



Mr. Samuel Baker

March 7, 1928 - March 7, 2019

Samuel Baker, age 91, departed this life on March 7, 2019 surrounded by his family in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He was born March 7, 1928 to Joe Baker and Narvell Hackett-Baker in Prescott, Arkansas. He accepted Christ at an early age.

Samuel served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from November 1950 to September 1952.

He was united in Holy Matrimony to Stella J. Deloney on October 20, 1952 in Hope, Arkansas. To this union three sons and one daughter were born: Samuel Jr., Patricia, Doran and Winfred.

He was employed at James River in Kalamazoo for 26 years until his retirement in 1984.

Samuel was called into the ministry in 1960 and preached his first sermon called, "A Blessed Man" at New Jerusalem Church of God In Christ in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Elder Baker was later appointed Pastor of Blue Star Church of God In Christ in 1965 to 1991 in South Haven, Michigan. He also was the pastor for Bethel Star Church of God In Christ in Kalamazoo from 1979 to 2007. He served on the Ordination Board in Jurisdiction 3, Southwest Michigan; served as Chairman of District #10 under Superintendent J.S. Lee;

and Chairman Of Muskegon District under Superintendent George M. Bennett.

Samuel enjoyed spending his time praying and reading his bible. His favorite scripture was John 3:16. He also enjoyed singing and was very gifted and skillful at playing the guitar. He will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew him.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife Stella of 66 years; one daughter, Patricia (Leroy) Simpson of Kalamazoo, Michigan; three sons, Doran (Patricia) Baker of Lake St. Louis, MO; Winfred Baker of Kalamazoo, Michigan and Robert (Alice) Davis of Austin, Texas; 10 grandchildren: William and Jeremie (Ana) Abbott; Brandon (Sabrina) Blackwell, LaDonna Simpson of Kalamazoo; Catrina, La Shon, La Shona, and Raylein Davis all of Austin, Texas and Jahwan Garcia of Ackworth, Georgia; five great grandchildren: Dejuan, Ari'el, Nadia, Ayanna and Taniya; one brother-in-law, Albert Deloney of Flint, Michigan; one sister-in-law, Ruth Gentry of Burton, Michigan; several godchildren: Bradley Gardner, Talia Garcia, Minister James Gipson and Belinda Buchanan; longtime friends of the family: Josephine Sudduth, Lessie Jones and Mary Walker; along with several nieces, nephews, church family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mount Ever-Rest Memorial Park

4037 South Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation

MAR 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 North Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

A Celebration of Life

MAR 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Samuel Baker*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. Samuel Baker*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Looking back at when I was a little girl and Elder Baker would preach. We went to the Church on Blue Star Hwy. in South Haven. The late Ivory Grays is my dad and we never missed church. He was always kind to us all. Elder Baker will never be forgotten.*

Donna Newsome - March 26, 2019 at 08:45 PM



“ *Melinda David Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Samuel Baker*



Melinda David Thomas - March 22, 2019 at 07:13 PM



“ *It was a pleasure and honor to see Pastor Baker each month at Medilodge. Min. Betty Dennis, Mt. Zion Baptist Church*



Betty Dennis - March 14, 2019 at 07:19 PM

PF

“ *PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Samuel Baker*



PATTERSON FAMILY - March 13, 2019 at 03:33 PM

TF

“ *The Walker Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Samuel Baker*



The Walker Family - March 13, 2019 at 11:31 AM

PP

“ *Pstor Alexander & Mother Patricia Plair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Samuel Baker*



Pstor Alexander & Mother Patricia Plair - March 13, 2019 at 09:51 AM

JL

“ May you all feel the Lord’s peace to comfort you and pray all the wonderful memories of Elder Baker fill your hearts. So many times he said so much to inspire our family and loved ones. We will always hold the Baker Family in the depth of our hearts. Thank you Elder Baker for always being present in our lives with a gracious humble spirit.

James M Lee and the entire extended family❤️
Eastpointe, Michigan

James M Lee - March 13, 2019 at 09:42 AM

KB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



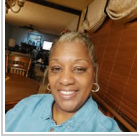
Kathy Baker - March 12, 2019 at 06:16 PM



“ 66 files added to the album LifeTributes



Harper Funeral Home - March 12, 2019 at 04:43 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Baker he was my neighbor on Drake, very nice man.

Kimberly Kizziee - March 11, 2019 at 09:26 PM

ML

“ Michelle Lee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Samuel Baker



Michelle Lee - March 11, 2019 at 05:47 PM

BG

“ Elder Baker was family to me over 40 years. A kind and gentle spirit. Truly a man of God. He will be missed! With love, Bradley Gardner

Bradley James Gardner - March 11, 2019 at 03:45 PM

TG

“ My deepest sympathies to the Baker family. I am glad your family has touched my life, Mr. Baker will truly be missed, so I am sending this candle in memory



Talia Garcia - March 10, 2019 at 10:50 PM

IR

“ *To The Baker Family:*

Sending our prayers, condolences and love to the family during this time of celebrating the awesome life of Pastor Samuel Baker.

*Love and blessings,
Frank, Ida and Jaudon Robinson*



Ida & Frank Robinson - March 10, 2019 at 05:50 PM

GK

“ *My deepest sympathies to the entire Baker family.*

Georgene Kaufman - March 09, 2019 at 05:47 PM

DE

“ *Dawn Essix lit a candle in memory of Mr. Samuel Baker*



Dawn Essix - March 08, 2019 at 08:16 PM