

A Celebration of Her Life and Legacy



Sherlie Baker

APRIL 05, 1954 – MARCH 11, 2026

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026

WAKE: 9:30 AM – FUNERAL: 11:00 AM

WATSON'S FUNERAL HOME

10913 SUPERIOR AVE – CLEVELAND, OHIO 44106

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

THERE IS A LEAK IN THIS OLD BUILDING. Y'ALL AND MY SOUL BY LASHUN PACE

Processional..... The Family

Family Visitation..... 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Scripture..... Minister Andrew Freed

Old Testament.....

New Testament.....

Prayer.....

Musical Selection..... Keysha Clayton

Resolution and Acknowledgments..... Rochelle Israel

Obituary PLEASE READ SILENTLY

Reflection and Fond Memories Family and Friends

Eulogy..... Reverend Dr. Larry W. Howard

Recession..... Earl McElrath

"I AM GOING AWAY" BY WALTER HAWKINS

INTERMENT

EVERGREEN MEMORIAL PARK

5505 NORTHFIELD ROAD – BEDFORD HTS, OH 44146

PALLBEARERS

Kowaine Baker

KeeLan Baker

Joe Baker

Kowaine Baker Jr.

Cedric Baker

Jamarr Hall

REPAST

AFFLUENT EVENT CENTER

15805 LIBBY ROAD – MAPLE HTS, OH 44137

Tributes

Grandma was a kind and caring soul, always praying for others and taking her grandchildren shopping with her. Reading her Bible and always at church on Sunday, praising her Lord Almighty. She was loved by many and helped as many people as she could. She lived her life one scripture at a time. She will always be missed but never forgotten.

- KOWAINE JR.

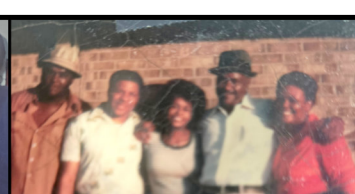


Bebe was a safe place. I could ask her for just about anything, and she would be there for me. Talking to her always put me in a better mood. She would see more for me than I could for myself. Even if it came with some judgment. There's no limit to how much she will be missed.

-SIERRA

Grandma, even though you came into my life later, you immediately treated me with love. You made me laugh, gave the best hugs, and always had time for me. I'm gonna miss you a lot, but I'm so thankful for every memory we made. Rest easy, I love you!

- MICHAEL



My grandmother, lovingly known as Grandma BeBe, was a woman whose love, strength, and laughter left a lasting mark on everyone who knew her. She had a strong presence and a warm spirit, and she loved cooking for her family and going to church. Sunday mornings were special to her she always made sure her hat matched her bag and shoes perfectly before heading to worship. Through her words and example, she taught me how to be a strong and independent woman. As I've grown older, I realize how much more time I wish I could have spent with her, learning from her wisdom and enjoying her presence. Rest peacefully, Grandma BeBe. I will carry your love with me always and love you forever.

– LOVE MYRA



My Auntie was one of a kind—honest to the core and never afraid to say exactly what was on her mind. Her bluntness was part of her charm, and it always came from a place of love. She had a spirit that could fill a room and made every gathering brighter. Wherever she went, she brought joy, humor, and a little bit of bold truth with her.

“She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.” – Proverbs 31:26 (NIV)

She also knew her way around people, especially me. If she couldn't convince anyone else to help her, she always knew she could convince me. That was part of our special bond, and it's a memory I will always cherish.

Above all, she was a God-fearing woman whose faith guided her life. Her strength, honesty, laughter, and love will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 8:37–39 (NIV)

– ADRIENNE



Every time I would walk in the door she would always smile and say, "there go my ceddie". – CEDRIC

My Aunt Sherlie didn't just get those degrees for the wall; she put them to work as an alcohol and drug counselor. And if you knew her, you knew she didn't "counsel"—she told it like it was (the true definition of straight, no chaser). She was the only person who could look someone in the eye, call them out on their nonsense, and make them feel loved all in the same breath.

She didn't hold back because she knew the truth was the only thing that could save a life. She brought that same "dollar and a dime" grit to her clients, refusing to give up on them even when they wanted to give up on themselves. She was a master-level professional with a PhD in keeping it real.

