**WILLIAM J. BAKER
1923-1964**

**FAMILY HISTORY:
William J. Baker was born on September 2, 1923 in Cohoes, New York.  William was the son of William Baker and Bertha (Martel) Baker and brother of Mr. Floyd Baker, Mr. Charles Picard, Mrs. Albert Mincher, Mrs. Ernest Carey- Francis and Mrs. Roger Landry.  William grew up in Cohoes and later lived in Grafton where he passed away.**

**EDUCATION:
William attended Cohoes Elementary School from Kindergarten to Sixth Grade.**

**HISTORY:
William served in the United States Army during World War II.  He began his active duty on January 21, 1943.  The battles that William served in were Ardennes, Central Europe and Rhineland.  William was the recipient of a Lapel Button, American Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and European African Middle Eastern Service Medal.  He was honorably discharged on November 15, 1945.  On November 21, 1964 William was killed by a gunshot wound to the head while target shooting.**

**PERSONAL:
On June 23, 1946, William married Beulah (Owens) Baker.  William is survived by nine children; Eileen, Peggy, Antoinette, Beulah, Mary, Joan, Ruth, William Jr., and Wayne.  He was also the father of the late Patricia and Edward.  He is also survived by many grandchildren.**

**WORK EXPERIENCE:
William worked as a side grinder at the Green Island Plant of Marshall Eclipse, Division of Bendix Corp. for eleven years.  William was still working for Bendix when he passed away.**

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES /ORGANIZATIONS: William was a communicant of St. John Francis Regis Church of Grafton, New York.  He was a member of the VFW Post 6340 in Grafton, and the Grafton Volunteer Fire Co.  He was also a committeeman with the Boy Scout Troop 534.**