



Mary Catherine Hilbert-Baker

September 24, 1933 - May 13, 2009

Mary Catherine Hilbert-Baker, 75 passed away on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at McCrites Retirement Community after battling cancer. She was born on September 24, 1933 to Rudolph and Helen Rapp in Clinton, MO. Catherine worked in Kansas City for the Business Men's Insurance Corporation until 1955 when she met and married Glenn D. Hilbert on November 14, 1954. They lived in Tecumseh, KS. Catherine managed Glenn D. Hilbert Construction Company while working for the law firm of Eidson, Lewis, Porter and Haynes from 1956-1976. She was working from 1976-1983 for the board of Tax Appeals when her husband died unexpectedly in 1983. In 1985, Catherine met Donald Baker whom she married on January 9, 2002 in Mesa AZ. During her retirement she enjoyed the dry Arizona climate, entertaining friends from across the Country and Canada, playing water volleyball, and making crafts. She was known as "The Scrubber Lady" for which she sold thousands of net scrubbers. However, the highlight of her retirement was meeting Bob Barker in 1993 as a contestant on the Price is Right show and winning a van. Catherine is survived by her husband, Donald Baker. A son, Michael D. Hilbert and his wife Carolyn; grandchildren, Dr. Michael M. Hilbert, Erin Leesman and her husband, Phil, John Thompson and James Thompson. Great grandchildren, Davis and Dominic. A daughter, Becky Burghart and her husband, Mark; grandchildren, Mark, Kyle, and Hayley. Two step-sons, Alan Baker and his wife, Melody and grandchildren, Andrew and Evan; Marc Baker and his wife, Marjorie and grandchildren, Grant, Kyle and Erin. A brother,

Henry Rapp and two sisters, Virginia Blayney and her husband, Kenneth, Betty Taylor and her husband, James. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Glenn D. Hilbert, her parents and a sister, Carolyn Rapp. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2009 at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614. Funeral service will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 16, 2009, at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Topeka Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Tecumseh United Methodist Church and Heartland Hospice sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Catherine Hilbert-Baker*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Don and Virginia,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Cathy was a great, vibrant person. I am sure you ALL will miss her. However, it is a blessing she is not longer in pain.
I have so many fond memories of Cathy and Don and Virginia and Ken.
My thoughts and Love are with you all.
Love,
Vee Falk*

Cathy Baker - May 26, 2009 at 08:58 AM



“ *Dear Don Baker and Virginia Blayney. My heart goes out to your entire family. Cathy put up such a long fight and now is at piece with her maker. May it help to know that we have all the family in our prayers now. May you find peace at this time.
Phylis Williams*

Phylis Williams - May 24, 2009 at 10:31 PM

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“ *Mark, Becky, Little Mark, Kyle, and Haley.*

Sorry for your loss. Know that we have all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless!

Jeff & Jane Hendrickson - May 15, 2009 at 06:13 PM

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“ *Mike and Becky,*
I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember your Mom with such fondness and when I think of her I think of her smile. I also remember what a godsend she was when Tom died. She showed up first thing and without a word set to work getting the house in order, children fed, etc. She was a wonderful woman and will be missed. But I'm sure she and my mom are up in heaven planning some kind of trouble!

Teresa Pressgrove Vratil - May 15, 2009 at 04:31 PM

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“ *Becky and Family,*
I'm so sorry for your loss; you are all in my prayers. I know loss is difficult, but I also know your mom/grandma is now in a better place, and she does not have to suffer any longer. You now have one heck of an angel looking down on you.

Sherry Fitzgerald - May 14, 2009 at 02:28 PM

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“ *It was a beautiful day to enter into Heaven...Grandma made it much more beautiful.*

Erin Hilbert (Granddaughter) - May 14, 2009 at 12:08 PM