



Bernadine B. Baker, age 100 of Manistee, Michigan, died Saturday afternoon, December 10, 2022 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility.

She was born on November 2, 1922 in Manistee, Michigan, daughter of the late Leo and Constance (Nowak) Kalka. Bernadine married Virgil "Jiggs" Baker Sr. on February 22, 1941 at Saint John Cantius Catholic Church in Free Soil, Michigan. Virgil preceded her in death on March 31, 1990. She was employed most of her life with the Glen of Michigan until her retirement.

Bernadine loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren and just being a grandmother. She enjoyed sewing in her younger years, loved to garden, read and cook for her family. Bernadine was a member of Divine Mercy Parish of Manistee (Guardian Angels Catholic Church), a member of Cursillo No. 258 Rockford, MI, a past member of the VFW Walsh Post #4499 Auxiliary, and a past member of the Catholic Daughters of America.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Virgil "Butch" Jr. and Margaret Baker of Grand Rapids, MI; two daughters and three sons-in-law: Norrie and Randy Slater of Belding, MI, Anita and Dale Priester of Manistee and David Aves of Manistee and Aiken SC; ten grandchildren: Jeffrey (Mag) Baker, Nicholle Baker Costello, Allison (Alan) Kennedy, Anthony Slater, Charlotte May, Mathew (Kristine Mangus) Slater, Connie (Eric) Diesing, Ariel (Joshua) Ludwig, Noel Priester and Joel Priester; 17 great grandchildren: Egan (Peyton) Baker, Keelan Baker, Bridgett Baker, Molly Baker, Josephine Costello, Lilah Kennedy, Norah Kennedy, Chloe (James) Cooke, Elijah May, Elena (Eiler) Cardoso-Cisneros, Ezra May, Jordan (Bree) Mangus, Thomas Mangus and Avery Mangus, Damien McEntaffer, Alexander McEntaffer and Felix Ludwig; three great-great grandchildren: Everleigh May, Wren Mangus and Valencia Cardoso-Cisneros. Several special nieces and nephews also survive her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil Baker Sr. on March 31, 1990, her grandson Jason Baker, her sister's and brother's-in-law; Leona (Frank) Dittmer, Irene (Ben) Kaminski, and her brother Leonard "Sonny" Kalka, her sister's-in-laws and brother's-in-laws: Edward and Emaline Baker, Dorothy and Leonard Kotarak, Patricia and Clarence Szymanski, and William Baker.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, December 19, 2022 at 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church in Manistee with Reverend Basil Lek celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service at 8:00 PM on Sunday evening at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where the family will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. and on Monday morning from 10:00 AM until leaving for the church at 10:40 AM.

In lieu of flowers a donation can be made to the Manistee County Medical Care Facility Activities Department. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.