

Homegoing Celebration  
For  
**SFC Charles Baker**

Sunrise  
August 20, 1920

Sunset  
February 5, 2016



U.S. AIR FORCE

Viewing  
10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon  
Service

Saturday, February 13, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

**Good Shepherd Church of Christ**

633 Bergen Avenue  
Jersey City, NJ 07304

**Bishop James Herron, Sr., Eulogist**

*Pastor of Good Shepherd Church of Christ*

**Reverend Eugene Byrd, Officiating**

*Pastor of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church*

U.S. ARMY

The U.S. Army logo, featuring a stylized eagle with wings spread, perched on a globe. The logo is blue and white.

# Obituary

**Charles (a.k.a. Charlie) Baker** was born on August 20, 1920 to the late Deaster and Alberta Baker in Vauxhall, New Jersey. He was the last surviving child of six children. He departed this life on Friday, February 5, 2016.

As a child growing up, Charles was baptized and attended the First Baptist Church in Vauxhall, where his father was a deacon and trustee and his mother a missionary and usher. As an adult, he was baptized “In the name of Jesus” at the Cornerstone Church of Christ in Jersey City, NJ under the leadership of the late Bishop Grady Dale, Sr. Later, he became a member of the Good Shepherd Church of Christ in Jersey City under the leadership of Bishop James Herron, Sr.

He met and then married the love of his life, Ethel Williams, on June 1, 1944 in Mountain Home, Idaho and from this union, seven beautiful children were born.

After graduating from high school, Charles enlisted with the Civilian Conservation Corps, a branch under the US Government Forestry Services, where he was the company clerk and canteen steward. While still in the CCC during 1942, he was drafted into the service of his country, where he served over 20 years. During this time he served in administration assignments with the US Air Force at various installations in the continental United States and the Alaskan Air Command, until July 1948, when he transferred from the Air Force to the Army. At that time he became a personnel administrative supervisor in the Overseas Replacement Branch at Camp Kilmer, NJ. After a tour of duty as Personnel Sergeant Major with the 24<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion in Germany from March 1950 to June 1953, he was assigned as classification and assignment supervisor at Fort Totten, NY and later as noncommissioned officer in charge of enlisted reserve personnel records at Headquarters New York Military District, where he remained until November 1957.

Sergeant Baker entered the Signal Corps pictorial field in November 1957, where he attended a television cameraman training course in the Army Pictorial Center. Subsequent to this training, he served at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Fort Bliss, Texas as a television cameraman. In May 1960 he was assigned to the 12<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion in Korea. Upon completion of his tour in Korea, he returned to the Army Pictorial Center in June 1961 with assignment with the Television Division where he performed duties as television cameraman and production supervisor until October 31, 1962.

After his discharge from the service, he went to work for the city of New York as a television cameraman and broadcast technician at Channel 31, WNYC-UHF. Later he went to work at Channel 9 WWOR-TV in construction and later as television cameraman and broadcast technician. He was also nominated for an Emmy for editing “The Franchise – The Tom Seaver Story”. After 31 years in the television and broadcasting industry, he retired in May 1993.

Charles is predeceased by his wife, Ethel Baker; his children: Carl, Allen and Shelton; his parents: Deaster and Alberta Baker and his siblings: Elizabeth, Frank, Leasia, Timothy and Johnnie Mae.

Sergeant Baker leaves to cherish his precious memories: his children, Diane (Rev. Eugene) Byrd, Reginald (Hope) Baker, Gerald (Janet) Baker, Karen, Terrance (Wanda) McMoore and Kim (Wade) Chavis; 26 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren; Goddaughters, Cheryl Haynes and Yvonna Behlin and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends and the Good Shepherd Church of Christ church family.

He fought a good fight; he finished his course; he kept his faith.

