



## Margaret Rebecca Dykes Baker

July 27, 1916 - June 9, 2015

Margaret Rebecca Dykes Baker, 98, of Dalton, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Tuesday, June 09, 2015. She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 42 years, Holdman Baker, parents, William Franklin and Susie Mae Dykes, brother, Malcolm Dykes, sister, Julia Smith, and brother, Joe Dykes. She will be greatly missed by her daughters, Beth Small, Maryville, Tennessee, and Nancy Vickery, Dalton, Georgia, her grandson, Joshua Small, Maryville, Tennessee, his wife, Kelsey, and her great-grandsons, Hunter and Mason. Survivors also include several nieces and nephews and their children. She will also be greatly missed by the compassionate staff at Southern Haven Assisted Living in Dalton.

Margaret was born in rural Bullock County, Alabama, and she loved growing up on a farm. She graduated from Auburn University in 1942 with a B.S. degree in nutrition and dietetics, and she graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1946 with a Masters in nutrition and institution management. She taught at the college level at Tennessee Tech and the University of Georgia, and at the high school level at Calhoun City Schools and Gordon Lee High School in Chickamauga. Margaret remained an avid Auburn fan, still attending games when she was 96.

She was a member of Chickamauga Presbyterian Church, where she also served as an Elder, Deacon, and Sunday School teacher. She was elected

Elder Emeritus in 2004. After 35 years in the Chickamauga church, she moved to Dalton to be closer to her daughter, Nancy. She was an associate member and a faithful volunteer for the First Presbyterian Church of Dalton.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Chickamauga Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Edward C. Langham Jr. and the Rev. Bridget Waddell officiating. Interment will follow in the Chickamauga City Cemetery. The family will receive friends Thursday from 5 to 8 pm at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Chickamauga Presbyterian Church. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home-J. Avery Bryan Chapel

# Cemetery Details

## Chickamauga City Cemetery

Lee Ave.  
Chickamauga, GA 30707

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - Chickamauga Chapel  
215 Lee Ave.  
P.O. Box 370  
Chickamauga, GA 30707  
(706) 375-2161  
[bo@wilsonfuneralhome.com](mailto:bo@wilsonfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

JUN 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Chickamauga Presbyterian Church  
700 W. 7th St  
Chickamauga, GA 30707

## Interment

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JUN 12. 3:00 PM (ET)

Chickamauga City Cemetery  
Lee Ave.  
Chickamauga, GA 30707

# Tribute Wall

FB

“ She was a GREAT TEACHER! Mrs. Baker always had an interesting class, largely because she knew her field. She saw something good in everyone. She also had no favorites that I knew of. Paddle ?? In a heartbeat. Wish we had more teachers like he today! Beth and Nancy you had a great Mom!

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**Frankie Brooks** - June 13, 2015 at 05:37 AM

DS

“ I love Mrs. Baker. She was strict, and made me do my work, with a smile on her face. That's why I love her. She was a great person and a great teacher.

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**Dwayne Stone** - June 11, 2015 at 06:03 PM

BW

“ Mrs Baker was one of my favorite teachers. I have thought about her over the years, especially when my beloved UGA would play Auburn! Rest in peace.

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**Betsy Walker** - June 11, 2015 at 04:43 PM

MH

“ Mrs. Baker was wonderful teacher! She was firm when she had to be but mostly she was kind. She made biology real with all the drawings she had us do.

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**Melba Stone Humble** - June 11, 2015 at 04:15 PM

RG

“ *She was a great teacher but more than that she was a friend to me and everyone she knew, the world would be a much better place if there were more Mrs. Bakers.*

*Roy Gadd*



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**roy gadd** - June 11, 2015 at 03:13 PM

MW

“ *Michelle Coker Wright lit a candle in memory of Margaret Rebecca Dykes Baker*



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**Michelle Coker Wright** - June 11, 2015 at 01:12 AM

MW

“ *I have the fondest memories of this wonderful lady. Like many others have said, she wasn't just a teacher, she was a friend too. I learned a lot more from her than just Biology... I'm very grateful for our paths crossing, she was truly a wonderful soul. Deepest heartfelt sympathy for the family. Rest in peace Mrs. Baker. ?*

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**Michelle Coker Wright** - June 11, 2015 at 01:11 AM

PH

*Sorry to read this. Mrs. Baker was a wonderful teacher and a great human being.*

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**Paula Duncan Hawes** - June 11, 2015 at 10:39 PM

Jan  
Wright

“*Mrs. Baker showed me that a teacher could not only be strict but have compassion for her students. She knew I struggled in her class, and she also knew my talent was in art. She suggested me drawing and labeling things, which not only helped me learn, but gave me the credit I needed for a good grade. She was also a neighbor for many years. She was one of the last of a true traditional Gordon Lee Trojans....from her demanding to stay off the grass to her love for the hedges. It is teachers like you that pass the traditions of Gordon Lee down, and I know that's where I get some of my passion from for our school. May you rest in peace Mrs. Baker. Prayers for Beth, Nancy and the family.*



