



Hazel J. Baker

December 30, 1940 - January 24, 2026

Hazel J. Baker, age 85 of New Middleton, TN, passed away on Saturday, January 24, 2026 after a short illness at Saint Thomas Hospital. She was born December 30, 1940 in the Bat Harbor community of Newport, TN. She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, James Baker, father, Arthur Frank Click, mother, Zottie Mae Jones Click Hartsell, nephew, Daniel Cox. She is survived by her son, Larry Baker, grandson, Dylan Baker, of New Middleton, TN, brother, Everette Click, Blountville, TN, Janet Skelton, New Middleton, TN, Nancy Cox, Brush Creek, TN and Vivian Rogers, Duffield, VA. Several nieces, nephews and special niece, Michelle Gregory who was her loyal caregiver. She was very close to her family, including; William, Ashley and Quinton Rogers, Brandon Cox, Tyler and Joelle Bivens, and Katelyn Hobbs. She graduated from Jonesville High School in Jonesville, Virginia. Hazel and James married on October 17, 1958 in Jonesville, Virginia. Hazel was a housewife for many years and was a wonderful cook, loved crocheting and was an avid gardener of vegetables and flowers. She really enjoyed playing card games and working jigsaw puzzles. Later, she worked around the dairy farm, cared for all kinds of animals; domestic and wild. Hazel especially loved dogs and had a few special ones close to her heart; Gypsie, Sheba, and most recently her fur babies, Abby and Sofie who she left behind. She worked in the kitchen in long-term healthcare in Carthage, Tennessee. Hazel retired from Robert Shaw in Carthage. She was a member of the New Middleton Baptist Church. Hazel's lifelong passion for caring for pets inspired her to

open her business, Windrift Dog Kennel. She developed many close friendships through her boarding, breeding and dog grooming business for more than twenty years. Per Hazel's wishes a private service will be held. Interment will be in the Gordonsville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Smith County Humane, Carthage, TN or Pet-Agrees Wellness, Gordonsville, TN.

Cemetery Details

Gordonsville Cemetery

34 Hickman Hwy
Gordonsville, TN 38563

Tribute Wall

VF

“ *What a blessing Hazel is. A friend to laugh with and cry with. Her quick wit and perfect delivery of comments made life with Hazel so fun. She will always be “My friend Hazel.”* ”

Victoria Fister - February 01 at 08:30 AM

GM

“ *Oh, the many times she kept our pup Fancy! The initial time was 17 yrs ago when she was a baby. During that time Fancy developed parvo and Hazel took her to Mt. Juliet where they saved our sweet pet. Hazel was the most caring soul. She will be sorely missed.* ”

Glenda and Morris Myers - January 28 at 06:59 AM

MC

“ *I met Hazel in 2013 when we moved up here Gordonsville went to church there New Middleton Baptist Church I started taking my fur babies to her to be groomed and she also boarded them for me and we began a relationship. She was a sweet lady. I thought the world of her we had lots of talks conversations we laughs and we cried together. after she had to quit her her grooming board because of her health conditions we still stay in contact I would see her. We would talk on the phone. I'm gonna Miss my Friend our talks she will be Missed.R.I.P.Peace Mrs. Hazel* ”

Martha Ann Crook - January 26 at 01:05 PM

MD

“ Hazel was one of the most tender, caring people I had the pleasure of calling my friend. I am honored to have had her in my life for many years. I was the proud mother of two of her fur babies, Booboo and Yogi. I know heaven is proud to have her there with James. Such wonderful people. We love you, Hazel. Bill and Margaret Dixon.

Margaret dixon - January 26 at 08:36 AM

CA

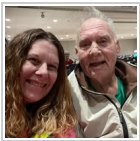
“ I will always remember Hazel and James welcoming me like family. Hazel's genuine smile, tiny biscuits.and.homemade blackberry jam are comfort. I Love all of you and I am praying the Lord will comfort you.

Cap - January 25 at 06:03 PM

VW

“ So very sorry to hear of Ms Hazel's passing. She was a very special lady who loved our Jasper dog with all her heart. We always appreciated all she did for Jasper. RIP Ms Hazel's 🐾💙🐾 vanda & tom wiley

Vanda Wiley - January 25 at 05:51 PM



“ Game time was a must for aunt Hazel. Card playing and bingo and her fur babies was the most important things to her and her close family. I remember as a small child that every time I did something good I got to pick a button lol. She also gave me my very first chocolate. She taught me how to clip dogs and I won a 4-H contest demonstrating that.

Michelle Gregory - January 25 at 05:15 PM