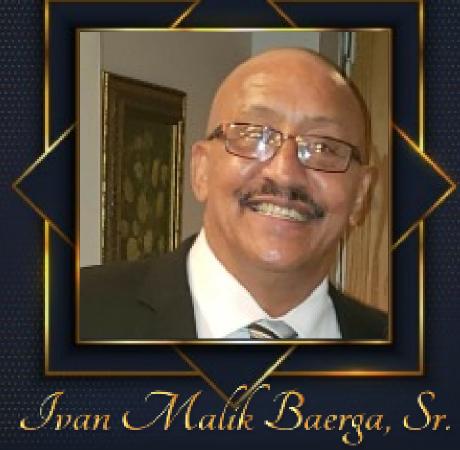
In Loving Memory of



*Sunrise October 24, 1957*  Sunset September 5, 2019

<u>Servíce</u> Friday, September 27, 2019 • 7:00 p.m.

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Ob<u>ítuary</u>

**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 New Testament	
	Whender Spener
Prayer	Evangelist Geneva Dancy
Selection	"I Will Always Love You" Whitney Houston
Acknowledgements, Cards & Co	ndolencesKhadijah Owens
Remarks (2 minutes)	Family and Friends
Prayer of Comfort	Michael Speller
Obituary	Erica Baerga
Selection	"One Sweet Day" Boys 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 anything 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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