

As I sit in heaven  
And watch you everyday  
I try to let you know with signs  
I never went away  
I hear you when you're laughing  
I watch you as you sleep  
I even place my arms around you  
To calm you as you weep  
I see you wish the days away  
Begging to have me home  
So I try to send you signs  
So you know you are not alone  
Don't feel guilt that you have  
Life that was denied to me  
Heaven is truly beautiful  
Just you wait and see  
So live your life, laugh again  
Enjoy yourself be free  
Then I know with every breath you take  
You'll be taking one for me...

### *Acknowledgments*

**The family of Evelyn N. Baker would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.**

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*In Loving Memory of*

*Evelyn N. Baker*

February 26, 1933 - November 25, 2020



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020 - 11:00 A.M.

**Cotton Funeral Service**  
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey





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## *Pretty Lady*

This is the second hardest thing we have  
had to do. We would have never thought  
that we  
would be saying farewell so soon to our  
Pretty Lady. You are truly going to be  
missed. Our  
love for you will never die. Just like daddy,  
you kept your worries to yourself because  
you  
didn't want us to worry. You were a  
positive force for many and your  
infectious smile would  
light up any room. You brought so much  
joy to us even when you were in pain.  
This hurts so  
badly and we didn't want to see you go.  
There is one thing that we can let  
everyone know  
and it is that you took God's hand and  
went peacefully.  
We love you Pretty Lady! Rest peacefully!  
Love you forever!

Your Children and Grandchildren

## *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort  
Rev. Phillips

Selection

Remarks  
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements  
Keesha

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy  
Rev. Phillips

Recessional

Pallbearers

Honorary Grandson

*Interment*  
Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey

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### A Time to be Born:

On February 26, 1933, Evelyn Nevada Bland-Baker was born in Pulaski, Va. to the late Maude and Fred Bland. She was the youngest of two children. Evelyn was educated in the Pulaski School System where she graduated from the Christian Burg High School in 1941.

### New Beginnings:

In pursuit of better opportunities, Evelyn and her son, Philbrick relocated to Newark, New Jersey in 1956. Shortly after residing in New Jersey, Evelyn met and fell in love with Thermon A. Baker. On July 7, 1957, Evelyn married her soulmate. From this union, 3 children were born. Evelyn and Thermon were three weeks shy of their 60th anniversary which is marked by Diamonds which symbolizes beauty, rarity and everlasting love.

Evelyn held many jobs including working at Mattel Toy Factory until she landed a job at Beecham, now known as Glaxo-Smith Kline Pharmaceutical Company. After working for 30 years at Glaxo-Smith Kline, in 2007, Evelyn decided to join her husband and start living the retired life.

Upon witnessing her baby girl, LaVette being baptized, Evelyn decided to give her life back to the Lord at the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful member for over 40 + years. She held a position on the Missionary Board and helped out in the kitchen or wherever needed. Evelyn favorite scriptures were, “Whatever you do, do it for the glory of God” 1 Corinthians 10:31; “I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise shall continually be in my mouth” Psalms 34:1; and “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28.

If you knew Evelyn Baker, then you would know two things about her. She played the lottery and she loved to cook. On any given Sunday, the whole neighborhood, including the stray animals could get a hot meal. She may have fussed and did a little cussing, but you were going to eat either way. She was known for her chicken and noodles, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, and liver. Unfortunately, Evelyn would tell you that her name may be Ms. Baker but she was far from a baker unless you wanted banana pudding. You could often hear Evelyn say, “I feel so unnecessary, wink, wink, ha, ha” especially during a game of Bid Whist or Tunk with her crew (Ms. Louise, Ms. Gerri, and Ahmad).

Answering the fathers call peacefully at home on November 25, 2020, Evelyn received her crown up there in that kingdom ain’t that good news.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents - Maude and Fred H. Bland, her brother, Fred Bland (Buddy), her husband Thermon A. Baker, and 2 grandchildren, Gabrielle P. Baker and Yamir Harper Baker. She leaves to cherish her four children - Philbrick, Michelle, Maurice and LaVette Baker; three honorary children – Danna Harris-Troy, Stephanie Northern, and Angela Harper; a sister/friend, Phyllis Obery. She also leaves to cherish, her grandchildren – Rasheed (Shanita), Taliah (Dequanah), Kiyana, Andre, Nastacia, Markeith, Yah’Nay, Ciarra, Malachi, Zuri (Evelyn’s mini me); her honorary grandchildren – Myasia, Ahmad, Shakeem, and Kyle; 7 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews, family and friends.