

In Loving Memory of
Michelle L. Baker



Sunrise
May 11, 1960

Sunset
April 11, 2022

"Chelly B"

Thursday, April 21, 2022 - 12:00 Noon

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Michelle LaVonne Baker (Chelly B) was born in Newark, New Jersey on May 11, 1960 to the late Thermon and Evelyn Baker. At a very young age, Michelle joined the Green Pasture Baptist Church where she was baptized and participated in church in the choir. She later joined the Presbyterian Girls Club called the Crowned Jewels at the Roseville Ave Presbyterian Church.

Michelle was educated in the Newark Public School System. She graduated as Valedictorian from Barringer High School in 1978. She went on to further her education at Essex County College where she received her Associate's Degree in Business Technology in 1980 graduating at the top of her class. She then went to Phillips Business School of Technology where she took several computer classes. Michelle held several jobs stemming from retail to business. Her gift and passion was mathematics. If you struggled in that area, you could count on her brain to solve a problem.

In June 1981, Michelle gave birth to her "first born" and eight years later in May of 1989, she gave birth again to her "one and only son". Although Michelle only birthed two children, her nieces, nephews, and feline Gucci (Tooch) were her pride and joy.

Chelly B enjoyed prepping food for the holidays, cookouts, spending time with her family, feeding the birds and stray cats, which she inherited from her mother and of course watching all her favorite shows (Food Network, First 48 Hours, Law and Order SUV, Snapped, and you cannot forget Lifetime).

Michelle had a heart of gold and would do anything in her power to help, her door was always opened. Michelle was always down for a good time. Chelly B was the life of any party. She would show up, show out and then be ready to leave. To know her was to love her. On any given day, no matter what the time was, Chelly B's voice could be heard from Central Avenue, down 13th Street to 9th Ave saying.... "Aye yooooooooooooo!!!!" If you never got cursed out and didn't know any of her lingo, then you didn't know "Chelly B"..... "Helloooooooooooooo, you think!!!!!!!"

Michelle was preceded in death by her parents, Thermon and Evelyn Baker, the love of her life Andre' D. Williams Sr., niece Gabrielle Baker and nephew Yamir Harper Baker. Michelle leaves to keep her memories alive in her voice as she can say, "My 1st Born" Taliah S.(Cutty) Baker and daughter-in-law Dequanah (Peaches) and "My 1 and only Son" Andre D. (Man) Williams; siblings: Phil, Maurice, and LaVette Baker; 1 Aunt: Minnie Bland; 3 Nephews: Rasheed (Shanita), MarKeith (Darla), and Malachi; 6 Nieces: Kiyana, Nastacia, Yah'Nay, Myasia, Ciarra (her boo-boo), and Zuri; Honorary daughter; Asha; 3 Honorary grandchildren: Quadree and Zynasha (mama) Arrington and A'laiya Michelle; 2 Honorary Nephews: Shakeem and Kyle; 1 Honorary Niece: Naima (Pooh)2 Best Friends: Danna Harris-Troy and Stephanie Northern; Sisters for Life: Angela Harper, Stephanie Phillips, Terri Bowens, Mary (Cookie) Smelley and a host of great nieces and nephews, family and friends and you can't forget her forever 9th Ave family.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Special Tribute from her only Son - Man

Remarks
(Two minutes each please)

Special Tribute from Sister to Sister
(Missing You)

Acknowledgements

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Selection

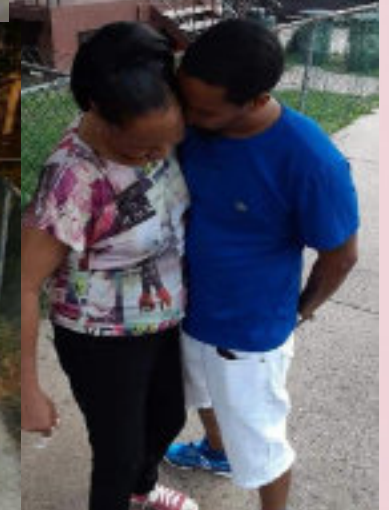
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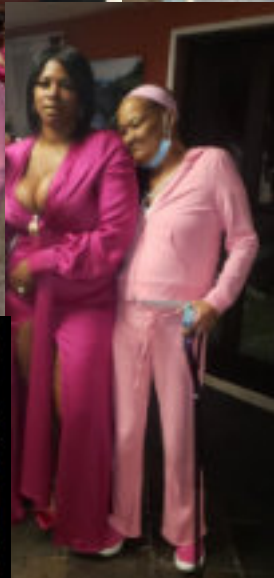
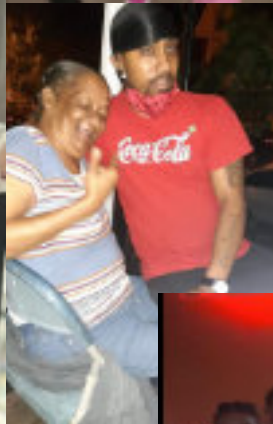
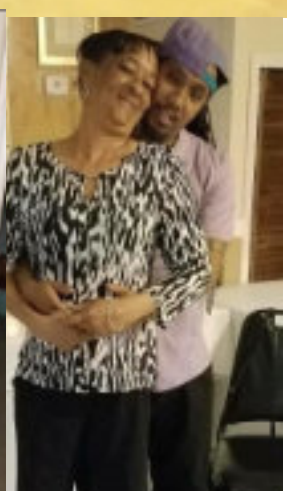
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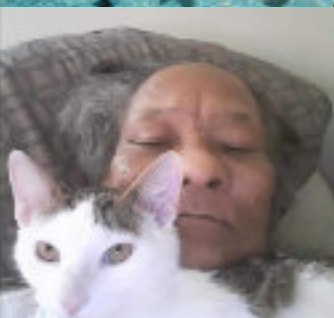
Recessional

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Fairmount Cemetery
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As I sit in heaven
And watch you everyday
I try to let you know with signs
I never went away
I hear you when you're laughing
I watch you as you sleep
I even place my arms around you
To calm you as you weep
I see you wish the days away
Begging to have me home
So I try to send you signs
So you know you are not alone
Don't feel guilt that you have
Life that was denied to me
Heaven is truly beautiful
Just you wait and see
So live your life, laugh again
Enjoy yourself be free
Then I know with every breath you take
You'll be taking one for me...

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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