



Celebrating
THE *Life*
OF

Theresa Loretta Baker

Sunrise: May 24, 1947

Sunset: October 2, 2019

Service

Saturday, October 12, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.

ST. MARKS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

65 W. 138th St. • New York, NY 10037

Obituary

God sends many, many special people in our lives. However, God blessed us when He sent us Theresa Loretta Baker. Theresa, also affectionately known as “TEE”, was born on May 24, 1947 to Reuben and Sylvia Baker in Lincoln Hospital in Manhattan.

While her spirit will always be with us, sadly however, she left us physically on Wednesday, October 2, 2019.

Theresa attended All Saints Catholic Elementary School, Cathedral High School, Marymount Manhattan College (received her BA), and Claremont College in New Jersey (received her Master’s in Social work). As this shows everyone, Theresa believed totally in education and made sure she always shared her knowledge with others. After graduating, Tee was an Adjunct Professor at Claremont College.

Theresa was a vivacious, loving, giving, fun-loving, free spirit and always a joy to have around both professionally as well as socially. She gave of herself totally, visiting and calling the sick, remembering everyone’s birthday, loyal to all causes, and just wonderful.

She achieved some firsts: The first Black President of the student body of Marymount College and first Black woman with EMS of New York City. Not only was she an Adjunct Professor, she was also a Social Worker. Theresa was such an inspiration to young and old alike. The excitement always started when she entered a room. She held on tightly to her faith in God and was very religious and attended Mass as often as she could. Her faith and loyalty was shown in how she kept up with many of the nuns from her childhood, keeping up with them in their wellness as well as their sickness.

She was extremely athletic and was an excellent, star player on all of her school’s basketball and softball teams.

Theresa always and we have to say ALWAYS sported hats and caps for ALL OCCASIONS. They were always unique and screamed “I belong to Theresa” – no hat ever was the same. On social occasions, she would make her grand entrance with a special hat and her very famous “Lean Back”.

Her home was always open, warm with great food and fantastic music, and festive decorations for all occasions.

Her open, loving heart and open mind made it easy to talk to her about anything and not be judged. She guided many to pursue their education, their dreams and their life. Theresa was a woman of great humility. We love her. As many say “She always had your back!!!”

She is predeceased by her parents, Reuben and Sylvia; brothers, Ronald, Michael and Gerard; and her loving partner, Eva.


Theresa is survived by many, many friends and a large loving family: Theresa was lucky to find a wonderful love again in her life partner, Carol Hazel and children,

Darryl Fentress, Yvette Johnson; and granddaughter, Kamisha Johnson. She is also survived by her siblings, Ann Marie Baker, Joyce Baker, Anthony Baker, Sylvia Baker, Mark Williams, and Michelle Simmons (Curtis); nieces/nephews, Eukalia Beckford (Robert), Charmaine Mitchell (Jimmy), Brandon Gathers, Kareem Baker, Aliesa Baker, Gerard Baker, Jr., Daevon Gathers, Rashawn Merchant, Ashley Gordon, Meico Savage, Lovelle Mitchell, and Zenia-Ann Mitchell; cousins, Ricky Barton, Antoinette Bland, Monette Mayo, Haywood Bland, Corey Sinceno and Chanel Sinceno. Tee, your parents, Reuben and Sylvia, Eva and your brothers, Ronald, Michael and Gerard are waiting to receive you with their love.

Theresa was a fighter throughout her life and she fought that GOOD, GALLANT FIGHT to the end.

Theresa, now is the time for you to truly “Lean Back” and Rest In Peace. **We love you and will always miss you.**

Respectfully submitted by the Family



Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

*Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey*



Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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