

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turn my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play;
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things to I will miss.
Be not burden with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me,
I'm in the arms of Jesus, for now
I'm truly Free.



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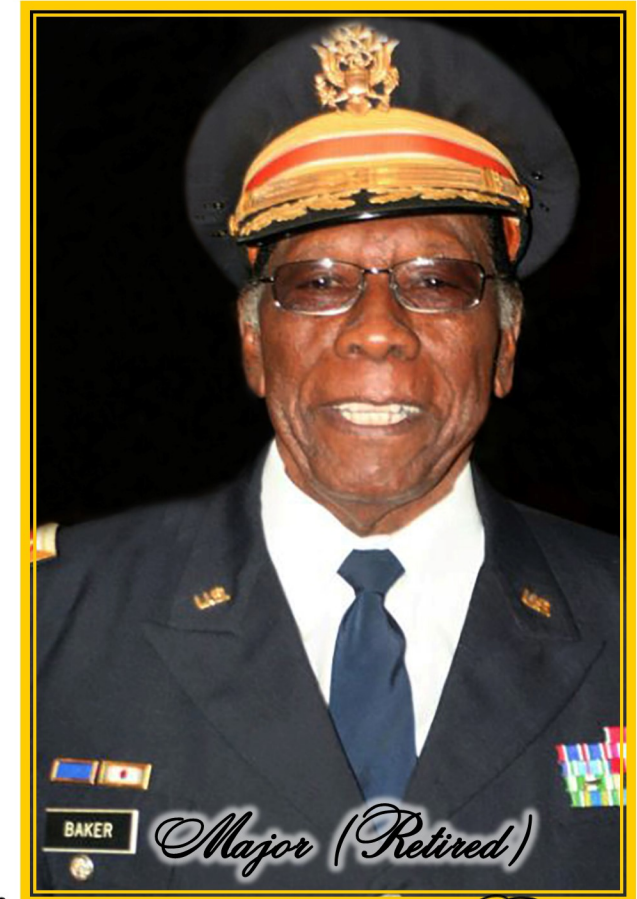
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A Homegoing Celebration for



Therman Antonio Baker, Sr.
"TAB"

"PUT GOD FIRST"

Jan 21, 1928 - June 2, 2016

SERVICES

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016
VISITATION 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

UNITED FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

603 THIRD AVENUE
ASBURY PARK, NJ 07712
PASTOR JAMES H. BROWN, SR. OFFICIATING

ORDER OF SERVICE

MUSICAL PRELUDE.....	
PROCESSIONAL.....	
INVOCATION.....	
HYMN OF PRAISE.....	"This Little Light of Mine", No. 511
SCRIPTURES	
OLD TESTAMENT.....	Psalm 23:1-6 – Nicole V. Lang, MD
NEW TESTAMENT.....	St. John 14:1-6 – Kimberly Stephens
PRAYER OF COMFORT.....	Deacon Vernell Daniels
POEM.....	"I'm Free" by Evelyn Avis Baker
MUSICAL SELECTION.....	"Near the Cross", No.103 United Fellowship Mass Choir
REFLECTIONS.....(2 minutes).....	Robert E. Hodges T. Reed Stephens, Esq. Therman A. Baker, Jr., Esq.
MUSICAL SELECTION	"He Understands, He'll Say, "Well Done", No. 466 United Fellowship Mass Choir
POEM.....	"Miss Me—But Let me Go" by Nia Alexandria Berhanna Baker (Granddaughter)
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RESOLUTION.....	Sis. Ella L. Floyd
OBITUARY.....	Tysan Williams, Esq.
MUSICAL SELECTION	"Where He Leads Me", No.22 United Fellowship Mass Choir
EULOGY.....	Chaplain (Colonel) Sherman W. Baker, Jr. Chaplain, U.S. Army
RECESSIONAL.....	"I'll Fly Away"

INTERMENT

MONMOUTH MEMORIAL PARK
TINTON FALLS, NEW JERSEY

REPAST

UNITED FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
FOLLOWING INTERMENT



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OBITUARY

Major (Retired) Therman A. Baker, Sr., eighty-eight (88), was born on January 21, 1928, the sixth of eight children born to the late Rev. Henderson Baker, Sr. and Everlena (Hurley) Baker in Newcastle, Arkansas. At the age of ten, he accepted Christ at New Shardis Baptist Church in the farming community of his birthplace (roughly thirteen miles North East of Forrest City, Arkansas).

Mr. Baker attended Lincoln High School, and afterwards earned his bachelor's degree from Arkansas AM&N College prior to entering into the U.S. Army in 1950. While in the Army, he completed studies for his Masters Degree in Electronic Science from the United States Armed Forces Institute.

During his military career, he served as an Electrical Engineer and an Army Security Agent (ASA). While in the U.S. Army, he traveled to 26 different countries which included: Eritrea, Ethiopia, Japan, Korea, Germany, Vietnam, Egypt, Israel, France, Greece, Italy, and Kenya. During many of these trips, he served with the Military Police (MP), Criminal Investigation Department (CID), and Signal Corp. His last overseas assignment was a Radio & Television Service (AFRTS) at Kagnew Station in Eritrea, East Africa.

Upon his retirement from the military as a field grade officer, he joined AT&T/Bell Laboratories as a fiber optic researcher where he worked alongside many talented and prominent researchers including Nobel Prize winners, Dr. Arno A. Penzias and Dr. Robert W. Wilson (who developed "The Big Bang" theory). While at Bell Laboratories, Mr. Baker was engaged for a number of years in cutting-edge transatlantic fiber optic research until he retired.

Mr. Baker served as a Trustee and Sunday School Teacher at the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Temple, Asbury Park, NJ, and later became a Charter Member of, and a Sunday School Teacher at, United Fellowship Baptist Church, Asbury Park, NJ. Mr. Baker was a member of United Fellowship Baptist Church for thirty (30) years.

Some of his community volunteer work included serving as: Boy Scouts leader, Soccer/Basketball/Little League coach, an official of the Neptune Democratic Club, Volunteer Photographer for many organizations (including the Neptune Senior Citizens Center), a member of the American Legion Frederick Dempsey Post 266 (Neptune, NJ), and a member of the Neptune Television Cable Committee. In addition, he was a Freemason and member of the George W. Prioleau Masonic Lodge #13, of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Jurisdiction of Arizona, in Huachuca City, Arizona.

His passions were: spending time with his family (especially his granddaughter, Nia), cruising in his convertibles along the Jersey Shore or in local parades, collecting and restoring antique cars, taking cross-country trips in his RV, traveling to interesting places around the world (including South Africa, Eritrea, Senegal, and Kenya), appreciating nature, photography, electronics, promoting Black History education at the Neptune Township Senior Citizens Center, cooking, fishing, and hunting.

His Mottos were: (1) If one doesn't stand for something, she/he will fall for anything, (2) Help our young people to be proud of their origins, and (3) Stand for what you believe in, even if you must stand alone.

He was predeceased by his parents, Rev. Henderson Baker Sr. and Everlena (Hurley) Baker; former spouses, Alberta R. Baker and Joyce M. Baker; sisters, Cora, Anna, Rose, Katie Mae and Evelyn; brothers, Phillip and Sherman.

He is survived by his son, Therman A. Baker, Jr., Esq.; daughter-in-law, Dr. Nicole V. Lang; one granddaughter, Nia Alexandria Berhanna Baker; one sister-in-law, Johnnie B. Baker; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



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