



## Charlotte Baxter

April 20, 1943 - September 30, 2015

Charlotte Baxter, 72 of Centralia passed away Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born April 20, 1943 in Anna, IL, daughter of Ora Dudley and Ivy (Jones) Dudley. She married James Baxter on June 9, 1968 at the Church of Christ in Christopher, IL and he survives in Centralia. In addition to her husband of 47 years, she is also survived by three children: Mary Arnold of Edmond, OK, Kevin Baxter and wife Shari of Blackwell, MO, and Sean Baxter of Colorado Springs, CO and five grandchildren: Mimi Baxter, Elijah Baxter, Rain Baxter, Arielle Arnold and Mallory Arnold. She was preceded in death by her parents. Charlotte worked at Centralia High School for 4 years and Kaskaskia College in the Business Learning Center. She also worked at the Community Resource Center as a Case Manager. In 1994 she graduated with the first class from Barnes Nursing School in St. Louis, Missouri. She worked with Home Health, took care of many patients at their homes, and she and her husband were caregivers for her parents. Charlotte was a member of the Church of Christ in Centralia, a Board Member of the Cultural Society, Past President of the AAW, member and Past Vice President of the Light and Lens Club. She enjoyed going to Photography exhibits, sewing, knitting, making crafts and jewelry. Charlotte loved traveling all over the world with her family and she even visited Japan twice. Most of all she loved spending time with her family and friends. Funeral Services for Charlotte Baxter will be held Monday, October 5, 2015 at 10:00 AM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with

Stephen Nail officiating. Burial will follow at the Masonic and Odd Fellow Cemetery in Benton. Visitation will be held Sunday, October 4, 2015 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Church of Christ and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia which is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

PZ

“ *What a blessing to know she has been a blessing to so many people. Speaking for myself, the many kindnesses to my mother (Sue Morris) are so appreciated. What an exceptional lady! What a fine family! What love that continues to influence others.*

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**Pat Zellmer** - October 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *Charlotte was such a kind and caring person with a ready smile and helpful nature. I will miss her. My condolences to Jim and family.*

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**Rose Aldag** - October 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Our thoughts are with James and the children, we know James and Charlotte from Centralia High School, and Kaskaskia College, Charlotte was always so nice to be around an exceptional lady.*

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**Stan Marcum** - October 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to learn of Charlotte's passing. We are on the East Coast and our prayers and thoughts are with you. Susan and Dave Howe*

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October 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *Jim and I had been pen friends for many years and we finally met up together with our respective spouses spending 3 days exploring Yellowstone. It was a real treat meeting Charlotte Baxter and spending those 3 days with her. What a classy lady. Condolences and love from your Australian pen friend.*

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**John** - October 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Mrs. Baxter was such a help to my mother after she had her stroke. She was an amazing person. I still have the table runner and placemats she made me for my wedding. We always use them on our anniversary. I am so sorry to hear she has passed. I will keep her family in my daily thoughts

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**Judith Cain** - October 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. She was my shorthand teacher my freshman year at CHS (1964-65).

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**Jane Edmonson Curry** - October 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Charlotte was my classmate and friend from Christopher, Illinois. I so admired. Charlotte! What a courageous woman! What a great voice, smile, and laugh!

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**Karol Harris** - October 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ My deepest sympathy to all your family. Charlotte was in my class during our school years in Christopher. She was such a lovely gal and truly a friend to everyone. I will forever remember that beautiful smile. She was just a very special person. So sorry for your loss.

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**Mary Lou Gunther** - October 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *My thoughts & prayers for Mrs. Baxter's family. She was my General Business teacher my freshman year (1967). Back then of course she was Miss Dudley, one of the best & sweetest teachers I ever had.*

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**Sandra** - September 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM