



## Ellen G. Baker Obituary

April 21, 1940 - April 8, 2009

Ellen Olive Griffin Baker formerly of Leesburg, died in Raleigh, NC on April 8, 2009. She had been living with cancer for 18 months and became ill a few weeks prior to her death. Mrs. Baker was born in Charlotte, NC on April 21, 1940. Her parents were the late Leslie L. Griffin and the late Frances Green Griffin Scheuing, both of Albany. Mrs. Baker graduated from Albany High School in 1958 and then attended Valdosta State College. In 1959, she married the late Henry Barrett Baker. They made their family life together in Dougherty and Lee County for the next three decades staying busy with their four children, careers, and many civic involvements. Mrs. Baker was active with the Faculty Wives Club of Albany Junior College (now Darton College) for several decades and as a volunteer with the Lee County Schools in many capacities including roles in Booster programs for the athletic, band, and debate programs. Her professional endeavors were primarily in the field of corporate recruiting. She spent nearly two decades as a small business owner, first as a partner in a Bryant Bureau franchise, then as the sole owner of Baker Employment Bureau in Albany. Her specialty was making placements in the manufacturing management and engineering fields. Subsequent to her husband's retirement from Darton College, Mrs. Baker closed her business and moved with him to Wilson, NC in 1989. There they worked together in the non-profit sector, helping to serve the needs of low income and minority people who faced environmental problems. They helped launch the NC Environmental Justice Roundtable and worked to bring resources to

communities in need of clean drinking water. After her husbands' death in 1997, Mrs. Baker continued to work in a variety of roles for several non-profits including Southerners for Economic Justice and with Liberty House of Albany, where she worked as a victim's advocate with the court system. After her retirement, Mrs. Baker became a lover of travel. She divided her time between homes in Leesburg, GA, Raleigh, NC, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and she wintered in Englewood, Florida. Her travels took her as far as England, France, and Alaska in recent years. Mrs. Baker was predeceased by her parents, her husband, and two of her brothers, Jesse Griffin and Jon Griffin. She is survived by her companion, David Portman, four children, Cedric Baker and his wife, Suda Kraprayoon of Roswell, Georgia, Burt Baker and his wife Sherry of Cordele, Georgia, Fred Baker and his wife, Amy of Wake Forest, NC, and Margaret Baker Strickland and her husband, Bowe of Raleigh, NC., her brother, Don Griffin of Moneta, Virginia, four grandchildren, Jonathan Baker of Cordele, Georgia, Bradley Rozell of Wake Forest, NC, Sarah Ellen Strickland and Banks Strickland of Raleigh, NC, brother-in-law Buzz Baker of Goldsboro, NC, sisters-in-law, Floy McGarrity and husband, Mike of Powder Springs, Ga and Barbara Shaver of Powder Springs, Ga. plus many devoted nieces and nephews.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ellen G. Baker Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *What a fortunate person I was to have known your mom. I was also lucky enough to know your dad and your grandmother and I also knew all of you. Rick, Bert, Fred, and Margaret how grown you are now. I can state first hand how much your mom and dad loved all of you. Ellen was a a super lady who enjoyed life. Hold to your memories and know you were loved. Gena*

**Gena Moore** - May 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *She raised wonderful children and brought great joy to Mr. B. Ms. Ellen will be remembered fondly and never forgotten. God bless her.*

**Cargile, David** - April 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Margaret, Fred, Cedric, and Burt.....your mother is the best person I have ever known, and I am very honored to have been her friend. I know that you are all grievously wounded, and I share in that grief.*

**Priscilla Studdard** - April 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ I just read about Ellen. She was a beautiful, gracious, intelligent lady. Your family meant so much to us while we were living in Albany as Frances neighbor. Our thoughts & prayers are with you at this difficult time. Please stay in touch. Brenda & Jerry West

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**Brenda West** - April 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Fred & Margaret & family,  
Mom just told me about Ellen. I am so very sorry for your loss. I have very fond memories of all of you while we lived in Albany & had you all & Frances as our sweet neighbors.

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**Kay Robinson Wilder** - April 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Rick, Burt, Fred, and Margaret Ellen, I was saddened to learn of your mother's death. She was a wonderful lady! Sandy, Mel, and Stacey often recall the fun times they had with you when you were all children. May God continue to comfort you in your loss. Love,  
Joanne Smith--Chattanooga, TN

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**Joanne S. Smith** - April 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ My heartfelt sympathy to the family in the loss of their mother. Ellen was a very special person and she will be missed.

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**Arlee L. McCoy** - April 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ So sad to hear of sweet Ellen's death. Our friendship goes back many, many years, when she was with the personnel agency and I was a young banker.....I always enjoyed her company and found her to be interesting, bright and full of life. My sympathy to all who loved Ellen.

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**Patsy Martin** - April 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ I knew Ellen almost all our lives. She will be greatly missed espically by the class of 1958. My prayers are with you, her family, at this time . God bless you all.

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**Faye Reddick Posron** - April 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your passing. The last time I saw you was the 40th. class reunion. You were still as beautiful as you were in High School (class of 1958). I can see you still are. My sympathy to your family and you will be missed

*Sara (Cox) Kofoed*

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**Sara (Cox) Kofoed** - April 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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Sara (Cox) Kofoed (Omaha,Ne.)

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**Sara (Cox) Kofoed** - April 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Dear Rick, Burt, Margaret, and Fred:  
We were so sorry to learn of Ellen's passing - she was one fine lady  
and there are many memories of her. If she and your dad and  
Marilyn are in the same place maybe they can find a fourth for some  
serious bridge. You're in our prayers.  
Linda and Charlie

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**Charlie Edwards** - April 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Family, We were sorry to read the news of your mother's  
passing. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Dottie Sandison Bridges** - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ I AM SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS.MAY THE GOD OF ALL  
COMFORT BE WITH YOU.

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**SARA** - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM