



Mary Jane Hudson Baxter

February 1, 1928 - December 10, 2025

Mary Jane Hudson Baxter, known to many as Jane, 97, of Bloomfield, Indiana, passed away peacefully at home on December 10, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Bloomington, Indiana, on February 1, 1928, to Lois (née Hanna) and Douglas Hudson. Jane graduated from Bloomington High School in 1945, raised four loving daughters, and worked for Indiana Bell. A natural leader, she became active in Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local 4818, serving the local in several positions, including president for 37 years. She enjoyed collecting and refinishing antique furniture and baking delicious pies for her family.

Jane is survived by her four daughters, Mary Jane Baxter, Carol Lynn Baxter, Susan Fleming (late Gerald “Jerry” Fleming), and Betsy (Karl) Stevens; her two grandsons, Nicholas and Montgomery Stevens; one sister, Carol De Saint Victor (late Pierre De Saint Victor); three nieces; and one nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Richard “Dick” Hudson (late Betty Hudson).

Jane was a truly remarkable woman with a heart big enough to hold so many, and whose love shaped generations. She was witty, funny, and often downright hilarious, with a sharp sense of humor and perfect timing that could light up any room. She did not worry about what others thought and lived life entirely on her own terms, always encouraging others to do the same.

Her legacy lives on in the family she loved so deeply, in the lives she protected and advocated for, and in the many stories that will be told for

generations. She taught those around her to be brave, to speak up, to laugh often, and to stand firm in what they believe. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who were lucky enough to know her.

A celebration of Jane's life will be held on March 21, 2026, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Indiana Memorial Union, Frangipani Room, 900 E. 7th Street, Bloomington, Indiana. Memorial remarks will begin shortly after 1:00 p.m., followed by an open house from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Community Kitchen of Monroe County ^[1]_[SEP] <https://www.monroecommunitykitchen.com/>

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 has been entrusted with the arrangements and online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life- Frangipani Room

MAR **21**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Indiana Memorial Union
900 E 7th St
Bloomington, IN 47405
(812) 856-6381

Celebration of Life Gathering

MAR **21**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

Frangipani Room at Indiana Memorial Union

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Jane Hudson Baxter.

March 17 at 03:17 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Hudson Baxter.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Jane Hudson Baxter.

March 12 at 01:10 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Hudson Baxter.



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TS

“ Jane was a force of nature. She was formidable in the protection of her family and fellow union members, yet once sure of your good intentions, she was a fierce and loyal friend. She leaves a huge loss in our hearts and a staggering legacy. My deepest condolences to her family, friends and colleagues.

T Santora - January 09 at 08:47 PM

LU

“ Jane was the epitome of the tough women operators that built the CWA. She always spoke her mind and spoke truth to power. I valued her help and support so much.

Laura Unger - January 09 at 12:31 PM

DT

“ I remember Jane fondly and the same for her daughter, both with whom I served our CWA members. May she rest in peace. May her family forever celebrate her life and her many contributions to humanity. Don Treinen

Donald Treinen - January 08 at 06:06 AM

LC

“ Jane Baxter inspired thousands of members across our union, the Communications Workers of America. For decades I had the privilege of working with Jane, and her wonderful daughter Susan, not only representing our members, but organizing new members including IU, and in community and political action. Jane never avoided doing the right thing and getting others to follow, even if the rich and powerful disagreed. Her memory will always be a blessing.

Larry Cohen - January 07 at 11:26 PM

NM

“ *Love and condolences to the family, may my girlfriend rest in peace. She lived a full life!* ”

Nick McCammon - January 05 at 10:56 AM

DG

My thoughts are with you at this time of loss. What a great woman and union leader she was.

Debbie Goldman - January 08 at 02:27 AM