

A portrait of an elderly African American man, Raymond L. Baker, wearing a black tuxedo jacket, a white dress shirt, and a black bow tie. He is standing in front of a white staircase with a wooden railing, set against a background of a blue sky with white clouds. The text is overlaid on the top and bottom of the image.

In Loving Memory of
Raymond L. Baker

Sunrise
June 5, 1932

Sunset
April 19, 2012

Tuesday, April 24, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ

Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating
Emory Lee, Organist

Obituary

Raymond L. Baker was born on June 5, 1932 in Newport News, Virginia to the late Louise Baker. Ray departed his life on April 19, 2012 in St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark, New Jersey.

"Ray" as he was known to family and friends attended and graduated from George Washington Carver High School in Newport News, Virginia.

He later moved to Newark, New Jersey and married Erselle Davis in 1983.

Ray was a known bartender at the Pink Pub in Newark. He worked several jobs before settling at KDI Triangle in Whippany, NJ of which he retired. "Retirement" was just a word to him. He began a New Career as a Wendy's employee where he was one of the most popular Register Operators. Customers young and old looked forward to seeing him at the drive-thru window of Wendy's located in Watchung, New Jersey.

Raymond and Erselle were known for their trips to Atlantic City and watching wrestling on Monday and Friday Nights. Ray also enjoyed attending Sunday Services at New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. Scrapbooking, playing pick-its and spending time with his grandchildren was his over all past time favorites.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Erselle Baker; two daughters, Telisa Holman-Jones and Bwana Davis-Jones; four step daughters, Ronita Holman, Shonda Holman, Alfreda Stokes-Dunson and Lawana Stokes-Williams.

He was preceded in death by his stepdaughter, Cheynne Davis-Roberts.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgement / Resolutions

Remarks *(2 minutes please)*

Obituary

Reading of the Poem NaShaya Holman

Eulogy Rev. Edward Allen
Philemon Baptist Church • Newark, NJ

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

Yesterday

*Memories of you who knew that
God would call your name,
There are things that will never feel the same.
A tear for today, a smile for tomorrow
Let I not leave today with
My heart filled with sorrow
Remember the past and cherish the memories,
And I thank you for the times
that you spent with me
Lord knows this loss feels so wrong,
but you are home where you belong
And if I have nothing else to do,
I know I will always have a memory of you
Forever in My heart,
~NaShaya*

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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