*Jan Wright*

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**Jan Wright** - June 10, 2015 at 11:14 PM


AH

“*Rest in peace, Mrs. Baker. You were a great teacher not because you knew the subject so well, which you did,, but because you cared about your students. I will always remember you with great fondness. My prayers are with your family, especially Beth and Nancy.*

*Amelia Morrison Hipps*

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**Amelia Morrison Hipps** - June 10, 2015 at 10:56 PM



Melissa  
Jacks

“ *I will always be thankful for the time she invested in me as a student. She was a great teacher and supported me 100% in our science and engineering competition at The University of Georgia. She was instrumental in helping to cultivate my confidence and love of science. She will truly be missed.*

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**Melissa Jacks** - June 10, 2015 at 10:04 PM

JP

“ *What a lady!!!! I could not say enough good about her. Even as an adult, I went to her with an issue. Within a couple of days, she gave me an answer. What a lady. Loved her and will miss her.*

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**jerry Parrish** - June 10, 2015 at 09:48 PM

JW

“ *Today, you will finally get to hear from the peanut gallery!!! Goodbye, Mrs. Baker! Rest In Perfect Peace! You inspired many people in different generations to actually like science. And you were a sincere advocate of your students!!! Now, raise that window, stick your head out and tell that boy to get off the grass!!! We Love You!*

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**James Westmoreland** - June 10, 2015 at 09:21 PM

 Tony  
Grimes

“ Ms. Baker was the first teacher who caught me cheating on a test. She literally came out of no where, needless to say you, you can imagine the wrath that followed. After that she inspired and encouraged me in many ways. She did keep a close eye on me come testing time, and she was the first and last teacher that would catch me cheating. RIP Ms. Baker. You touched alot of lives.  
Tony Grimes  
82

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**Tony Grimes** - June 10, 2015 at 07:50 PM

TS

“ I remember biology class in Ms Baker's room! Especially the frog dissection! She was a classy lady and a great teacher and she will be missed! God bless you Ms Baker! You were a positive influence on many lives. I know the Lord said "well done good and faithful servant"... Rest in Peace.

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**Tammy Snodgrass** - June 10, 2015 at 07:35 PM

SB

“ Best science teacher. She Kaye's the foundation for my nursing career. May god bless her family. Awesome lady

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**sandy drew barton** - June 10, 2015 at 06:43 PM

BM

“ Mrs. Baker was a wonderful neighbor, friend, and teacher. From picking me up in the mornings to go to school, to talking Auburn and Georgia football, or just sitting in the den and discussing what was going on in the world, I only have wonderful memories of Mrs. Baker, Holdman, Beth, and Nancy. May you rest in peace, Mrs. Baker. You were one special person.

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**Bill McElhaney** - June 10, 2015 at 06:29 PM

SC

“ Mrs. Baker was a neighbor of mine for several years. We talked Georgia & Auburn football often. I loved her like a grandmother . Christmas was a special time exchanging gifts and just spending time with her. I will miss her so much, may she find peace in God's embrace. Love you Margaret 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Susan Caylor - June 10, 2015 at 06:24 PM

CH

“ Mrs. Baker was one of the best all time. Always willing to help you if you were having trouble with school or anything. I learned a lot from her not only in the classroom but in life in general. My condolences to the family. You are in my prayers

chip hendrix - June 10, 2015 at 06:19 PM



“ Sorry to hear that's praying for all of the family I had her as a teacher and loved her even tho she was tough rest in peace Mrs Baker

Martha Gordy Howie - June 10, 2015 at 05:58 PM

Tony Grimes

“ Mrs. Baker, the first teacher that ever caught me cheating on a test, and the last. You can well imagine her wrath. She encouraged and inspired me in my studies, and kept a close eye on me during test time. Thank you Mrs. Baker, you touched alot of lives. Heaven has gained quite an angel. RIP

Tony Grimes  
Class of 82

Tony Grimes - June 10, 2015 at 05:52 PM

JH

“ I graduated from Gordon Lee 30 years ago and I've never forgotten my favorite teacher, Mrs. Baker. She pushed and encouraged me to try harder and do more-- inspired my love for the sciences especially biology which led me to become a nurse. May God be with your family, she is truly irreplaceable and will be greatly missed.

Janie Flarity Hall - June 10, 2015 at 05:06 PM

DB

“ I have several memories of Ms. Baker. She was my Science Teacher for several years. So sorry for your loss. Heaven gained a Great Angel

Donna Williams Bryant - June 10, 2015 at 05:02 PM

KW

“ So sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of having Mrs. Baker as a teacher, but after graduating I got to know her as a friend. She was a wonderful person.

Kathy Matthews Walker

Kathy Walker - June 10, 2015 at 04:02 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Margaret Rebecca Dykes Baker.



June 10, 2015 at 03:48 PM