I'm On the Right Road Home

Sunrise Sept 1, 1951 - Sunset July 13, 2026

Mr. David Barney Baker Sr.

SERVICE

Saturday, August 1, 2026 12:00 P.M.

Greater Thankful Baptist Church

3025 W. 14th Street

Anniston, AL 36201

Pastor E. Tramine Solomon, Officiating

Reverend Jeffrey C. Williams, Eulogist

David Barney Baker Sr.

In 1959, David dedicated his life to Christ, joining membership at the Greater Thankful Baptist Church. Where he remained connected until his transition.

David attended Walter Welborn High School but he continue his years at Calhoun County Training School where he graduated in 1969. After high school he enlisted in the United States Navy and later received a Honorable Discharge.

After relocating to New York, he begin his employment history with Coney Island Hospital. David, became a Representative and a Organizer for Local 420 tirelessly fighting for people Civil Rights and Injustice. David also, organized Hospital Workers, Social Workers, processed grievances, and supervised office operations. He started marching with many Civil Rights Activists Bill Lucy, Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton and more leaders. Later he attended Cornell University studying Labor Management.

David returned home to Anniston, Alabama, became employed at Eagle Warehouse as a maintenance supervisor at Ft. McClellan. Since 1994, became a Staff Member of The Anniston Funeral Services, Anniston, Alabama and later Clark Memorial Funeral Home in Roanoke, Alabama. In 1995, while working for an environmental company, he accidentally discovered that the presence of PCB's had been covered up for 50 years.

David begun a new fight for his community against a company name Monsanto, later renamed Eastman located in West Anniston Alabama, after findings that his community was contaminated with "PCB" Polychorinated Biphenyl's. He mobilized volunteers and concerned citizens to ensure that their opinions were heard regarding health needs and toxic exposure.

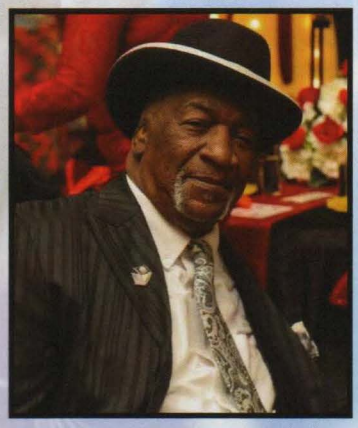
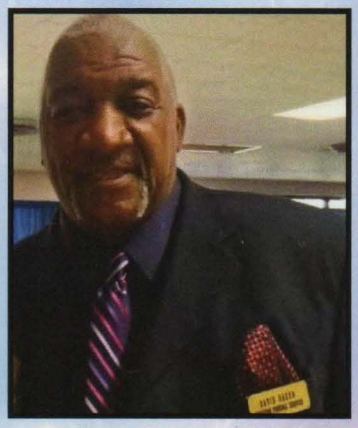
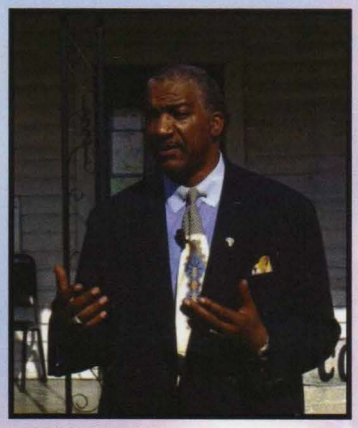
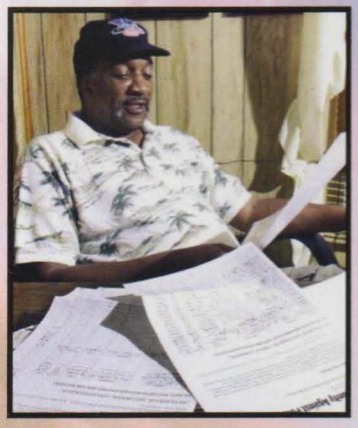
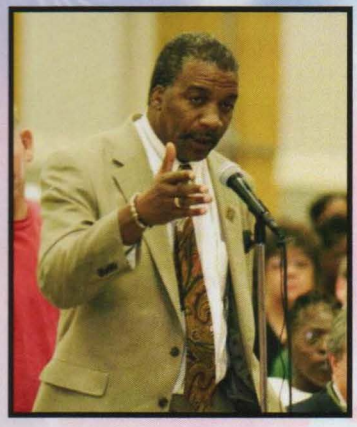
David founded "CAP" Community Against Pollution as a result of contamination in his community. He worked with the local, state and federal agency officials to address environmental and health issues, particularly the toxins that originated in West Anniston and plague a large area downstream encompassing the Snow Creek, Choccoloco River and Logan Martin Lake.

