



## James Henry Baker

June 20, 1928 - June 9, 2016

James Henry Baker of Grand Ledge a loving father, grandfather and friend passed away June 9, 2016 surrounded by family. Jim was born June 20, 1928 in Grand Ledge to the late David and Wilma (McNutt) Baker. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School Class of 1947 and went on to serve for six years in the U.S. Air Force. He retired as a tool and die maker from Demmer after thirty-seven years. Jim enjoyed working on his house, gardening, traveling and wintering in Florida. He faithfully served as an usher at St. Michael Parish and was known as Santa to his grandchildren, friends and the Grand Ledge community. Many people in Grand Ledge recognized Jim as he made his daily five mile walk.

He is survived by children, Debra (Dan) Szymanski, Chris (Scott) Vetter, Andrew (Kim), Eric (Mary), Matthew, Amy (Edwin) Kingston; grandchildren, Nick, Barbara and Joseph Szymanski, Wayne, Staci and Timothy Baker, Eddy, Cody and Susan Kingston; great grandchildren, Barry and Davis Szymanski, Emily Jones, Cheyenne, Bentley, Dakota, Hunter and Nolan Baker along with one great great grandchild on the way. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara; son, Joseph and siblings, David Baker and Donna Shane.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 11am at St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge by The Reverend Fr. James Eisele. Rite of Committal will follow at N. Eagle Cemetery with military honors.

Visitation will be Monday from 4-8:00pm with a scripture service at 7:30pm at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. A memorial service

will also be held from 2-6:00pm on July 10, 2016 at 45118 Geddes Rd., Canton, Michigan 48188. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Michael Church, 345 Edwards Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837, National Kidney Foundation, 1169 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108 or the Memorial Honor Guard, Cole Briggs Post 48 American Legion, VFW Post 3293, 731 N. Clinton Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837. Share your memories and condolences online at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)

# Cemetery Details

## North Eagle Cemetery

12200 S. Grange Road  
Eagle, MI 48822

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 13.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
406 N. Bridge Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837  
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## Service

**JUN 13.** 7:30 PM (ET)

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## Service

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church  
345 Edwards Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Tribute Wall

RW

“ I worked with Jim 40 years ago at Demmers while I was going through college. Lots of people come and go from your life. But for me Jim was one of those rare breeds that truly made a good long lasting impression. He was a good man that I really enjoyed working with. May God bless you Jim. - Ralph Witgen

Ralph Witgen - June 14, 2016 at 06:35 AM

NM

“ Andy and family, I really enjoyed working with Jim at Demmer. He was a very nice man and teacher. I am sorry for your loss. Neal

NEAL MARRISON - June 13, 2016 at 11:14 PM

Davis  
Szymansk

“ I am honored to have known such a great man. I always loved watching Matlock with you. I will never forget the great advice you gave me at my wedding "never let go of your Texas rose", now you are reunited with yours.



Davis Szymanski - June 13, 2016 at 04:55 PM

DS

“ I was blessed to know such a great man. I always enjoyed watching Matlock with you and talking about your country travels. You touched my heart when you told me at my wedding to never let go of my Texas rose, now you are reunited with your Texas rose.



Davis Szymanski - June 13, 2016 at 04:48 PM

TF

“ The Bob Rusbasan Family purchased the Arrive i n Style for the family of James Henry Baker.



The Bob Rusbasan Family - June 13, 2016 at 02:56 PM

RS

“ Rachel Szymanski purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Henry Baker.



Rachel Szymanski - June 13, 2016 at 12:53 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Henry Baker.



June 13, 2016 at 10:09 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James Henry Baker.



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June 12, 2016 at 09:42 PM



“ *Family of John and Bernice Mills purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of James Henry Baker.*



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**Family of John and Bernice Mills** - June 12, 2016 at 08:06 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of James Henry Baker.



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June 11, 2016 at 12:05 PM



“ 99 files added to the album Jim Baker



Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home - June 11, 2016 at 11:26 AM

BS

“ My memories of my grandpa goes back to weekends raking his yard, and him taking me and my brother to A & W after church. He was also quite the guitar player waking you up on Saturday morning trying so hard to play Johnny be good. No matter how mad he got at us kids he didn't really yell he only gave us the evil eye. I think that's what I'll miss the most of my grandpa Baker. Rest in peace till I see you again 💕



Barbara Szymanski - June 11, 2016 at 08:11 AM

JS

“ Grandpa,  
I will miss u and miss spending time with u.  
Grandpa you are my buddy to watch wrestling with and go fishing with.  
I will always love you and miss u.  
Love always and forever Joseph James Patrick Szymanski.

Joseph Szymanski - June 11, 2016 at 05:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *James Henry Baker*.



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June 10, 2016 at 10:44 PM