

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family deeply appreciate your kind expressions of sympathy during our time of sorrow. We know our pain will decrease and what will remain will always be. Love all whom you hold dear. Precious is the time you share. Do not wait for tomorrow or tomorrow may not be. Thanking you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.



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## *A Celebration of Life*

*for*

# Herland R. Baker, Sr.

Sunrise  
March 4, 1938

Sunset  
June 19, 2020



### **PUBLIC WALK THRU VIEWING**

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Owen's Funeral Service  
1808 Princess Anne Street  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
4-8PM Thursday  
June 25, 2020

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### **PRIVATE GRAVESIDE MEMORIAL SERVICE**

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Pastor Antonio Baker, Sr.  
Third Mount Zion Baptist Church  
9132 Fredericksburg Turnpike  
Woodford, VA 22580  
June 26, 2020

## *His Life*



**Herland R. Baker, Sr.**, 82, was born on March 4, 1938 in Woodford, Virginia to the late Deacon Napoleon Warsaw Baker and Deaconess Florence Elizabeth Freeman Baker. He went home to be with the Lord on Friday, June 19, 2020 at the Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center, Spotsylvania, Virginia, after a short bout with health complications.

Herland accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Personal Savior at an early age, was baptized and joined the old Macedonia Baptist church at an early age. Later in life, he joined the Third Mount Zion Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Antonio Baker, Sr.

Herland was a landscaper for over 60 years and took great pride in his work. He was meticulous in his craft and made sure that every job was his very best. He treated all of his customers the same and made sure that if you were employed by him, you would have to tow the mark. Customer service was number one with him and he would never ask his employees to do more than he was willing to do.

Herland always had a smile and he always greeted you with that smile and his loud baritone voice reverberated it seems for miles onward. He was a friend to everyone. He loved his wife, Gloria and he loved his family. When she was in the rehab facility, he was right there by her side every day.

Herland leaves to cherish his memories, his wife of over 40 years, Gloria Jones Baker; sons: Herland Baker, Jr., of Alexandria, Virginia, Dwayne Baker of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Jermaine Baker of Fredericksburg, Virginia, Steven Baker of Fredericksburg, Virginia; daughters: Cynthia Baker of Fredericksburg, Virginia, Roshawn Taylor (Mark) of Bowie, Maryland, Crystal Baker of Fredericksburg, Virginia; grandchildren, Kaylee Daniels, Ryan Smith, Mya Baker, Jasmine Baker, Dwayne Baker, Jr., Leandra Baker; great-grand child, Deonte Daniels; sisters: Yvonne Walker (Andrew) of Woodford, Virginia, Marcella Smith of Woodford, Virginia and Lenerer Baker Pittman of Boca Raton, Florida; aunts: Geneva Baker and Carrie Baker and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Herland was preceded in death by two children, Jacqueline and Joe Frazier Baker.

## I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has chosen for me  
I took His hand when I heard him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've now found peace at the end of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh yes, these things, I too will miss  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.  
Perhaps my time seems all too brief,  
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,  
God wanted me now - He set me FREE*

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