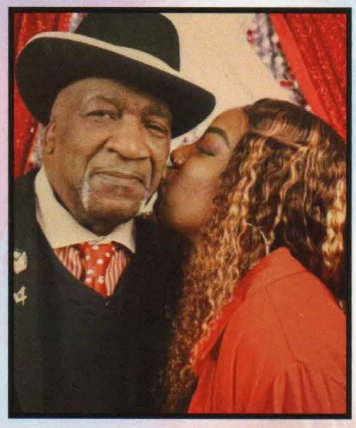
David was a speaker that spoke for the voiceless, he was that person. In 2002, he testified before the United States Appropriations Committee at a special hearing on PCB Contamination in Anniston Alabama. With the help of Ken Cook, CEO of The Environmental Working Group (EWG). David became a Board Member of EWG, he was the 2nd longest living member upon his transition. He became a member of the (CBTU) Coalition of Black Trade Unionist through Mr. William Bill Lucy, Carolyn Bell, and Lula Odom. He was a Certified Train the Trainer for Chemical Hazmat by the International Chemical Workers Union, Council Center for Worker Health and Safety Education, NAACP(National Association for the Advancement of Color People), Anniston's Police Citizen's Advisory Committee, CARAT TEAM (Community Action and Rapid Response Against Toxics, a member of the Thomas A. Williams Elks Lodge and a Mason.

David was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Alabama State Legislative, EPA's 1st OSWER Award in 2003 for best Community Organization, EPA' s 1st Assistant Administrator Environmental Justice Incentive Award, Best Outstanding Leadership and Contribution for meeting the goals of Environmental Justice, Top 5 for the Volvo for Life Award in the state of Alabama, National CARAT TEAM Award, for the National Black Trade Unionist and many more.

David was preceded in death by his parents Mr. Grover and Mrs. Imogene Baker, brothers Alfred Baker, (EG) El Grover Baker, Terry Baker and Willie Amos Nells, a sister Janice Baker Jenkins.
July 13, 2026 David transition from his earthly home to his spirit resting at Regional Medical Center, Anniston, Alabama.

David's Memories and Legacy will continue from his Love ones: daughters Linda (Antonio) Paris of TX, LaPaula Barnes of SymrnaGA, Wytina (Lasalle) Johnson of Brooklyn, NY, son: David Baker Jr. Queens, NY, sisters Sandra (John) Edwards, Cynthia (Raymond) Williams, both of Anniston, AL, 2 living Aunts Gussie Baker Chapman of Chicago and Corrine Dunson of Tennessee, Special friend/ Life companion Grace Grant of Anniston, AL, Special friend/Honorary Son: Michael Reddick of Anniston, AL, 16 grandchildren: Lataisha, Desha, Taneisha, Tanaiya, Kyla, Rolanda (Isaac) , Monterrio, Faith, Kossim, Jada, Destiny, Keyvon, Brendan, Nasir, Janae Keishawn, 5 great-grandchildren, Nyla Sky, Sekhani, Zamora, Kalynn and Makai, a bonus sister: Francen Hugely, Oxford, AL, god-sister Willie Maude Brooks of Anniston, AL, special cousins: Charlotte Clark Frieson of Roanoke, AL., Don Dunson of Cleveland, Chris Daniel of Roanoke, AL. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



Order of Service

Processional ..... Clergy & Family

Song ..... GTBC Choir

Old Testament ..... Reverend Martino Wynn

New Testament ..... Reverend Titus Robinson
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church

Prayer ..... Reverend Keith Lewis
Flint Ridge Baptist Church Bowdon GA

Song ..... Nagel Madden Dorsey

Words of Comfort ..... Pastor E. Tramaine Solomon
Greater Thankful Baptist Church