## **Grandchildren**

Kwanette Thompson  
Dorothea Thompson  
Althea Alexander  
David Alexander  
Marion Lee  
Yolander Baker  
Gerald K. Baker, Jr.  
Margaret Baker  
Camille Baker  
Corey D. Baker, Sr.  
June Baker  
Natasha Lee  
Donell J. Baker (deceased)  
Reginald W. Baker, Jr.  
Latosia Baker  
Tiffany L. Baker  
Antwan McMoore (deceased)  
Shykera Coats  
Kenneth Coats  
Antonio C. Baker (deceased)  
Terwanda McMoore  
Tamara McMoore  
Terri McMoore  
Hope V. Lane  
Tyquan Davis  
Wendell Baker  
Jazzi-Blue Baker  
Wade Chavis, Jr.  
Valerie McNear

## **Great Grandchildren**

Shayla D. Cook  
Christopher Waiters, Jr.  
Ja'Nee Baker  
Essence Newbill  
Hadiyah McCall  
Ny'Asia J. Powell  
Lorenzo Bess, Jr.  
Corey D. Baker, Jr.  
Jeriah Bell  
Daiquan Baker  
Essence Baker  
Erika Bess  
Donte' Baker  
Jamia Baker  
Daisha Baker  
Mikala Baker  
Serenity Newbill  
Heaven Baker  
Bryan Bess  
June D. Baker  
Gerald K. Baker III  
Reginald W. Baker III  
James A. Baker  
Jaelah L. Baker  
Jaden Coats  
Zachary Baker  
Wendell Baker, Jr.  
Amina Baker  
Jermaine D. Baker  
India Jackson  
Lianna Baker  
Adriyana McNear  
Devin Wright

## **Great Great Grandchildren**

Brody Kade  
Christian Baker

# Order Service

Officiant: Reverend Eugene Byrd  
Pastor of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Jersey City, NJ

Processional ..... Clergy and Family  
Organ Prelude ..... Deacon Elizah Moore  
Good Shepherd Church  
Organist ..... Bro. James Walker  
Zion Baptist Church  
Congregation Hymn ..... "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"  
Prayer of Comfort ..... Min. Adlai Bolden  
Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church  
Scripture Readings:  
Old Testament – Psalm 90 ..... Deacon James Fordham  
Good Shepherd Church of Christ  
New Testament – John 14:1-6 ..... Elder James Herron, Jr.  
Good Shepherd Church of Christ  
Solo ..... Sister Sandra Williams  
Salem Baptist Church

Words of Encouragement (Please limit to 2 minutes)  
*All from Good Shepherd Church of Christ*  
Church Family – First Lady Mother Callie Herron  
Church Mother – Mother Lillie Jefferson  
Chairman Deacon – Deacon Raymond Green  
Brotherhood President – Elder Edward McQuarters

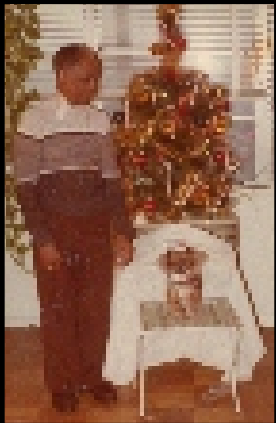
Soloist ..... Reverend Vangie Williams  
Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Family Remarks  
Pastor John Terry - Family Friends - Miracle Baptist Church Hammonica Selection  
Yolander Baker - Granddaughter  
Maggie Scott – Cousin  
Pastor Eugene Byrd – Son In-Law

Musical Selection ..... Good Shepherd Choir  
Acknowledgements, Condolences and Resolutions ..... Sister Linda Pearson  
Good Shepherd Church  
Musical Selection ..... Good Shepherd Choir  
Obituary ..... Brother Wade Chavis (Son in-law)  
Musical Selection ..... Good Shepherd Choir  
Eulogy ..... Bishop James Herron, Sr.  
Pastor of Good Shepherd Church of Christ  
Final Viewing ..... The Family Funeral Home  
Recessional

Repast – Church Dining Hall

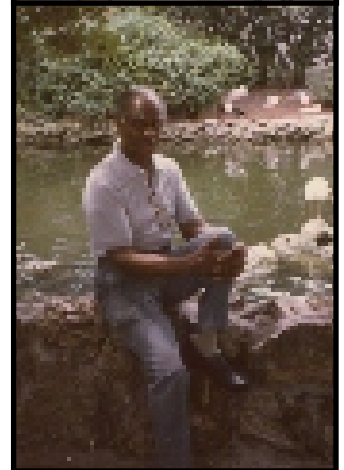
<p><b>Interment</b> <i>Tuesday, February 16, 2016</i> Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery 350 Provinceline Road, Wrightstown, NJ 08562</p>
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## To Our Dad & Grandpa

