Tributes

"I miss you dear brother. I can't believe you're no longer with us. Your voice was cool and calm and your laughter was contagious. You always seemed happy, even if you were in pain. I'll miss hearing of how the day's fishing trip went and how the 'big one' got away. You taught me how to drive with precision. You were a pro on the lake and on the grill—no one could beat your technique. You were so kind and loving. I remember our last conversation, which ended with 'I love you' and you responding 'I love you too.' I am not surprised at the outpouring of love and compassion from so many who knew you. I know that the Lord, Mom, family, and friends were there to welcome you home. May you rest in our Savior's arms." – Love, "Merl"

"Paul, you were an amazing brother. The many years we lived together taught me what family was all about: trust, sharing, life, difficulties, and just being there for one another. You will be greatly missed by me and Petey. I love you and I know you are with the rest of our family." – Love always, Norma

"I can't believe you're gone. We traveled many roads together and I'll miss the times we shared. Rest in peace." – Love, Kitty

Pallbearers

COREY JONES
ERIC MOORE
SAMUEL MOORE
DEREK MCGHEE

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- THE BAKER, MOORE FAMILY

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Celebrating the life of

Paul Baker

November 20, 1954 - September 21, 2026



2 October, 2026

Visitation:
10:00AM - 11:00AM
Celebration of Life:
11:00PM

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
60 Dennis Ave SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506

I am the resurrection and the life; he that believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

John 11:25-26

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OBITUARY

Paul Baker was born and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to the late Willie Ada and Herbert Baker Jr. II. He was the third of five children and was raised alongside his siblings in Grand Rapids.

Paul attended South High School. Following his education, he entered the workforce and held various construction jobs throughout the years. He also worked in pitch wrecking and at Kelvinator before eventually beginning his career with Steelcase, where he later retired.

Later in life, Paul accepted Christ and became a member of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church under the pastoral care of Pastor Kenneth W. Hoskins. Although his health began to decline, Paul remained committed to his spiritual journey, placing his faith and trust in the Lord until his passing.

Paul was an avid fisherman who truly enjoyed being out on the water. On many weekends, he could be found on his boat fishing various lakes in hopes of bringing home the “big catch.” More often than not, he returned home with the day’s catch ready to be fried and enjoyed. Paul was also a talented handyman and occasionally worked on cars for family and friends whenever a helping hand was needed.

Kindhearted, compassionate, helpful, and fun-loving, Paul was someone who enjoyed the simple things in life. He had a special love for dogs and enjoyed spending time playing Bid Whist and backgammon, both of which he played very well.

Paul was preceded in death by his mother, Willie Ada; his father, Herbert Baker Jr. II; and his brother, Percell.

Paul leaves to cherish his memory his brother, Herbert (Gloria); sisters, Norma and Marilyn Moore (Eric); special cousin, Derek McGhee (Joyce); and his beloved friend and pet, “Pete.” He also leaves a host of family members, friends, and neighbors who will cherish the memories they shared with him.