EXPRESSIONS

..... City Council

..... Chief Matthew Wade
Anniston Police Department

..... Roderick Clark
Community Friend. Boston, MS

..... LaPaula Barnes(Twiggy)
Daughter, Smyrna, GA

..... Carolyn Bell.....CARAT TEAM
Memphis TN

..... Alturmura Rosencrantz
Niece, Opelika, AL

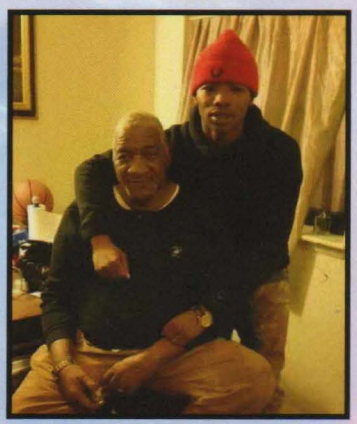
..... John Goodbread
WHMA 1390 Mighty Power/Anniston Funeral Services

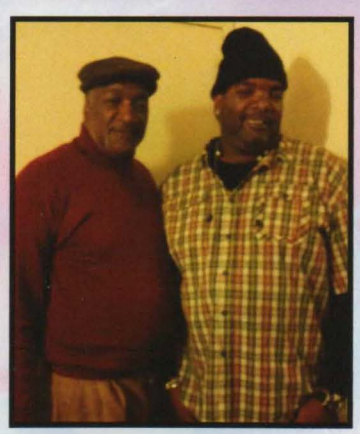
..... Ken Cook
CEO -Environmental Working Group (EWG) San Francisco, CA

Praise Dance..... WyTina Baker Johnson(daughter)

Song ..... David Clemons .....May the work I done speak for me

Eulogy	Reverend Jeffrey C Williams , Friend AFS Outreach Ministry
Song	Charlotte Clark Frieson
Acknowledgements	Charlotte Clark Freison
Floral Tribute	Anniston Funeral Service Staff
Song	Reverend Edward Bolton Sr. Rocky Mt. Baptist Church
Recessional	Clergy and Family





Daddy,

Daddy, there's so many things you've taught me throughout my life. You taught me how to be strong, determined, and fearless. You taught me to chase after my dreams and never give up.

Daddy, you taught me how to be heard without having to raise my voice. You taught me if you feel passionate about something, then it is worth fighting for.

Daddy, you taught me to never let them see you sweat, to stand proud and confident in your beliefs even if you have to stand alone. You taught me how to win with grace, to stay humble, and that every loss is a lesson.

But Daddy, you forgot one major lesson. You never taught me how to live without you!!! What now, Daddy?

In your famous words, when you spoke at funerals,

"I'll never be goodbye. I'll see you in the morning."

I love you, Daddy.

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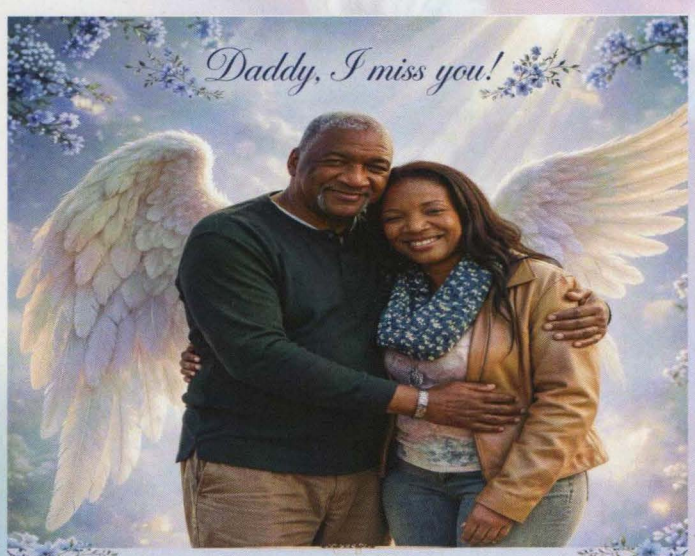
Love, Twiggy



Hey Daddy, you didn't wait for me.

I did get to speak to you and say goodbye and whisper in your ear; I know you heard every word.

But the emptiness inside, God, it hurts so bad. Who do I call now when I'm lost? Twiggy and BJ are getting on my nerves?

You gave me strength; you partly shaped who I am. I say partly, because between you and Brenda Baker, my mouth has no end.

