



## Oneta Baggett

June 26, 1943 - March 13, 2020

Baggett, Oneta March 13, 2020 age 76 of Westland. Beloved wife of Nicholas for 57 years. Loving mother of Norman (Leilani), Steven (Wendy), Lucinda Baggett (Ronald Osborne) and Melissa Sullivan (Mitch Piner). Proud grandmother of eleven and great grandmother of two. Dear sister of David (Linda) Way and Alma (Neal) Chaffin. Visitation Friday, March 20th 1-9 PM and 7 PM Funeral Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill) Westland. Memorial contributions may be made to Sunset Church of Christ, 24800 Ecorse Road, Taylor, MI 48180.

Oneta was born June 26, 1943 to Bennie and Beulah Way in Taylor, Michigan. Her four older brothers - Delane, Von, Aubron and Jack were born in Tennessee and the family moved to Taylor when Jack was a newborn in October, 1939. Soon they bought a small house on Princess street and that is where Mom grew up. Within four years she had two younger brothers - Ray and David (Linda) Way. Ray was just 19 months younger. He got cancer and died when he was 11 and she was 13. Soon the final Way child was born. Mom often said Alma Chaffin was "her baby." The Way kids were very involved with the Beech Daly Church youth group as the family had a very strong tradition of faith that carried all through Mom's life. Shortly after Mom graduated in 1961, she was invited on a double date with a young man named Nick Baggett from the Plymouth congregation. The next year June 2, 1962 they were married at the Van Born congregation. They lived in rentals and

apartments while Nick, a licensed barber worked in Plymouth, Northville, Taylor and finally Ypsilanti. Mom had some part time work at a soda fountain in Plymouth, but in early 1963 quit with bad morning sickness. Norm Baggett was born at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn November 8, 1963. The next year when they found out they were expecting me Pops knew he needed a better job and was hired by Ford Motor Livonia transmission. The required physical showed a hernia, so he had to get that taken care of before he started. The little family rented a small house in Belleville when I was born in Ypsilanti April 22, 1965. Pops soon started at Ford in March of 1966 they bought a small three-bedroom house on Oregon Street in Westland wanting to be around the middle of the Baggetts in Plymouth and the Ways in Taylor. About this time the Van Born congregation built a new building on Ecorse in Taylor and named it Sunset Church of Christ. They chose a neutral name thinking if they outgrew the facility, they could keep the name. The Baggetts worshiped there other than a brief time in the 80s when they went to Plymouth hoping for a better youth group for the girls. Mom had another pregnancy circa 1967 but miscarried the baby. Then Lucinda Faye was born June 15, 1970. Mom had another pregnancy circa 1972 that she miscarried and soon her doctor started a discussion about a hysterectomy. Late in 1973 Mom agreed and at her final prep appointment the doctor informed her they couldn't because she was pregnant! Melissa Sullivan was born August 10, 1974 and completed the family. Mom, like her mother was what I call a "church alto." If you ever attended a service or singing when either was present... you knew it. They had no technical musical training other than hearing other altos singing in church and maybe following the notes up or down in the music. I will miss her beautiful voice and hope to hear it again on the other side. If anyone ever compliments my singing, I always give credit to God and Mom. Mom loved to cook and care for her family. Relatives, friends and neighbors often enjoyed her cooking. Many especially liked her chocolate peanut butter fudge. In the 80s Mom worked some part time caring for the elderly in Wayne. Mom's dad Bennie died April 11, 1974 when our family made a surprise visit to Tennessee

where they had retired. Grandma died June 1, 1978 also from a massive heart attack. Mom's four older brothers have also passed with Von leaving us two months ago. In a recent phone call with Von Mom said "I beat you" because she was sure she was going first.

See you on the other side Mom. Love and miss you already To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **20**. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland  
980 North Newburgh Road  
Westland, MI 48185  
(734) 326-1300  
westland@vermeulenfh.com

## Funeral Service

MAR **20**. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Oneta Baggett*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I remember having dinner and playing cards with your Mom. She was a great cook , a very gracious host ( always gave us snacks), and a good card player. She will be missed a great deal. I praise God that she is no longer in pain and is heaven with Him.*

**Anne Fisher** - March 20, 2020 at 08:18 PM



“ *Neta a strong and loving wife, mother, friend and Christian will be so deeply missed. She had so many talents singing, cooking, baking and always keeping a clean house with 4 kids to name a few. I loved hearing her sing at church. I have so many great memories of her and the Baggett family. Praying for all of you to help you through this sad and difficult time.*

**Cheri Boron** - March 20, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ *I'll never forget Neta's home made fudge, sugar cookies, pot roast, and her amazing alto voice! She was a pillar in the church and was an inspiration to us kids growing up. She had a love for family, friends, and her Lord and savior Jesus Christ. You can bet that she is lead alto in the angel choir in Heaven. Love Scott Foidl*

**Scott Foidl** - March 19, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Oneta Baggett.*



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March 18, 2020 at 08:10 PM



“ *As families go, we were close! The Baggetts and Foidls spent many good and loving hours together. Our kids grew up together and we did many things together from worship to Cedar Point to just playing cards and the kids playing. We love you all and are so sorry we are in quarantine at this time, but our thoughts, prayers and love is with your family always! Frankie and Alan Foidl*

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**Alan Foidl** - March 18, 2020 at 01:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Oneta Baggett.*



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March 17, 2020 at 06:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Oneta Baggett.*



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March 16, 2020 at 11:28 AM

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“ Sheri Reddy lit a candle in memory of Oneta Baggett



Sheri Reddy - March 16, 2020 at 12:43 AM

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*Dear Family. So many gifts our Sweet Aunt Oneta Wife Mother, Grandmother friend , and Church of Christ member she has left all of us. Her faith in God and the Love of her Church always made her smile light up and her joyous spirit was contagious in singing for our Lord and getting to know him. I'll always remember the sound of her voice growing up from a very small child to know Love and enjoy as a older adult. As her niece I thank God for her gifts of many laughs good food and fellowship. Her fudge we literally use to fight over growing up. It was the Best. She also enjoyed her famous Elvis Presley , and computer games. But mostly the Love of all her Children, Husband grandchildren, family, and friends filled her spirit up and made her happy. Have fun in Heaven with your brother Jack and other family members that have passed. I'm glad you can breathe better and feel no sickness. In your new found Glory you deserve. To all my cousins and her Sweet Husband Uncle Nick , Norman Steve Cindy and Lisa grandchildren and relatives, friends and church members her loss will be missed. Until we are all together in Heaven let's take all her gifts good memories her Beautiful Smile and move forward to honor her everyday. With Love, your niece , Sheri*

Sheri Reddy - March 16, 2020 at 01:10 AM

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*Such great memories of our long association with all this family. I always felt like you all were a part of my family. She was always so supportive of my work. I remember my last visit with her and Nick when I was there on my book tour. Wish We could have been there for the funeral. There will always be an empty seat that no one else can fill. We all look forward to that great resurrection day, when by God's Marvelous Grace we will be welcomed into that place He has prepared for those who love and serve Him. 'Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.' Ray Pippin*

Ray Pippin - March 21, 2020 at 03:46 PM

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“ *MY thoughts and prayers go out to the Nick and family. I can remember sitting behind Oneta in church and listening to her sing. Thought she had the most beautiful voice and always wished I could sing like her. She was a great lady. Love to all of you.*

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**Joanne S Pelletier** - March 15, 2020 at 08:54 PM