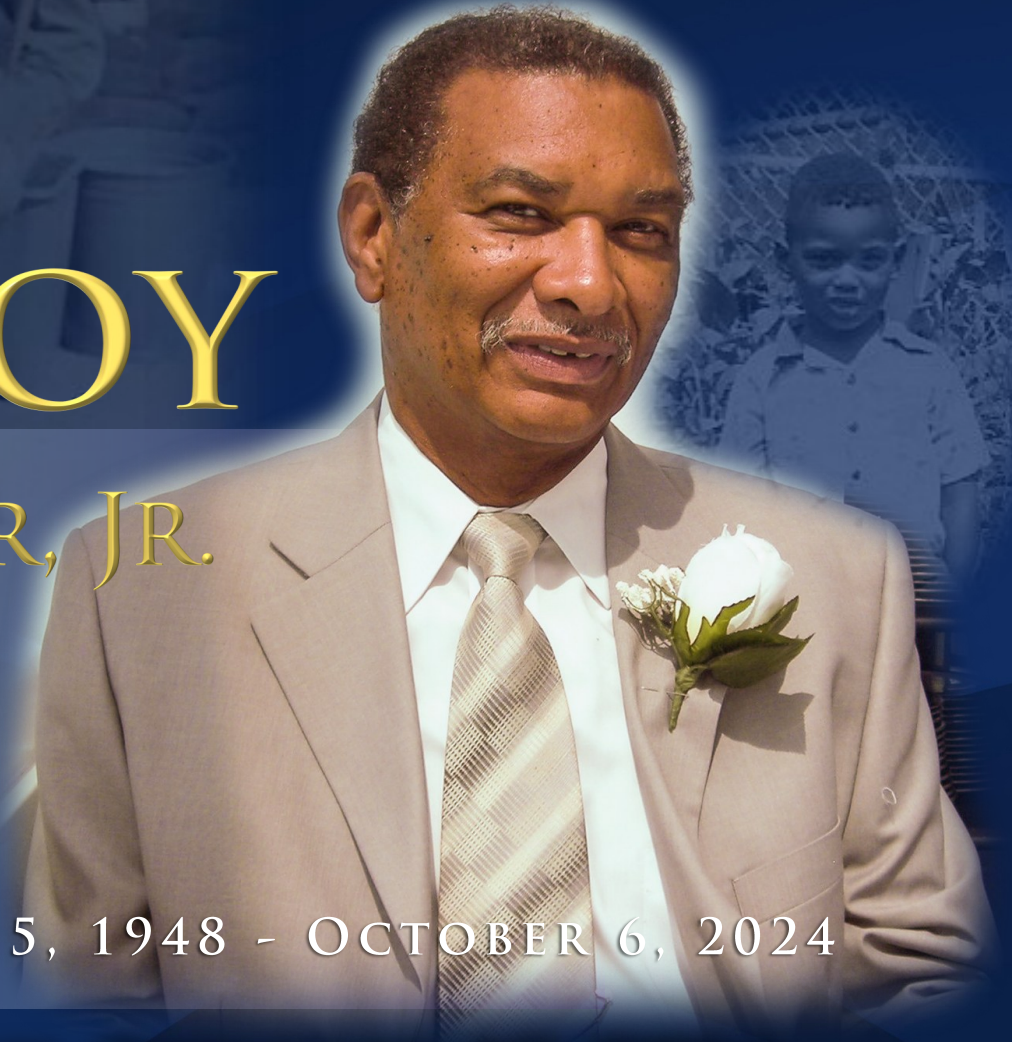


# CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

# LEROY

## D. BAKER, JR.



OCTOBER 25, 1948 - OCTOBER 6, 2024

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024**

**10:00 A.M. VIEWING | 11:00 A.M. SERVICE**

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# OBITUARY

Leroy D. Baker, Jr., was born on October 25, 1948, in Alexandria, Virginia, to the late Leroy and Bernice Baker. He was the oldest son of six children.