Daddy, who's going to call now and sing Happy Birthday on my voicemail, and then call right back? I'm stuck wandering around, and that's a fact; I don't want the memory of you here.

Through our ups and downs, I always knew you had my back and I yours.

You taught me to be strong, stand proud, and walk with pride. To always be humble and be able to admit when you're wrong.

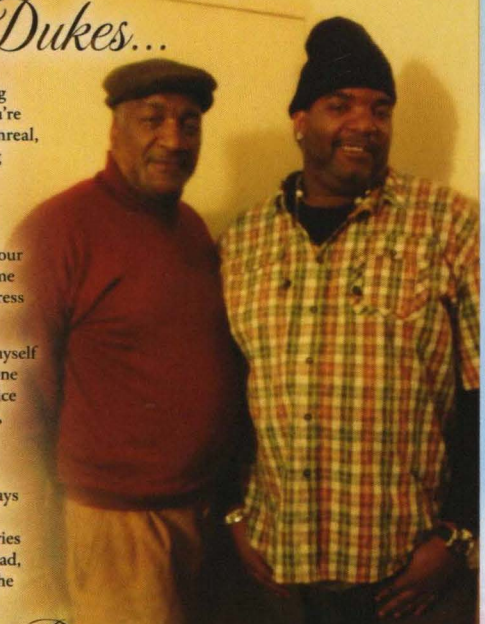
You always said, "Your first impression is your only impression make it count."

Daddy, I'm stuck! How does it get easier without you around? I play my voicemails over and over to hear your voice. The one that says, "Hey Tina Baker, oh I mean Johnson, it's your daddy. I haven't heard from you all week; you forgot you have a daddy!

As I lay you to rest, my mini me, my dad, my David Baker, my DADDY! I will carry your lessons, your love, and your voice with me always. Rest well, David Baker, you deserve it.

LOVE,
Your Baby Girl, Your Boo, Tina

Pop Dukes...



I am still struggling to process that you're gone. It feels so unreal, my heart is aching from this loss.

You were always a steady presence in my life. Through your wisdom you gave me a safe space to express myself.

Recently I found myself picking up the phone to call and ask advice about my business, I just needed that conversation.

Thank you for always loving me. I will cherish our memories the good and the bad, they all made me the man I am today.

Love you Pops...

GONE BUT NEVER EVER FORGOTTEN

♡

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, WITH ALL MY LOVE

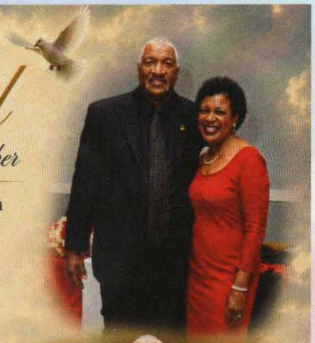
your son David Baker Jr.

"A great father never truly leaves. He lives on in the strength of his children."

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

David

A Beloved Brother



The Chain Has Been Broken

The chain has been broken,
And our hearts will never be the same.
We always believed it would be us three...
But God had other plans.

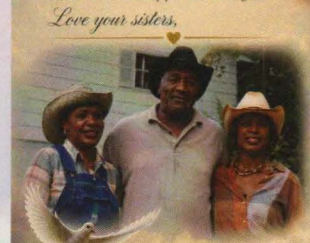
You told us you wouldn't be here.
You prepared us the best you could,
Even asking us to celebrate your life,
Like only your sisters would.

You knew God was calling,
But we just couldn't see
That Heaven was preparing
The place you were meant to be.

To everyone else, you were David,
A name they all knew.
But to us, you were our brother,
And there'll never be another you.

Though our hearts are broken,
We know your work here is done.
Give Mama, Daddy, and all our loved ones a hug.
Now we understand...
Heaven was the birthday you were waiting on.

Love your sisters,



Granddaddy

Granddaddy,

No matter the many miles,
I never felt far from your love.
I'll always be your Roro,
and you'll always be my Granddaddy.

I'll never forget your backyard
full of dogs for my brother and me,
"our game day predictions"
and our "watch this and see"
the little memories that meant
so much. You had a way of making
us feel loved without ever having to
say much.

