

When I Must Leave You

Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in. Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win. Please don't say how good I was, but I did my best. Just say that I tried to do what's right - to give the most I could, not do less.

Please don't give me wings or halos, that's for God to do. I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due. Please don't give flowers, or talk in hushed tones. Don't be concerned about me now, I'm well with God; I've made my home.

Don't talk about what could have been, it's over and it's done. Just see to all my family's needs, the battle has been won. When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a Saint. I've done some good, I've done some wrong, so use all your paint - not just the bright and light tones, use some gray and dark. In fact, don't put me down on canvass, paint me in your heart.

Don't just remember good times, but remember all the bad. For life is full of many things, some happy and some sad. But if you must do something, then I have one last request - forgive for the wrongs I've done, and with the love that's left, thank God for my soul's resting, thank God for I've been blessed. Thank God for all who loved me, praise God who loved me best.

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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In Loving Memory of



Donald "Don" Baker

Sunrise

October 28, 1941

Sunset

February 11, 2014

Service

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

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1025 Bergen Street
Newark, New Jersey

Rennie Philson, Officiating

Order of Service

Processional
Selection
Scripture Readings
Prayer
Selection
Acknowledgements
Remarks
Obituary
Selection
Eulogy
Rennie Philson
Committal
Viewing
Recessional

Interment
Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Obituary

Donald Baker affectionately known as “Don” 73, passed away on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 after a long illness in Newark, NJ.

Donald was born and raised in Newark, NJ on October 28, 1941 to the late Irby and Dorothy Baker. There were two children born of this union Yvonne Baker who preceded him in death.

Donald attended Newark Public Schools as a child and graduated from Shabazz High School in 1958. His first job was working at his uncle Nick’s Small custodial business as a maintenance worker, cleaning, buffing and sanding floors. He was very creative and loved working with his hands. He enjoyed architectural and interior design.

Donald was known for his meticulous style and sense of humor. There was never a dull moment while in his presence. He was a lover of Jazz music, listening to his favorite artist such as the late but greats of Nate King Cole, Billy Holiday, Count Bassie and Ray Charles.

Donald met and married his high school sweetheart, Mrs. Marian Baker (Puggie) on August 23, 1959 and from that union they had one daughter, Sharon (Kim) Baker.

Don is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marian Baker; his children, Mrs. Sharon Baker Jones (Kelvin); stepchildren, James Baker, Mrs. Penny Warner Powell (Timothy), Donald Baker, Mrs. Yolonda Baker Carter (Maurice), Ronda Baker (Randy), Mrs. Dasha Thomas (Darren), Rahshan Watt, Mrs. Jackie Blanton (John) and Donald Bobien; grandchildren, Sakeenah, Safwan, Amad, Jakir, Talisha, Hassan, Nafiyah, Isaih, Sabriyah, Idris, Michael, Ayana, Leondria, Nazia, Tyres, Shamir, Gyasi and Jair; grand grandchildren, Shamar, Sanai, Aqhir, and Tymir; three special cousins, Rennie, Phillis and Tony; also special and close to his heart were Irene, Betty, Josephine and one niece, three nephews; and a host of cousins, family and friends.

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