

**JANELLE IRENE BAKER**



Janelle Irene Baker, of Hilliard, ascended to her heavenly home Friday, March 29, 2024. She was born December 16, 1949 in Niagara Falls, New York, to Harry and Diane (Lehman) Brown. Janelle was married to John Baker. She has two sons Darien and Wesley, from a previous marriage. She was a devoted Christian who loved her Lord and family. She was a truck driver; then worked at Head Start in Callahan; and at JTA as a bus driver.

She is survived by her children Darien Frank Smith and Wesley Ryan Smith; husband John Baker; grandchildren Darien Frank Smith, Jr., Haley (Joseph Sayler), Wesley Ryan Smith, II, Christian Michael Smith and Abigail Smith; siblings Patsy Brown, Christopher Lee (Kathy) Brown, Donna B. Sapp, John Raines, Matthew (Rhonda) Brown, Cheryl A. Betts and Lynette (Teddy) Modlin; and nieces and nephews Kimberly Brown Ralich, Stefanie Brown, Steven (Buddy) Paul Brown, Alex (Anastasia) Brown, Rebecca Brown, Reg Lewis, Carrol Driggers, Morgan Betts, Thomas Modlin and Michelle (Blaine) Shine; and great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; grandchild Lacey Smith; siblings Steve Brown and Judy Raines; and brother-in-law Tommy Sapp.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, April 21 at 2 p.m. at Shirley D. Brown Cemetery, 2491 Ruby Drive, Hilliard, with Pastor Benjie Loyd officiating.