

*In Loving Memory of*

*Sunrise  
August 7, 1927*

*Sunset  
May 20, 2010*



*Fred Baker, Sr.*

*Tuesday, May 25, 2010 -11:00 a.m.*

**WOODY "HOME FOR SERVICES"**

*163 Oakwood Avenue  
Orange, New Jersey 07050*

*Rev. Joyce Roberts, Officiating  
Sir Joshua Nelson, Organist*



## Obituary

**Fred Baker, Sr.** was born on August 7, 1927 in High Springs, Florida to the late parents Willie Baker and Netter Baker Jones McCauley. Fred departed this life on May 20, 2010.

Fred known to many as “Buddie” served in the US Army where he acquired his skills in Culinary Arts. Buddie then relocated from Lake City, Florida to live in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he had seven children by the late June Patton. He later moved to Newark, New Jersey in 1965 where he worked as a Short Order Cook and retired as Head Chef.

While living in Newark, Fred met and was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Charlotte (Terri) Baker. During this union, two boys were born and he became “Pops” to one boy and three girls.

Besides his love of cooking, he also loved to fish, play cards, attend church and watch western movies. He loved baseball and was a true Mets fan. There was never a dull moment because Fred loved to make jokes and he certainly had a wonderful sense of humor. Fred was also a member of the St. James Methodist Church located in Newark, New Jersey.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of twenty-three years, Charlotte “Terri” Baker two sons, Brian Cole Baker and Stanley Steven Baker and one brother, Miner (Sonny) Baker.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: his children, Irene Bowie (Charlie), Anita Hamilton (Marc), Fred Baker, Jr. (Denise), Michelle Walker (Hollis) all of Philadelphia, PA, Michael Baker (Becky) and James Leonard (Arlene) of Orlando, FL, Gregory Dunmore, Anthony S. Baker (Sakinah), Charles S. Baker (Sameerah), Tracey J. Leonard and Theresa Leonard-Hinson all of Newark, NJ and Trina Leonard-Caldwell (Ernest) of Conyers, GA; one sister, Willie (Daisy May) Raiford and his loving niece, Delores (Betty) Raiford Congleton (Warren) both of Newark, NJ; twenty-seven grandchildren; twenty-two great grandchildren; two great nieces; six great great nieces and nephews and two great great great nephews; father and mother-in-law, Charles and Ruby Idlett of Newark, NJ; and a host of other family members and dear friends.

## *Order of Service*

*Organ Prelude* .....*Sir Joshua Nelson*

*Processional*

*Hymn* ..... *Rough Side of the Mountain*

*Scripture Readings* .....*Dee Jackson*

*Old Testament - Psalm 27:1-14*

*New Testament - I Corinthians 15: 51-58*

*Prayer of Comfort* ..... *Rev. Joyce Roberts*

*Selection*

*Acknowledgements  
and Remarks*

*Obituary Reading* ..... *Mijanou Webb*

*Selection*

*Eulogy* ..... *Rev. Joyce Roberts*

*Recessional*

### *Interment*

*Brigadier General William C. Doyle  
Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
Wrightstown, New Jersey*

***Friends are invited to join the family for the repast at  
300 Oakwood Avenue, Orange, NJ (Community Room).***

# He is Gone

*You can shed tears that he is gone,  
Or you can smile because he lived,  
You can close your eyes and pray that he will  
come back, Or you can open your eyes and see  
all that he has left. Your heart can be empty  
because you can't see him Or you can be full of  
the love that you shared, You can turn your back  
on tomorrow and live yesterday, Or you can be  
happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You  
can remember him and only that he is gone or  
you can cherish his memory and let it live on, You  
can cry and close your mind be empty and turn  
your back, Or you can do what he would want:  
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

## Acknowledgements

*The family of **Fred Baker, Sr.** wishes to thank all who have extended support for, spoken a kind word to, or done some act of kindness during their time of bereavement. May God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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