



Joyce Elaine Baker

December 16, 1952 - November 18, 2025

Joyce Elaine Baker, 72, of Indianapolis, passed away peacefully at home on the evening of Tuesday, November 18, 2025.

She was born on December 16, 1952, in Ironton, Ohio, a daughter of the late John Abbott Jr. and Helen (Gannon) Abbott Crichfield.

Joyce grew up with a bright spirit and vibrant energy, graduating from Triton Central High School in 1972, where she proudly served as a featured baton twirler in the school band.

On March 18, 1972, Joyce married the love of her life, Danny Baker. Together they shared 53 wonderful years marked by deep devotion, quiet joys, and a steadfast partnership that was admired by all who knew them.

Joyce had a naturally warm and cheerful personality. Even through her own health challenges, she remained upbeat, encouraging, and full of kindness. She found joy in creating a welcoming home—decorating with care, tending to her plants, and making her family feel loved. Her greatest joy in life was caring for their daughter, Jessie, whose presence brought purpose and immeasurable happiness to Joyce's days.

She and Danny were longtime members of Southport Church of the

Nazarene, where Joyce's gentle faith and loving heart were evident to those around her. Each day, it brought Joyce much happiness to post a collage of encouraging scriptures, sayings, and photos on Facebook to encourage her friends.

Those left to cherish Joyce's memory include her husband, Danny D. Baker; her beloved daughter, Jessica Danielle Baker; her brother, John Randall "Randy" Abbott of Greenwood; and several nieces and nephews who adored her.

Joyce was preceded in death by her father, John Abbott Jr., and by her mother and stepfather, Helen and Forrest Crichfield.

Funeral services will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 23, 2025, at Southport Church of the Nazarene, 920 E. Southport Road, Indianapolis, with Pastor Tim Lanigan officiating.

Friends may call from 4:00 p.m. until the time of the service, Sunday at the church.

A graveside service will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 24, 2025, at Fairland Cemetery in Fairland, Indiana.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the American Cancer Society by Clicking Here (https://donate.cancer.org/?campaign=honormemorialmedia&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaignid=21603275924&utm_adgroupid=169792393161&utm_keyword=american%20cancer%20society&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=21603275924&gbraid=0AAAAAD2heef-4usl-

T25ALUIj18aC7Lni&gclid=CjwKCAiA8vXIBhAtEiwAf3B-gyQ2uJduKk0orbcAXCAqrrKjg2KKMkQCTVg1-mPjIZJ9oq2i9u8SThoC12MQAvD_BwE). You may share a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to care for the family of Joyce Elaine Baker.

Cemetery Details

Fairland Cemetery

4378 N. 400 W.
Fairland, IN 46126

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 23. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Southport Church of the Nazarene
920 E. Southport Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46227

Funeral

NOV 23. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

NOV 24. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of Joyce's passing. I am so grateful we were able to reconnect recently and share joys each of us have had over the years. Wish I would be able to attend her memorial. Special prayers going out to her family.

Dana Mollenkopf - November 23, 2025 at 03:05 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. She was very special to me. Joyce was a patient in the office where I worked we called each other Dolly. She was always happy, upbeat, Smiling, friendly she called me Dolly too.

Luann Simpson - November 23, 2025 at 12:34 PM

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“ She was a neighbor in Clover Village for many years. Always sweet! She taught me and Kathi Holt the baton. Rip

Debbie - November 23, 2025 at 11:18 AM

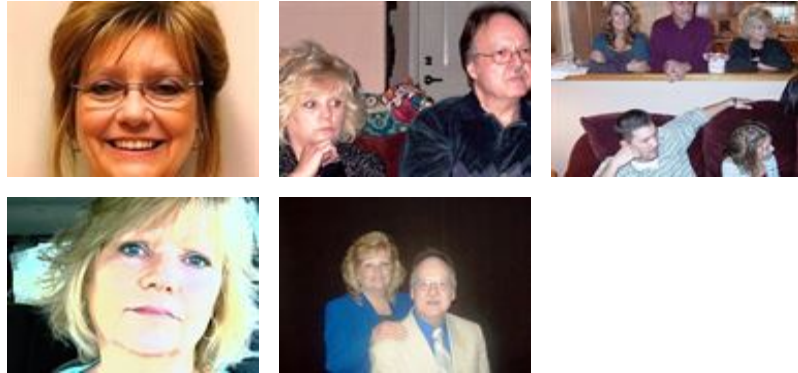
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“ I met Joyce many years ago when I took them to look at a home. I was so impressed with the love and devotion I saw between the two of them. Joyce was the kindest most loving and giving person. I stayed in touch through FB and always got so much pleasure from her post. This is just one fine lady that will be missed desperately. RIP Joyce, never forgotten.

Donna Dazey - November 23, 2025 at 09:01 AM



“ 115 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - November 22, 2025 at 10:20 AM



“ *Marie, Josh and Sara Abbott and Tierneys purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Joyce Elaine Baker.*



Marie, Josh and Sara Abbott and Tierneys - November 21, 2025 at 10:23 PM



“ *Jerry Baker & Debbie Trusty purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Joyce Elaine Baker.*



Jerry Baker & Debbie Trusty - November 21, 2025 at 01:03 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Joyce Elaine Baker.*



November 21, 2025 at 11:10 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Joyce Elaine Baker.*



November 21, 2025 at 11:09 AM



“ *Mike and Sis and Jonathan's family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Joyce Elaine Baker.*



Mike and Sis and Jonathan's family - November 20, 2025 at 07:55 PM



“ *The McCauley Family and Dennis Strong purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Joyce Elaine Baker.*



The McCauley Family and Dennis Strong - November 20, 2025 at 11:50 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Joyce Elaine Baker.*



November 20, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ *Louis & Mary Chastain, Kathy Hill purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joyce Elaine Baker.*



Louis & Mary Chastain, Kathy Hill - November 20, 2025 at 09:15 AM