In 1965, he graduated from Parker-Gray High School, Alexandria's first high school to educate African American children. Leroy subsequently enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served his country as a private during the Vietnam War beginning in 1969.

After being honorably discharged from the military, Leroy worked for the City of Alexandria in the Traffic and Engineering Department for over 40 years. He also served as President of the Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage beginning in 2012; and he was involved with the Alexandria Black History Museum.

Leroy had great concern for the youth in his community. He was very community-oriented, and in 1973, he was instrumental in creating the Youth Alternative Coalition, an organization designed to provide counsel and assistance to any youth who needed it. Because of his dedication to the Coalition, in February 2023, he received the Presidential Achievement Award, and to Leroy's surprise it was presented by one of the youth he had assisted years before.

As a young man, he gave his life to the Lord Jesus Christ at Third Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. Leroy was a dedicated servant there.

On May 4, 1994, he married his wife, Lynda. The two have been in each other's lives for 47 years. On April 9, 2000, the lovely couple joined From the Heart Church Ministries in Maryland where they received the uncompromising Word of God. Through the teachings, they learned how to be a godly husband and wife. As they put their faith into action, their love and dedication to one another grew—and more importantly, were sustained.

Unquestionably, Leroy was a man of God who possessed a servant's heart. He was known for his consistent, constant work in the ministry, and he always did so with an abundance of joy in his heart. He served in the Physical Stewardship, Seniors, and Helps Ministries. He also assisted in Dining Services. Leroy truly served as unto the Lord. He often commented to his wife that unless he was working as hard as, Bishop John A. Cherry, II, did to bring forth the Word of God, what he was doing was not hard work. He wholeheartedly believed in giving one hundred percent effort in the service of the Lord.

Leroy will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved him. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Lynda Baker; daughter, Sedena Baker; son, Nigel Baker; grandchildren: Jordan Baker, Justice Baker, Micah Baker and Tru Baker; great-grandchildren, Aubrey and Kaylee; siblings: Francine, Ronald (Renee), Eugene, Juanita, Kenneth (Patsy); brothers and sisters-in-love: Leon Johnson, Kevin Johnson (Rita), Terrance Akins and Christine Griffith (Vicente); a host of other relatives; and an abundance of brothers and sisters-in-Christ.

Leroy was preceded in death by his daughter, Takeyah Brooks.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## Invocation

Congregational Hymn ..... “Lift Him Up”

## Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 121

New Testament: II Corinthians 5:1-8

## Prayer of Comfort

Selection..... FTH Adult Choir

## Acknowledgements

## Remarks

Mr. Kenneth Bates, Brother-in-Christ

Mr. Vicente Griffith, Brother-in-law

Mr. Nigel Baker, Son

## Obituary *(Read Silently)*

Song of Preparation ..... FTH Psalmist

Message of Hope ..... Reverend Walter V. McLaughlin, III

## Call to Christ

## Recessional

### Interment

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.  
National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico  
18424 Joplin Road | Triangle, Virginia 22172



# FAMILY SENTIMENTS

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## TO MY HUSBAND LEROY IN HEAVEN

I was supposed to spend the rest of my life with you.  
And now I realize...you spent the rest of your life with me.  
Leroy, you were my world—you meant everything to me  
The love I have for you now — will last eternally  
Your memory is a keepsake — From which I'll never part  
God has you in His arms — I have you in my heart

~ *Your Loving Wife, Lynda*

## In Loving Memory

In quiet moments, I recall  
The stories shared, the wisdom tall.  
A gentle hand, a guiding light,  
Your laughter echoes, pure delight.  
Through fields of time, you walked with grace,  
With every smile, you filled the space.  
Your strength, a beacon, shining bright,  
In darkest hours, you were my light.  
Though now you rest, your spirit soars,  
In hearts you've touched, forever yours.  
I carry you in all I do,  
Dear grandfather, I think of you.  
So as the leaves begin to fall,  
I cherish memories, one and all.  
Though parting brings a heavy heart,  
In love and spirit, we'll never part.

