

MARGE BAKER OBIT---Marge was born November 30th 1932, to Louis and Clara Rotman. Her parents traveled by dog team from Selawik to Kotzebue where she was born. Marge had wonderful memories of her childhood in Selawik where she attended grade school. Her parents operated Rotman's store in Selawik and Kotz. Marge attended boarding school in Seattle, Washington with her sisters Sally and June. She graduated high school from Holy Names Academy in Seattle.

On February 21st, 1957, she married Robert Bob Baker and they spent their honeymoon in Mexico. They made their home in Kotzebue where they raised their 7 children. Together they started Baker Aviation in 1964. 4 years later when Bob died, Marge continued to grow the business. She became the first woman to own and operate an airline in Alaska. A successful businesswoman, Marge ran the air taxi with her heart. She was a model business leader who cared for the people she served in Arctic Alaska. She looked forward to going to work each day and particularly enjoyed visits with everyone who traveled with Baker Aviation. Marge was a member of the Alaska Air Carriers association, served on the board of directors of the NANA regional corporation and Kotzebue Electric Association and served as Kotzebue station manager for Alaska Airlines. She loved to travel with family and friends, Marge treasured having people around her kitchen table for a conversation and a meal. Always a gracious host, Marge welcomed people into her home and family. Marge died peacefully while on holiday with her family at the home of her daughter in Punta Mita, Mexico on December 24th 2011.