



Sara Ann Baker

July 4, 1963 - November 14, 2023

Sara Ann Baker (Van Vuren), age 60, of Centerville, IA, formerly of Grand Island, NE, passed away on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

Sara was born on July 4, 1963, in Grand Island, NE, to Edward Van Vuren and Sharon (Lewton) Trampe. She was raised by Ronald and Sharon Trampe and graduated from Grand Island Sr. High in 1982. Sara then attended Wayne State College, graduating in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Sara was blessed with 2 sons, Cameron and Caleb.

Sara began her career in the Human Services field at the Department of Health and Human Services in Nebraska, before moving to Iowa in 2000 and working for the Iowa Department of Human Services. She held various positions including social worker, adoption worker, CPW (Child Protective Worker) and most recently, supervisor. Throughout her career, she devoted her time to many different projects, such as being Supervisor for Family Treatment Court, Parent-Partner Liaison, and working with the Protect and Connect Team as well as the Equity Team. Sara had a very strong work ethic. She was very kind, compassionate and generous and dedicated her life to helping others.

Sara enjoyed being outdoors and fishing. She also enjoyed playing Pitch and Cribbage with her family. Sara loved to spend time visiting with her friends and

family. Sara's true joy in life was being a devoted mother to Cameron and Caleb. She never missed an event of theirs, no matter how far she had to travel to get there. She was a very proud grandmother, loving daughter, caring sister, and loyal friend who will be missed by many.

Sara is survived by 2 sons, Cameron Baker and Caleb (Katie) Baker; 2 grandchildren, Rory and Reese Baker; a sister, Cindy (Mark) Dardis; and 2 brothers, Brett Van Vuren and Travis Trampe. Sara is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, good friends, and her work family.

Sara was preceded in death by her parents, Edward VanVuren and Ronald and Sharon Trampe; a sister, Kristi Van Vuren; an aunt, Velma (Sam) Highley; and an uncle, David Brabander.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 19, 2023, at Albia Golf, 300 N Country Club Rd., Albia, IA 52531.

Burial will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at Westlawn Memorial Cemetery in Grand Island, NE.

An open memorial has been established to be determined at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery

3826 W. Stolley Park Road
Grand Island, NE 68803

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **19**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Albia Golf
300 N Country Club Road
Albia, IA 52531

Tribute Wall

DD

“ *Delaney D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sara Ann Baker.*

Delaney D. - November 18, 2023 at 12:20 PM

LK

“ *Love to you both! The Kirkpatricks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sara Ann Baker.*

Love to you both! The Kirkpatricks - November 17, 2023 at 05:45 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Sara Ann Baker.*



November 17, 2023 at 05:45 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sara Ann Baker.*



November 17, 2023 at 04:00 PM

OT

“ *Ottumwa Four Oaks Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sara Ann Baker.*



Ottumwa Four Oaks Team - November 17, 2023 at 03:30 PM

DD

“ *Sara was a very compassionate and dedicated person you could call out at anytime of day. She had a hand in the adoption of two of my grandchildren. I worked for the Sheriff's Office and enjoyed working with her. Saddened by her passing, she will be missed by many.*

Dennis Daniels - November 17, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sara Ann Baker.*



November 17, 2023 at 12:54 PM

NG

“ *I am deeply saddened to learn of Sara's passing. For many many years we worked together as I responded to and worked on child abuse cases. Sara was so receptive to whatever needed to be done for the care & protection of children. I was blessed to have such a capable and compassionate friend and leader all those years. I have always had the utmost respect for Sara. I was privileged to know her.*

Nell Gates - November 17, 2023 at 11:54 AM

PG

Sara was definitely one of the good ones. What a wonderful person and the lives she touched!!!! She will be missed by many!

Paula Gordy - November 18, 2023 at 06:09 PM

YR

“ *Your Ohio/Indiana Relatives purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Sara Ann Baker.*



Your Ohio/Indiana Relatives - November 17, 2023 at 11:29 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Sara Ann Baker.*



November 17, 2023 at 11:06 AM

JM

“ *Jeff and Sherry McLeod purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sara Ann Baker.*



Jeff and Sherry McLeod - November 17, 2023 at 08:07 AM

JM

“ *Jeff and Sherry McLeod planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sara Ann Baker.*

Jeff and Sherry McLeod - November 17, 2023 at 08:07 AM

CA

“ Our prayers to the family. We are so sorry to hear of Sara's passing. She was great to work with and was a great example showing her passion to help others.



Chuck Allen - November 16, 2023 at 03:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sara Ann Baker.



November 16, 2023 at 02:21 PM

GA

“ Our condolences Caleb & Cameron and the rest of the family. Sara was such a great friend and colleague. Her passion to help, her fearless attitude to do the right thing, and friendship will be greatly missed. GOD SPEED my friend.
Sheriff Anderson

Gary Anderson - November 16, 2023 at 02:02 PM

JB

“ Sara was such a supportive, sweet, tough, and beautiful person. I will never forget how helpful she was in my life. Prayers to the family.

Joni Belzer - November 16, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *Your YMCA of the Pines family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sara Ann Baker.*

Your YMCA of the Pines family. - November 16, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sara Ann Baker.*



November 16, 2023 at 12:40 PM