



Honorary Pallbearers

Ricky Baker "Mr. Ricky" • Archie Lang "June" • Cedrick Baker "Shorty"
Charles Fields "Poe Boy" • Phill Wall • Ethriam Bloomer "BoLeg"

Flower Bearers

Granddaughters and Great-Granddaughters

Interment

Memorial Park Cemetery
13400 North Kelley Avenue • Oklahoma City, OK 73131

Services under the direction of:

TEMPLE & SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.
2801 North Kelley Avenue • Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111
(405) 427-8321 • "We Care" — II Timothy 4:8

Family Repast:

Antioch Institutional Baptist Church
507 N. Bath Avenue • Oklahoma City, OK. 73117

Acknowledgment

The family of Deacon Louis C. Baker wishes to express our sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. We thank you for your personal visits, phone calls, cards, flowers, and every special gesture which has touched our hearts. Yours in Christ, the Baker Family.

A Homegoing Celebration *for* **Chief Master Sergeant USAF** *Louis Charles Baker* *"Deacon"*



SUNRISE
January 13, 1929

SUNSET
November 5, 2020

SERVICES

Thursday, November 12, 2020 — 2:00 p.m.
Viewing 1:30 p.m. — 2:00 p.m.

MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY

13400 N. Kelley Avenue • Oklahoma City, OK 73131

Pastor Craig Jones, *Officiating*
Reverend Marty Ford, *Eulogist*



Obituary

Louis Charles Baker was born on January 13, 1929 in Piedmont, Alabama to Viola and Cleveland Baker. Louis was one of fourteen children: Sisters (deceased): Lorine Baker Jenkins, Mozell Baker, Ruthie May Baker, Beth Joe Baker, Pauline Baker Marsh, Elizabeth Baker Tumlin, LeeAndra Baker Steward, Daisy Baker, and Ezell Baker and Brothers (deceased): Napoleon Baker, Olee B Baker, James Thomas Baker, and Bobby Baker.

Upon graduating from Bethune High School, May 26, 1950, Louis joined the United States Air Force, September 5, 1950, where he honorably and continued interest in the Defense of our Nation over thirty years. Retiring on the 11th day of May, 1985 as Chief Master Sergeant and Material Control Supervisor. During Louis' military career his service included the Vietnam War and the following tours: Thule Air Base, Greenland, Royal Air Force, Brize Norton England; Fairbanks, Alaska; Tundra Alaska. State side tours included: Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX; Keesler Air Force Base; Biloxi, Mississippi; Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah GA; McGuire Air Force Base Wright Town Jersey, Griffiss Air Force Base, Rome, New York and Tinker Air Force Base, Midwest City, Oklahoma. During Louis' career he received several honors and awards, but the one he treasured most was his Good Conduct Metal.

Louis married Margarine Blackwell 1950, to this union five children were born: Fredrick Charles Baker, Spencer, OK; Cynthia Bookman, Jacksonville, AL; Brenda (Butter) Joyce Fortune, Spencer, OK; Pamela Denise King, Cedar Town, GA; and Cedrick Bernard Baker, Jacksonville, AL (the marriage of Louis and Margarine was dissolved). In 1960, Louis married Alberta Freeman in Utica, New York. To that union, four children were born: Ricky (Mr. Ricky) Edward Baker, Dallas, TX; Dr. Denise (Dee Dee) Wall (Phill), Dallas, TX; Cedrick (Shorty) Bernard Baker (Darlene), Brisbane, Australia; and Patrick (Curly) Bernard Baker, deceased. Two additional sons from Alberta's previous marriage: Dr. William (Amanda) Oliver, Indianapolis Indiana and George Oliver (deceased).

For those who know Louis, he was respectfully called Sarg, Deacon, LC,...even at the bank they would salute him as he entered the lobby via walker aka his Cadillac. But we call him Daddy. Our Daddy believed in education and strong work ethics, working at least 2 jobs sometimes 3 to support his aspirations for his family serving as Maitre'd for Jamil's Steakhouse and The Grand; and of course our Griot of African American History or in his words "Negro" History at our family Bookstore Ancient Threads and 24x7 at 5312 N. Terry Ave.

Louis treasured his role of Deacon at Antioch Institutional Baptist Church and being a philanthropist (Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church, Inspirational Temple, Firefighters Association OKC, OKC Police Associations, Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association, City Library Association, and Patrick Baker Library Foundation.

Our Daddy was very proud of his children, if you thought you were going to stop by for a quick visit, you forgot about the tour of the Baker Museum that lasted at least sixty minutes. The tour also included a table setting for a 5 course meal. Our Father loved the Freemans, he had a deep respect and appreciate for their love of family and God.

Our Dad's interest included making Barbeque Ribs (no sauce needed), Frying Fish, making Greek Chicken, and his nightly steak. His love for music—Blues, Jazz, and R&B, you could stop by the Baker Family home and also hear a little "Knock at Midnight" by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. For a short period of time, Daddy and our neighbor Mr. Silas were Old School DJs for a local radio station.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his children; sixteen grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and members of Antioch Institutional Baptist Church.



Order of Service

Processional

Song Ms. Kim Jackson

Scripture Reading
Old and New Testament Pastor Craig Jones

Prayer Pastor Craig Jones

Obituary Reading in Silence

Song Ms. Kim Jackson

Resolutions/Cards/Acknowledgement Mr. Alan Washington

Eulogy Reverend Marty Ford

Family Remarks Granddaughters, Alberta D. Baker, Erica L. Cannon

Ceremonial Gun Salute Military Honor Guard

Prayer for My Dad

Dear God, I gratefully thank you for giving me my Dad,
You must really love me, 'cause you gave the best you had.
Watch over him and bless him Lord,
And keep him in your care, and may he feel my love for him,
Is my humble, heartfelt prayer