You closed your eyes and said goodbye to this world forever more. We thank our Lord for you so much, for the many years you gave to us. How your special touch of love have touched each one of us. You taught us to love the Lord, Our Savior. Dad, Grandpa you're at peace; absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. You have now claimed your life's reward where tears, pain and sorrow cease. Now family and friends be at peace don't lose your soul you must give your heart and your life to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. You must be ready to except his call to be in glory with our dear Father. Charles Baker loved his family, friends and his dear church family. Yes, we will miss Dad. Another good soldier gone home Dad, Grandpa, he lived life, loved life and gave it his all. He's gone to take his eternal rest; this passage is a celebration of a brand new life in the Kingdom of God. We loved you but God loved you best.

Submitted by Loving Family

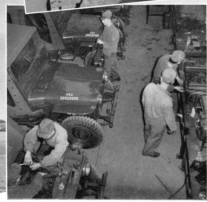
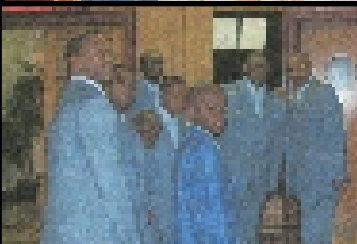
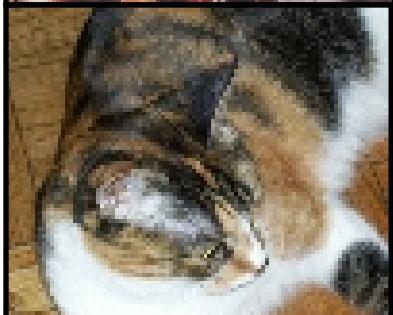


## DAD

Each day we live is a blessing  
 Bestowed by our father above  
 A token of faithful endurance  
 An emblem of God's perfect love  
 Each day that we live is a challenge  
 To submit to the ways of the Lord  
 To seek after the path of righteous  
 To redemption our promised reward  
 Each day that we live is a journey  
 Each day we live is a blessing

We thank God for giving us  
 95 years you was with us  
 We will have happy memories of you

We love you,  
 Your family



CHARLES BAILEY AND FAMILY



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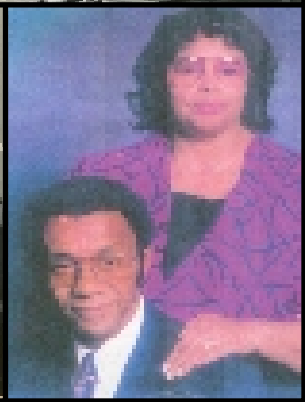
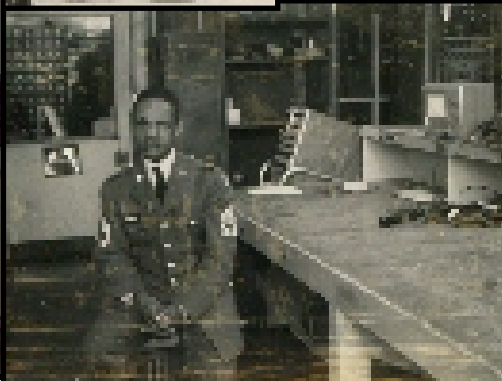


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# The Fallen Limb

A limb has fallen from the family tree.  
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me".  
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.  
The good life I lived while I was strong.  
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.  
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.  
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.  
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.  
Continue tradition, no matter how small.  
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.  
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin,  
Until the day comes we're together again.

Author Unknown –

## In Appreciation

The family acknowledges all acts of kindness extended to them during the time of sorrow and bereavement. For each thought, word and deed, we thank you sincerely and each thought shall remain in our hearts. May God continue to richly bless each of you, is our prayer. A very special thank you to Mr. Kenneth Cattenhead.

The Family

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