~ *Your Daughter and Grandchildren,  
Sedena, Jordan, Justice, Mekhi*

## In Memory of a Special Brother (Leroy)

Today is full of *memories*  
of a *Brother* laid to rest  
and every single one of them  
is filled with happiness  
For Leroy was someone *special*  
Always such a joy to know  
And there was so much pain  
When it was *time to let you go*  
That's why this special message  
Is sent to *heaven* above  
For the angels to take care of you  
And give you *all our love*

~ *From your Brothers and Sisters  
Francine, Ronald, Eugene, Juanita, Kenneth*

# FAMILY SENTIMENTS

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Words cannot express what we are feeling at this time. We are broken-hearted, because you are no longer with us, but rejoicing in the Lord, because we KNOW that you are now in Heaven with Him.

All of the trips that we have taken with you and Lynda will forever be in our hearts and memories. From going to Lancaster, PA to see a Sights and Sound Christian Play, to Williamsburg, VA to hang out, eat, and go shopping. Actually, Lynda and Penny did the shopping while you and Vicente waited patiently until we were done. On occasion, you and Lynda would drive to visit us in Chester, VA and we would go to Lynda's favorite restaurant O'Charleys' to have lunch, go back to the house and have coffee and dessert, rest a minute before you and Lynda would drive back to your home. What a fun time and a high time in the Lord we would have. And yes, we would be exhausted from the excitement and always thanked God for allowing us to be together.

There is no other couple that we did this with. Naturally, we connected because we each love our spouses to no end, and spiritually we bonded over the things of God by sharing what we heard from our teachings, what we studied, and what our responsibilities are in reaching the lost.

So now our Brother-in-Love, we know that you are resting in peace, because you are now in the arms of the Lord.

~ *Love, Vicente and Penny*

God has you in His arms and we will forever carry you in our hearts. Leroy we will miss you forever, but we have joy knowing you are resting with Jesus. Until we meet again

~ *Kendra, Riley & Josiah*

To have a grandfather that is a man of God, who taught and walked in his light has been amazing, from the hard talks, to me venting and his nervous laughter... I will miss everything about my grandfather, and I wish to see him again.

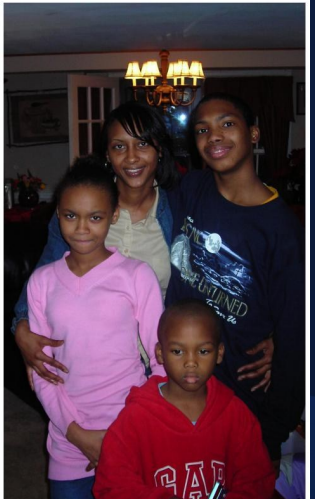
~ *Love, Justice*

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## CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

### LIFT HIM UP

How to reach the masses, men of every birth?  
For an answer Jesus gave a key,  
“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,  
Will draw all men unto Me.”

O the world is hungry for the Living Bread,  
Lift the Savior up for them to see,  
Trust Him, and do not doubt the words that He said,  
“I’ll draw all men unto Me.”

Lift Him up by living as a Christian ought,  
Let the world in you the Savior see,  
Then men will gladly follow Him who once taught,  
“I’ll draw all men unto Me.”

#### *Chorus*

*Lift Him up, Lift Him up,  
Still He speaks from eternity,  
“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,  
will draw all men unto Me.”*

## WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

When tomorrow starts without me,  
please try to understand,  
That an angel came and called my name,  
and took me by the hand;  
The angel said my place was ready,  
in Heaven far above,  
And that I’d have to leave behind all those I dearly love.  
But when I walked through Heaven’s Gates,  
I felt so much at home,  
For God looked down, smiled at me,  
and told me “Welcome Home.”  
So when tomorrow starts without me,  
Don’t think we’re far apart,  
For every time you think of me,  
I’m right there in your heart

--Author Unknown--

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Leroy Baker, Jr. acknowledges with deep appreciation every act of kindness and expression of love shown to us during our time of bereavement. May God richly bless you.  
We love you all.

## PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends

## FLOWER BEARERS

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## SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO:

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