



## Frederick D. Baxter

October 30, 1940 - September 6, 2024

Frederick D. Baxter, age 83, of DeMotte, Indiana went to be with Jesus in the early morning hours on Friday, September 6, 2024. Fred was surrounded by his loving family in his final moments. He was a man of great integrity, faith, and loved the Lord.

Fred was born on October 30, 1940 in Rensselaer, Indiana to Ray and Mabel (Day) Baxter. Fred loved growing up on the family farm in Remington with his two older brothers. In 1959, he graduated from Gilboa High School. Fred proudly served his country as a medic for seven years in the Army National Guard. In 1975, he graduated from Tennessee Temple University with a theology degree. His professional career was in the banking business in data processing. His faithfulness to the Lord was evident as he served as a church bus driver, usher, deacon, elder, and Sunday School Superintendent.

On June 4, 1983 he married the love of his life, Patricia G. Crane (nee Thomas), in Roselawn, Indiana. Together they made a blended family with their six children and became "The Baxter Bunch". As a family, they enjoyed many family vacations at White Oaks.

Fred loved playing dominoes and euchre. He enjoyed watching the Chicago Cubs and NASCAR. He was well known for his love of John Deere tractors.

His favorite pastime through the years was spreading joy to others as they admired the Christmas lights on the house and throughout the yard. He cherished the times whenever his family was together.

Fred and Pat have always led their family by example. His legacy and greatest treasures are his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Fred leaves behind his wife, Pat, of 41 years; his daughters: Kim (Steven) Glenn, Lisa McCarty, Jodi (Alastair) Gibbons, Teresa (Rick Lewis), Jamie (Stephen) Fodness, and son, Jeremy (Karen) Crane. His grandchildren: Matthew, Tom (Morgan), Raymond, Summer (Kane) Mark, Hunter, Jake, Katelyn, Madison, Guy, Davin, Charlie, Mattie, Libby, and Allie Jo; his great-grandchildren, Amelia, Mason, and Oliver. Also surviving are Fred's two sisters-in-law, many nieces, nephews, and cousins who will miss him dearly.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, James R. and Wayne A. Baxter.

Family and friends may visit at Jackson Funeral Chapel in Rensselaer on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm with a funeral service promptly beginning at 12:00 pm with Dr. Roger Taylor officiating. Interment will be held at Weston Cemetery, Rensselaer.

# Cemetery Details

## Weston Cemetery

Weston Cemetery  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5626

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **10**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
P.O. Box 70  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5123  
info@jacksonfuneral.com  
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

SEP **10**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Frederick D. Baxter*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - September 09, 2024 at 02:51 PM

JP

“ *Jake Lewis & Taylor Payne purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Frederick D. Baxter.*



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**Jake Lewis & Taylor Payne** - September 09, 2024 at 06:09 PM

JP

“ *Jake Lewis & Taylor Payne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick D. Baxter.*

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**Jake Lewis & Taylor Payne** - September 09, 2024 at 06:09 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederick D. Baxter.*



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September 09, 2024 at 04:56 PM

KB

“ *Karla, Hunter and Brett purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Frederick D. Baxter.*

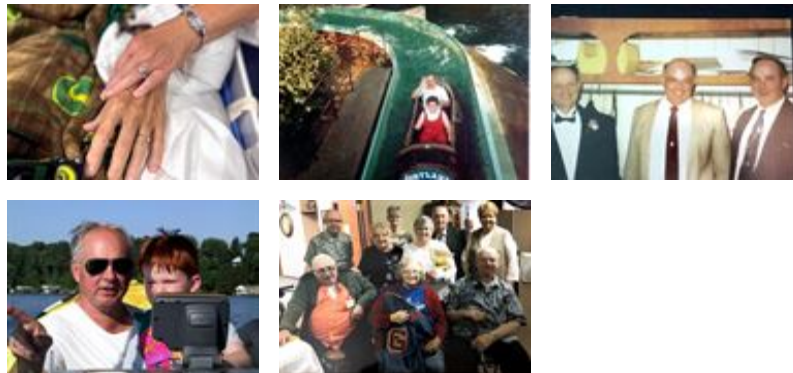


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**Karla, Hunter and Brett** - September 09, 2024 at 01:06 PM



“ *57 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - September 09, 2024 at 10:48 AM

JB

“ *Jennifer Mootz and Michelle Bergeland. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Frederick D. Baxter.*



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**Jennifer Mootz and Michelle Bergeland.** - September 08, 2024 at 03:53 PM

RS

“ Rick and Sarah purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Frederick D. Baxter.



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**Rick and Sarah** - September 08, 2024 at 10:20 AM

RS

“ Rick and Sarah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick D. Baxter.

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**Rick and Sarah** - September 08, 2024 at 10:20 AM

BT

“ Our thoughts and prayers to Pat and family. Fred was a great person. Cousins Rich and Barb Timpe



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**Barb Timpe** - September 07, 2024 at 08:42 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Frederick D. Baxter.



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September 07, 2024 at 05:06 PM

KH

“ I loved growing up by Uncle Fred and Aunt Pat. For years I didn't know they were my great Uncle and great Aunt because their house and arms were always open to me and my family. I remember fondly the smell of pine walking into their house near the farm, playing Lincoln logs downstairs in the basement or sitting at the kitchen table munching on candy corn Aunt Pat had stocked up year round it seemed. When I was old enough, I began to work at the farm with my sister and we would have break with dad and Uncle Fred always had his Diet Rite and ritz crackers to share. He always had a joke or two, a hug, and a wise piece of advice to offer no matter your dilemma. Floods of memories return from those formative years including countless conversations on their front porch in the dead of winter because us kids would beg to "go the long way home from church to see Uncle Fred's Christmas lights" and when we would pull up and honk, Aunt Pat and Uncle Fred would throw on their slippers and walk out to the car to see us kids and make us feel so special.

*My heart hurts that Uncle Fred is no longer with us, but I know he's just beginning his greatest task yet... decorating all of heaven with lights to welcome us all home someday soon!! ❤️❤️*

*I love you all and pray for peace these next days as you say goodbye to such a wonderful man. All my love, Kadie*

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**Kadie Hooley** - September 07, 2024 at 03:54 PM

DT

“ Debra tribbett purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Frederick D. Baxter.



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**Debra tribbett** - September 07, 2024 at 10:14 AM

DT

“ Debra tribbett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick D. Baxter.

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**Debra tribbett** - September 07, 2024 at 10:14 AM

JC

“ James and Mary Cull purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Frederick D. Baxter.



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**James and Mary Cull** - September 06, 2024 at 09:25 PM