

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

*2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art
with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.*

*6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house
of the LORD for ever.*



**While processing to the cemetery, please be
sure to turn on your lights and hazards!**

In Loving Memory of



*Bobbie Ann
Balke*

December 24, 1933

August 5, 2024

Bobbie Ann Balke

Bobbie Ann Balke, 90, of Sedalia, MO, passed away on Monday, August 5, 2024, at E.W. Thompson Health and Rehab in Sedalia. She was born on December 24, 1933, in Boonville, MO, the daughter of Ray Cooper and Eunice (Walters), who preceded her in death.

On August 29, 1975, in Sedalia, MO, she was united in marriage to Merlin Herbert William Balke, who preceded her in death on January 23, 2024.

Bobbie was an active member of Calvary Baptist Church for 55 years, serving as a Sunday school teacher, children's church leader, puppet ministry founder, and vacation bible school director for many years. Additionally, she was a scout leader for boys and girls. She also volunteered for Citizens Against Spousal Abuse for many years.

Bobbie worked as a bookkeeper for Pittsburgh Corning and a manager for Olsen West and Saddlewood, where she coordinated many social activities and was described as a 'people person.'

Bobbie blessed her family with epic Easter treat hunts and celebrations for all major holidays. Her love for children was evident in many ways and never lessened, even in the end when she cherished visits from daycare children at E. W. Thompson.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Merlin Balke; son, Steve Wittman; and brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Karen Cooper.

She is survived by a son, Brent Wittman; daughters, Julie (Mark) Nauser and LeAnn Wittman; stepchildren, Danny Balke, Jerry (MeLisa), Kathy (Steve) Heineman, and Scott (Agnes) Balke; grandchildren, Aaron Balke, Tara Hubbard, Austin Wittman, Andrew Heineman, Mindy Fox, Chelsea Weyrauch, Ayla Dillon, Zoë Weber, and Daniel and Nathaniel Balke; seven great-grandchildren, Gage, Zane, Etta, Ellee, Jude, Jubilee, and Aysa; and her best friend, Virginia Robinson.

Bobbie's spirit of generosity and fun-loving approach to all things will be missed by many.

The family wishes to thank E. W. Thompson Health and Rehab Center for their compassionate care for the last four years.

Funeral Service

11:00 a.m., Friday, August 16, 2024
Calvary Baptist Church, Sedalia, MO

Officiant

Pastor Jonathan Wallenbeck

Eulogist

Zoe Weber, Chelsea Weyrauch

Reading of the Obituary

Aaron Balke

Special Music

"I'll Fly Away"

"Because He Lives"

"Will The Circle Be Unbroken"

"The River" - Video Tribute

Entombment

Memorial Park Cemetery, Sedalia, MO

Pallbearers

Aaron Balke, Austin Wittman, Mike McAtee, Gage Mayhew

Daniel Balke, Andrew Heineman, Zane Lohofener

Memorial Contributions

E. W. Thompson Health and Rehab
Calvary Baptist Church