

*In Loving Memory*

Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us every day -  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
Still loved, still missed, and forever dear.  
"Who ya wit!"  
~Thomas "Tom Baker, Jr.



*Pallbearers*

Edrian Wright                      Damonte Brown  
Dinikko Waller                      Ja'Mari Wilson  
Phillip Wilkerson                      Malik Abdullah  
Jayce Coleman (Age 7 - Papa's Little Buddy)

Though small in size, his heart for his Papa was immeasurable

*Honorary Pallbearers*

Preach Foggie                      Rob Taylor  
Jeff Harris                      Frank Smith  
Dave Taylor                      Daryl Lasley  
Albert "Slim" Alexander

*Flower Bearers*

Mia Brown                      Nikahla Waller  
Shevy Waller                      Family and Friends

**"Carrying flowers with love, for the Papa who filled our hearts."**

*Acknowledgements*

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.  
May God Bless and Keep You!  
- The family of Thomas "Tom" Baker, Jr.



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*Thomas "Tom" Baker, Jr.*

July 22, 1970 - October 5, 2025

*Saturday, November 1, 2025*

Visitation: 10:00 am - Funeral Service: 11:00 am

*Walker Funeral Home*

2625 Gilbert Avenue | Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Rev. Rufus McDowell, Officiating

# Obituary

Thomas "Tom" Baker Jr., age 55, passed away on October 5, 2025, surrounded by family and love. He was born on July 22, 1970, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Thomas lived a life defined by loyalty, laughter, and love.

A hardworking and down-to-earth man, he was known for his quiet strength, quick wit, and the way he could make everyone laugh – even when he didn't say much. Tom was happiest behind the wheel. He loved a good road trip, even if it was just a long drive across town. But, if anyone ever mentioned getting on a plane or a boat, his response was always the same – with a grin and a laugh: "Hell naw, I ain't doing that!" He liked his feet on solid ground, his music turned all the way up, and his Church's Chicken hot and fresh – even if it meant driving clear across the city just to get some. He never went anywhere without his sunglasses – even though he had several pairs scattered between the house and all his cars. They were part of his look, and everyone who knew him can picture him with those shades on.

For more than two decades, Tom shared his life with Andrea Wright, building a home filled with warmth, laughter, and family. He was a constant presence in the lives of Edrian Wright, Jasmine (Damonte) Wright, and Jessica Coleman, and a devoted grandfather to Mia, Jayce, Omari, Amira, Niala, and Montrell Parks, who were the light of his life. Tom's happiest moments were spent with them – cooking out, laughing at the kitchen table, and cracking jokes that left everyone smiling.

Tom took great pride in his work at Gaslight Property, where he was loved and respected by his coworkers and tenants alike. He approached every day with humor and heart, often saying, "Time to make the donuts," – a line that became his trademark and will forever bring smiles to those who worked beside him.

He found joy in the simple things: fishing, family cookouts, old-school music, and being surrounded by the people he loved. Tom was loyal, dependable, and always there when it mattered most – even if it sometimes took him a few weeks to call back. Tom never answered his phone, and he sure didn't respond to many texts – but everyone who knew him knew that didn't mean he didn't care. He loved in his own quiet, steady way, and we all loved him just the same. That's something we'll always remember and laugh about – because that was Tom through and through.

He is survived by his mother, Linda Baker; father, Thomas Baker, Sr.; sisters, Regina Zeigler and Fatia Ali; and his children, Antonio Reynolds, Tomeshia Michelle Baker, and Dinikko Waller. He was the proud grandfather of Olyviah, Nikayla, Kahlani, Shery, D'Angelo, and Phoenix Waller; Ja'Mari Deshae Shondel Wilson, Donté Jones, and Tomarri Damoni Wilson; as well as Mia Brown, Jayce Coleman, Omari Brown, Amira Brown, Niala Wright, and Montrell Parks – all of whom carry forward a piece of his love and legacy. He will be lovingly remembered by a host of family members and friends, including his lifelong best friend Phillip Wilkerson, close friend Malik Abdullah, and his dog Jimon, who was always nearby and loved him unconditionally. He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Tommy Herbert Baker, and his nephew, Marcus Zeigler, along with other loved ones who now welcome him home.



*His Laughter, Loyalty and Love  
will live on forever....*

# Order of Service

- Musical Prelude .....
- Parting View ..... Immediate Family
- Prayer ..... Rev. Rufus McDowell
- Scripture ..... Rev. Rufus McDowell
- Poem Reading ..... "A Poem in Honor of my Father"  
By Tomeshia Baker
- Acknowledgements ..... Natasha Tramble
- Remarks ..... 2 Minute Please
- Obituary ..... Read Silently  
Trust in God By: The Winans
- Selection ..... Michelle Phillips
- Eulogy ..... Rev. Rufus McDowell
- Benediction ..... Rev. Rufus McDowell
- Recessional ..... Clergy, Family & Friends

## Final Resting Place

*New St. Joseph Cemetery*  
4500 Foley Road - Cincinnati, OH 45238

## Repast

Saturday, November 1, 2025  
Gaslight Property  
3323 Jefferson Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220