



## Molly A. Baker

May 6, 1930 - March 5, 2023

Molly Angela Baker, 92, of Saugatuck, MI and Key Largo, FL passed away on March 5th, 2023.

Molly was born on May 6, 1930 to Marion and Angela Buttles in Zeeland, MI. She and her twin, Mary, were the first twins born in Zeeland Hospital. After graduating from Holland High School and then Hope College, she taught school before raising her children.

She knew her husband, William "Bill" Baker, since they were in the same grade together in Holland High School. They wed in 1955 at Hope Church, going on to raise 2 children, Chris Baker and Maggie Conklin. They were members of The First Congregational Church of Saugatuck since they moved to Saugatuck in 1970.

Molly loved to travel and spent time on 6 of the 7 continents. Some of her favorite places were Alaska, The Bahamas, Italy, Kenya, Ireland, and Mackinac Island, but she always loved Saugatuck best.

Molly was a passionate painter, and many lucky people have one or more of her watercolor or oil paintings. She won many art awards over the years and enjoyed going to destination art workshops around the U.S. and Europe.

Molly was predeceased by her parents, Marion and Angela Buttles; and sister, Mary Jordan. She is survived by her husband, Bill Baker; children, Chris Baker and Maggie (Ron) Conklin; several step-grandchildren; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Burial will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery with a private graveside service. A

public visitation is being planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of Holland. Arrangements are by Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home and condolences may be left online at [www.langelandsterenbergh.com](http://www.langelandsterenbergh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Pilgrim Home Cemetery**

370 E. 16th St.  
Holland, MI 49423

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

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“ I have known Molly and Mary my entire life. Their parents and mine were best friends. I remember one time going to the gas station to fill her car (I can't remember what kind) and it only took 50 cents to fill it and neither she or I had enough money to fill it. I have way too many memories with the Buttles to share them. You will be missed Molly by many many friends. RIP

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**Norma L Colvin** - March 09, 2023 at 05:15 PM

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“ Molly Baker a truly wonderful person who I have 3 decades of memories. Hundreds of Green Turtle, Saugatuck and dinners out . Molly was the best host most fun genuine person in the world! Thank you Molly & Bill for everything you did for me.  
And yes I do have one Molly Baker original painting which will hang in my office forever!  
Cheers Molly  
Greg Christensen

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**Greg Christensen** - March 09, 2023 at 09:53 AM

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“ Our hearts are full with many wonderful memories and it’s hard to choose just one. Our adventures together ranged from Green Turtle Cay, Bahamas, Key Largo, Florida to Port Protection, Alaska and back home to Saugatuck, Michigan. Molly was a generous soul that shared her life, home and love with many and we were fortunate to be in her life. Dinners at her home on Green Turtle included the music from *The Big Chill* and Harry Belafonte at Carnegie Hall, Jenga game, fresh fish and the Bill and Molly show in the kitchen guaranteed to make you laugh. The recipes and music she shared have stood the test of time with our family and dinner together always includes some Belafonte music. Molly also saved our 25th wedding anniversary following a disastrous stay at a Key West rental property when we phoned her and desperately asked, “Mom, can we come home”. She laughed and asked what time we’d be there, welcoming us with open arms, a good meal and a soft bed. Then, there was the 50th anniversary party in Port Protection where we met all the wonderful neighbors and friends that flew from around the world to be there for the celebration which included serenading musicians, meals of King and Dungeness crab, storytelling, fishing and beach parties. Everyone in attendance was treated as royalty and the memories live on. Thank you Molly for sharing your life with us, you will be missed.



Liz and Dave Engel - March 08, 2023 at 10:42 AM

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*She was an amazing lady.*

Debra Dalmm - March 08, 2023 at 11:16 AM

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“Hard to hear that this dynamic, funny, stubborn, talented woman is gone!! One of my favorite memories is after spending some time with Molly and Maggie, I sent flowers as a Thank You. Within days, a gift was sent to me (which I still have), and Maggie told me “you can’t out-give Molly Baker!” 😊 Amazing woman.

Molly Schief - March 08, 2023 at 10:16 AM



“Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Molly A. Baker.



March 08, 2023 at 08:15 AM