— SHERONDA



I only ever had one nickname. It was given to me by the great one herself.

— JOE



You became my other Mother the day I wedded your son, and you took me with open arms full of love. You raised in Love the gracious man with whom I share my life. You are his lovely mother and I'm his lucky wife. I truly cherish and will miss our talks about God and singing to God together. Mom as I wonder how much I will miss you; I hear your encouraging words again and again. I have my peace as I hear your voice echo these words "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day"(2 Tim 4:6-7). Your love for the family will be dearly missed. We loved you but God loved you more. Till we meet again Mama.

— DIANA



Hey Granny, it's me... your baby

It hurts that this is the way I have to see you for the last time. My heart is heavy but want you to know I never forgot about you and I never will. I'll always remember the weekends I spent with you, going to church together. I used to fall asleep during the service, and you would pinch my thigh to wake me up. Even the little things, like how I used to play with the soft part under your arm – it may sound funny, but those are the memories that will always make me smile.

I'm sorry if it ever felt like I didn't come to check on you enough. I never wanted you to think that I have gotten older and forgotten about you. I remember the day Jay passed away, when you told me you already had a lot to worry about and did not want to worry about me too. You told me to do what is right and to pray through the tough times.

– JAMARI



Mother, this is a difficult task, saying see you later for the last time in this place. In your last days, I enjoyed the time with you and would annoy you until you got frustrated and threatened me. I know now that you are at peace, with no more pain or worries. This comforts my heart and consoles me as I start this new journey on learning how to move without your presence. I will hold our last minutes together forever in my heart.

LOVE YOU ALWAYS AND FOREVER
– KOWAINE



Obituary

Sherlie Baker, a pillar of compassion and a lifelong resident of Cleveland, Ohio, transitioned peacefully on March 11, 2026. Born on April 5, 1954, Sherlie was the cherished daughter of George Washington Baker and Willie Mae Baker, whose values of integrity and faith she carried throughout her life. A proud alumna of Jane Addams High School, Sherlie possessed an insatiable drive for both personal growth and the betterment of her community. This ambition led her to earn a Master's Degree in Social Work, a milestone that laid the foundation for her life's calling. Known for her clinical expertise and resolute spirit, she didn't just work in a field. Sherlie dedicated her professional life to the chemical dependency field, where she stood as a beacon of hope for those navigating their darkest chapters.

Sherlie found the Lord at an early age and was a member of the Historic Greater Friendship Baptist Church, where she was a pillar in the ministries of Hope and the Willing Workers. She will be remembered for her wittiness, sense of humor, and no-nonsense attitude. The extracurricular activities she enjoyed outside of church included shopping, spending time with her boys, and she was known for always keeping it real.

Sherlie's greatest masterpiece was the family she nurtured. Her strength and spirit will be carried forward by her two devoted sons, Kowaine Baker (Diana) and Keelan Baker, who were her greatest source of pride. Her legacy of love continues through her cherished grandchildren, the lights of her life: Myra Martin (Elda), Sierra Baker, Michael Rieg, Kowaine Baker Jr., Jamarr Hall and Jamarri Robbins.

She is survived by her dear sister and lifelong companion, Deborah Baker-Ricks (Perry). Her memory remains a guiding force for her nieces and nephews, Deshaugn Hedge, Adrienne Choba (Abraham), Sheronda Baker, Toni Johnson (Ryan), Joe Baker (Yolanda), Cedric Baker, George Baker Jr., Joy Baker, Madison Baker, Joey Baker, Zylia Choba, and Kylia Choba.

Sherlie now rests in eternal peace alongside her baby boy, Jamarr Forkland, and is reunited with those who paved the way before her. She was preceded in death by her loving parents, George Washington Baker and Willie Mae Baker, and her three brothers, George Baker, Orlando Baker, and Tony Baker. While she has transitioned from this life, the foundation of faith and family she built remains unshakable.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 TIMOTHY 4:7)

FOREVER LOVED BY THE FAMILY

I Am 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 turned 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,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.
"Ann Lindgren Davison"

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

With our sincere gratitude! There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for sympathy, love, and support you have extended to our family during this time of loss.

THE FAMILY OF SHERLIE BAKER

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