



## Harriet "Happy" Baker

February 26, 1920 - February 27, 2004

Harriet Mayhew "Happy" Smith Baker, 84, of Newton, New Hampshire, formerly of Berlin, CT, died Friday February 27, 2004 in Newton. She was the widow of Lawrence Porter Baker, who died in 1990. Born in Boston, Mass., daughter of the late Hariph and Susan Murdock Smith, she lived in Berlin from 1943 to 1995, until moving to Newton to live with her son. A graduate of Northfield Seminary in Northfield, Mass., she graduated from Bryant College in 1939. "Happy" was librarian at the Berlin Public Library and later Peck Memorial Library in Kensington, retiring in 1984. She was a member of Berlin Congregational Church; Willard-Welles-Stanley Chapter, DAR; the Monday Night Club; Berlin Garden Club; and a former Den Mother for the Cub Scouts, all in Berlin.

Surviving is her son, James M. Baker with whom she lived; a sister, Priscella Cranshaw of Winthrop, Maine; a grandson, Reese Baker of Gill, Mass; several nieces and nephews. Besides her husband, she was predeceased by two sons, Steven Baker and Gregory Baker.

Funeral services are Tuesday 2 PM at Berlin Congregational Church, 878 Worthington Ridge, Berlin, CT. Burial will follow in West Lane Cemetery, Kensington, CT. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to Berlin Congregational church, 878 Worthington Ridge, Berlin, CT 06037 or to Rockingham Hospice, 137 Epping Road, Exeter, N.H. 03833. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain, CT is in charge of arrangements. Please share a memory of "Happy" with her family on our online guestbook by clicking on

"Guestbook" at the bottom of the page.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Jim,

*What a shock to pick up the Herald of read of your dear mother's passing.*

*Dad Kip Benson joins me in sharing the following moments in time with Happy.*

*Everyonce in awhile, Mom and Dad would get calls from Happy wishing everyone well. She loved calling me too. Especially after we had sold the house and she moved to NH with you,*

*she'd call to check in on "Chrissi".I was thrilled when she gifted me with a beautiful mirror that I have hanging in my dining room. Her memory will forever be in my heart everytime I look in that mirror. Her love of life, sense of humor, fortitude and giving heart we shall always remember. How I loved hearing the stories of the "old men" in the nursing home that she'd visit - I won't share here on-line what she expressed to me but it was hilarious as you can imagine! She was a woman and mother of great courage having lost two sons. I shared her grief, myself having lost an infant and we talked about it one day. She was an inspiration to me. We found that our faith sustained us and I know that Friday, February 27, 2004 was indeed a beautiful day in Heaven when she will at last be with your dad, Steve and Gregory.*

*Please know we will keep you close in thought and prayers. Dad and I will be at the memorial service on Tuesday.*

*If there's anything I can do for you, please let me know.*

*Love, Chrissi & Kip*

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**Chris Benson Solek** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM