



William F. "Bill" Baker, 86 of Decatur, died on Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at Adams Memorial Hospital-ECU. Bill was born on July 2, 1924 in Decatur, Indiana to the late Fred E. and Amelia R. (Kohne) Baker. He married Mildred I. "Millie" Blythe on February 19, 1944 and she died July 23, 2001. He married his second wife L. Marie Schwartz on October 7, 2006.

Bill was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, the Holy Name Society. He was a member of the Knight of Columbus and Moose Lodge 1311. He was a former City Councilman, County Commissioner and was on the Adams Memorial Hospital Board. He was one of the original founders of the Decatur Baseball League and was Vice President when Rube Wynn field was built. Bill coached for over 20 years with the youth leagues. He was an avid outdoorsman and sports fan. Bill established Baker and Sons Plumbing in 1965.

He is survived by his wife L. Marie Baker of Decatur; three sons Mike (Mary) Baker of Decatur, Denny (Susie) Baker of Coldwater, MI, Greg (Ann) Baker of Decatur; a daughter Sandy (Ron) Hirschy of Decatur; two sisters Alice Fullenkamp and Lucy Filips both of Decatur; a step daughter Claudia Rider of Indianapolis; 14 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and 3 step grandchildren. Bill is preceded in death by a granddaughter, four brothers and a sister.

Visitation will be from 11-5 p.m. on Sunday, February 6, 2011 at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home with reciting of the Holy Rosary at 5:00 p.m. A 9:50 Prayer service will be on Monday, Feb. 7th at the funeral home, followed by a 10:30 Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. Father David Voors will be officiating and burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Church or Decatur Baseball League.

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