

Thomas "Tom" Baker Jr., son of Thomas Sr. (1883-1964) and Hazel (Raymond) (1893-1953) Baker, was born 18 February 1928 Piqua, Miami

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BAKER—Thomas Baker, Jr., fireman first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baker, R. 4, Mason, has visited New York city while serving aboard the submarine USS Raton. The Raton, launched January 24, 1943, took her initial or "shake-down" cruise to the Panama Canal zone and later joined the Seventh Fleet. During the seven war patrols that she made, the Raton was credited with sinking 22 ships totaling 115,512 tons and damaging seven ships totaling 51,500 tons. She was awarded the navy unit citation for her sixth and most successful war patrol.

County, Ohio. Tom served in the US Navy at the end of World War II, 1946-1947. Upon honorable military discharge, with the rank of Navy Fireman 1st Class, Tom resumed his high school education and graduated in 1948 from Okemos High School.

Tom married 15 January 1949 Virginia Clara Pegham. They divorced in 1955. He later wed a lady named Evelyn.

Tom died 28 June 2013, inurnment unknown.

Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes

Thomas Baker, Jr. Laingsburg, formerly of Okemos

Died June 28, 2013 at the age of 85. Tom was born February 18, 1928 in Piqua, Ohio to Thomas and Hazel (Raymond) Baker. Surviving are his wife Evelyn; three daughters, Kenda Shaver, Tomla (Keith) Kleinsmith and Sandy Baker; four sons, Kevin (Monica), Tommy G., David (Julie) and Randy; five grand children, Frankie, Joshua, Kristen, Rachel and Jacob.



The funeral service will be held Tuesday, July 2, 2013, 11:00 a.m. at Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes, 1730 East Grand River Ave, East Lansing. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Contributions

may be made to the Laingsburg United Methodist Church, 214 N. Crum, Laingsburg, MI 48848 in memory of Tom.