The laughs when we went on our golf outing. The two of you will remain forever in our hearts.

*We love you,
Linda and Cliff Metcher*

Linda and Cliff Metcher - April 30, 2015 at 08:08 AM

HB

“ *Was there ever another like Ms. Dottie Baer? Smart, funny, kind and empathetic, fiesty. A photo of Joe and Dot standing under the Redskins Football shaped umbrella.. happy as a clam. Her white fruitcake muffins. Her creamy fruit salad. Her love for family. Her obsession with Nancye Flemings, wherein I learned, "Helene, customers of a certain age, are not called old, they are called sophisticated". Lawn violets... "Helene' just look at my hands. Just look at what digging out those da--- violets have done to them." Sending cookies to Michael during he last year. She shared herself to all she knew intimately, as well as casual acquaintances. Explaining to her granddaughter, Meredith, age 6 after impertinent questions.... "Meredith, there are two things you should never ask a lady, How old she is and how much does she weight". And "OH, that Jeff Kinney, wouldn't we have liked to marry him. What a guy"! And a thousand other memories... w love and sorrow, Helen Phlipot Grogan Baer*

Helen Baer - April 29, 2015 at 10:14 AM



“ *James Skaggs lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ellen Baer*



James Skaggs - April 28, 2015 at 10:18 PM



“ *Joe, what a lovely picture of your wife! Thank you for calling and letting us know. We will keep you in our prayers. We always enjoy hearing from you.*

Hazel and Jan at Carolina Tax Inc., Brevard, NC

Jan Wilson - April 28, 2015 at 02:08 PM