

Italian Tribune Publisher Marlene Baker Passes

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active member of Boys Towns of Italy for many years and served as publicity chairman as well as banquet chairman for the group's annual banquet.

She was a member of the San Francisco Church Missionary Orphan's Club, the Italian American Cultural Society and Sons of Italy Metro Detroit New Era Lodge #336. In addition, she was a member of the Americans of Italian Origin Society and the Italian Sons and Daughters of America.

Mrs. Baker has enjoyed singing throughout her life and was a member of the Rackham Symphony Choir, the church choir at Our Lady of Refuge in Orchard Lake and the choir at St. Peter's Church in Mt. Clemens.


Since she was diagnosed with cancer in 2001, Marlene felt it was her mission in life to encourage and support others who were also faced with the illness. It was not

uncommon to see her spending hours at a time on the phone comforting someone who had just been diagnosed with the disease. She felt that it was her calling to provide hope to others.

Marlene loved to travel and she and her husband Ed ran a travel agency for several decades. They would frequently jet off to San Francisco, Hawaii, San Diego or Italy. In later years, her favorite travel destinations were Atlantic City and Las Vegas.

She was married to Edward M. Baker for 47 years until his death in 2004. She is survived by two daughters, Marilyn (Bill) Borner, and Pamela (Jim) White; three grandchildren, Daniel (Jessica) Kammer, Linda Kammer and Chet Baker White; her two brothers George Vidusic and Jack (Barbara) Vidusic and many loving nephews, nieces and cousins. She is pre-deceased by her parents Lena (nee Schneider) and Anton Vidusic.

Visitations were held at Wujek-Calcaterra Funeral Home, with a Funeral Mass at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Mt. Clemens. She is buried in Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery in Southfield.



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THE ITALIAN TRIBUNE

LET IT BE KNOWN, That it is with deep appreciation of the significance of this milestone that we commend The Italian Tribune as they mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of this exemplary name. We are proud to recognize the important role that this enterprise has played in contributing to both economic well-being of the area and the lives of countless Italian citizens.

In looking back over 100 years of the Italian Tribune's history, it is clear that this name has set its course with a continuing look to the future. We are grateful for all of the time that the Italian Tribune has contributed. The Italian Tribune has been and will continue to be a voice for the Italian-American Community and a record of Italian-American accomplishments.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, Therefore, This document is signed and dedicated to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Italian Tribune and to the people that have contributed to its success. We salute the Italian Community on this happy occasion and wish them continued success in promoting Italian heritage, education and culture for years to come.

Kim Meltzer, State Representative
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