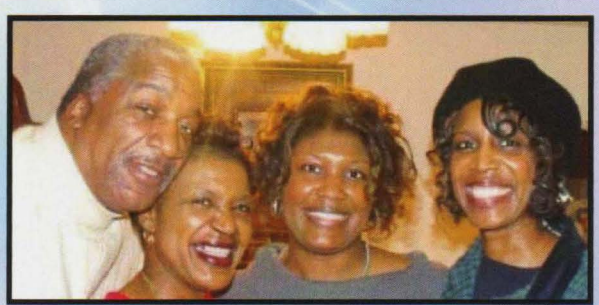
You were a good man with a big heart.
You poured into your family,
your community, and anybody
who needed you.
Your work here is done.

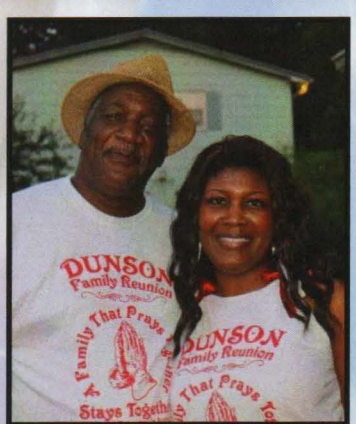
I know you're in Heaven now,
still watching over us, probably
smiling every time you see me with
Rocco or hear me making another
sports prediction. I'll carry your name
like a promise, your legacy like a light
and your strength like a steady song.

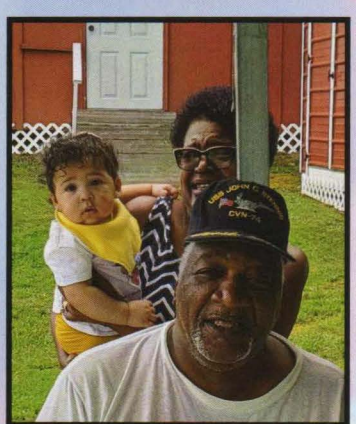
Rest easy, Granddaddy.

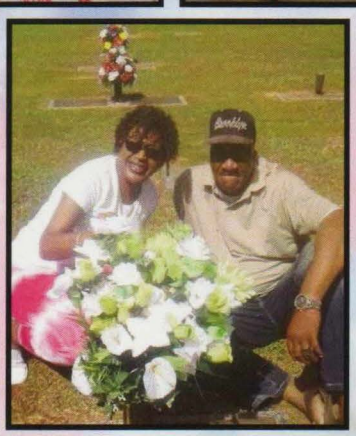
Until we meet again,

RoRo









FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Pallbearers/Elks Lodge
Daughters of the Elks/ The Golden Girls

INTERMENT

Eden Hills Cemetery
Anniston, Alabama

Acknowledgements

The family of the late David Baker Sr., would like to Thank each and everyone for your Prayers, calls, messages and support during this difficult time of bereavement. Special Thanks to Jeffrey Williams of Anniston Funeral services for the love and support during the time of David's failing health and journey to his transition, the Bestest friend a man could ever ask for!
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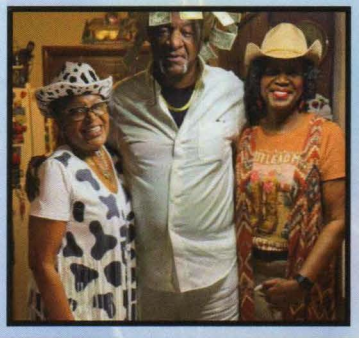
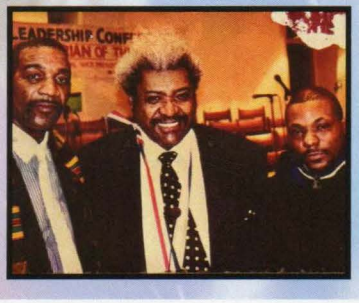
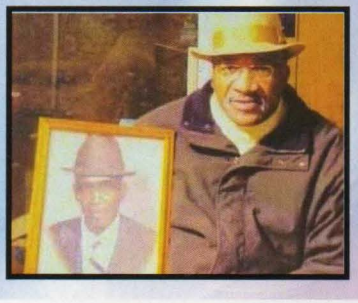
I'll see you in the morning"







Final Love and Care Entrusted To:

Anniston Funeral Services

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Rev. Jeffrey C. Williams- Owner/Lic. Director
"Where Service Begins and Never Ends" - "Love Is What Love Does"
Come & Join Us For First Sunday Fellowship at 2:30 pm