

*In Loving Memory of*



*Ivan Malik Baerga, Sr.*

*Sunrise*  
*October 24, 1957*

*Sunset*  
*September 5, 2019*

*Service*

*Friday, September 27, 2019 • 7:00 p.m.*

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**  
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

## Obituary

**Ivan Malik Baerga Sr.** was born on October 24th, 1957 in San Juan, Puerto Rico to America Montalvo and Gabriel Baerga. He departed this life on Thursday, September 5th, 2019 at Norwegion Hospital in Chicago, Illinois.

Ivan and his family moved to New Jersey in the late 60's when he was a little boy, Ivan attended Saint Columbus Catholic School and Bragaw Avenue School. He then attended Weequahic High School where he graduated in 1976. Ivan received an Associate's Degree in Music from Essex County College.

Ivan then met his childhood sweetheart Kendall Speller in 1973 and they instantly knew they were meant for one another. They were inseparable. They started their family in 1976 with the birth of their first son, Ivan Jr., twins Erica and Eric (1984) and Courteney (1986). Ivan was blessed with his handsome looks, sharp style of dress and a personality that everyone loved, He enjoyed listening to music, showcasing his musician skills, playing basketball, fixing cars, traveling and hanging out with his family and friends, Ivan also loved his green Chevy Nova by taking pride in maintaining her. Gifted with a big heart to match his gorgeous smile, he was loving, caring and always helpful. Ivan would go above and beyond for all in need. Ivan was employed as an Environmental Technician for 10 years in Chicago, His colleagues describe him as being devoted, supportive and dedicated to his job.

Ivan is survived by his spouse (Kendell Speller), sons Ivan Jr. and Eric Baerga, daughters Erica and Courteney Baerga, three grandsons, Ivan the third, Dayvion, and Zamir along with a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. Ivan is preceded in death by his parents, America Montalvo (mother) and Gabriel Baerga (father), siblings Ana Aquino (sister) and Orlando Baerga (brother).

# Order of Service

Processional

Scripture

Old Testament ..... Evangelist Geneva Dancy

New Testament ..... Michael Speller

Prayer.....Evangelist Geneva Dancy

Selection.....“I Will Always Love You”  
Whitney Houston

Acknowledgements, Cards & Condolences .....Khadijah Owens

Remarks (2 minutes).....Family and Friends

Prayer of Comfort.....Michael Speller

Obituary.....Erica Baerga

Selection.....“One Sweet Day”  
Boyz II Men ft. Mariah Carey

Eulogy.....Pastor Vernadine Byrd

Final Viewing

Recessional

## **INTERMENT**

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

# *You Meant So Much*

*You meant so much to all of us You were special  
and that's no lie You brightened up the darkest day  
And the cloudiest sky your smile alone warmed hearts Your  
laugh was like music to hear I would give absolutely any-  
thing To have you well and standing near Not a second  
passes When you're not on our minds Your love we will  
never forget The hurt will ease in time Many tears I have  
seen and cried They have all poured out like rain I know  
that you are happy now And no longer in pain.*



## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Ivan M. Baerga Sr.**, wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the comforting messages, prayers, cards, support and encouragement shown during our time of bereavement.

Love, the Baerga Family

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