



Shirley Mae Baker

April 1, 1947 - June 26, 2024

Ms. Shirley Mae Baker was born April 1, 1947 to the late Willie Baker and the late Vercy Jackson.

Shirley was born and raised in Austin, Texas. She is the second child of three children. She was baptized at Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church and participated in all youth activities.

Shirley received her education in the Austin Independent School District. She was a graduate of the L. C. Anderson High School. She was the first woman to receive seniority as a bus operator at Capital Metro. She retired from Capital Metro with 30 years of service; and has a photographed plaque at Capital Metro headquarters in Austin, Texas. She was a member of the Amalgamated transit union during her time of service with Capital Metro.

In her early years Shirley Baker was an actress and singer in the 1976 movie *Lead Belly* with Roger Mosley. She was a known activist and great humanitarian in the city of Austin, Texas. She impacted many people during the course of her life. Shirley never met a stranger; she always spread love and gave wonderful words of wisdom. Her joyous spirit and bright light always brought happiness to all

who crossed her path. She was very funny, a “comedian at heart.” She had an infectious smile.

Shirely ensured that the needs of the family were always met, and that the family was always kept safe.

Shirley made many lifelong friends that became a part of her family. She was always lending a helping hand to help others. She loved to cook for her family and feed the homeless people in her community. The smell of cooking was always present in her home as well as the sound of laughter, music, and her humorous fussing. If you would stop by, she would offer you a drink and fix you a quick meal. She was a bad mamma jamma “Queen Mother.”

She always made time to attend weddings, graduations, birthdays, and other milestones and accomplishments. She was always there front row. She was a great leader. Shirley’s legacy will live on in her next generations.

On June 26, 2024 Shirley transitioned from labor to reward and peace surrounded by her loved ones. She was preceded in death by her parents, Willie Baker and Vercy Jackson in Austin, Texas; her brother, Ernest Baker; her former spouses, Eugene Harrison and Quintus Scott, Sr.; her stepson, Kevin Scott; her uncles George Jackson, Charlie Jackson, and Early Jackson; her aunts, Verliee Jackson, Clara Shepherd, and Hester Jackson, all of Texas and she gracefully joined them at the gates of heaven.

Those left to fulfil and cherish Shirley’s legacy include her sister, Evelyn Baker of Austin; two half brothers (twins), Mr. Leo Dawson Sr. and Mr. Lee Dawson both of Lockhart, Texas; her half-sister, Larene Dawson Jones of Austin, Texas; her children the heartbeats of her life, Deborah Baker (spouse Randy

Jackson), Ernest Baker Olaudah (fiancé Kerstin Thompson), Sherri Miller, Cecil Rice Jr., Khalilah Harrison (spouse Nathaniel C. Davenport), Khalif Harrison Sr.; two step-children, Michelle Harrison and Quintus Scott Jr. Shirley has 30 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews , cousins, and other relatives and friends. Shirely will be forever loved and missed by all who knew her...

Cemetery Details

Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery

Ledbetter, TX

Previous Events

Celebration Service

JUL 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater Love Baptist Church
6601 Manor Road
Austin, TX 7823

Public Visitation one hour prior to Service

Tribute Wall

HN

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Hamuel Newbern - July 25, 2024 at 01:32 PM

HN

I LOVE YOU DEARLY

Hamuel Newbern - July 25, 2024 at 01:33 PM

HN

“ Hamuel Newbern lit a candle in memory of Shirley Mae Baker



Hamuel Newbern - July 25, 2024 at 01:27 PM

HN

SHIRLEY SWEETHEART! YOU WILL SURELY ANF TRUELY BE MISSED BY ME..

Hamuel Newbern - July 25, 2024 at 01:29 PM

EL

“ *Elaine Mays Lofton lit a candle in memory of Shirley Mae Baker*



Elaine Mays Lofton - July 20, 2024 at 01:11 PM

SC

“ *Shon Collins lit a candle in memory of Shirley Mae Baker*



Shon Collins - July 19, 2024 at 03:56 PM

SC

I have known this family since I was 7 years old. Me and Sherry were best friends. I will truly miss Shirley. The heavens have received a kind and gentle angel.

Shon Collins - July 19, 2024 at 03:59 PM

MW

“ *Martha Wright lit a candle in memory of Shirley Mae Baker*



Martha Wright - July 18, 2024 at 05:18 PM

JM

“ To the family you have my HEARTFELT
CONDOLENCES 🙏 for Shirley receiving her
ANGEL WINGS 🕊️ may GOD BLESS and
continue to watch over her family while they're
mourning her loss REST IN PEACE dear
friend



Joyce M Monroe - July 18, 2024 at 12:21 AM

SP

*My Condolences to the family. My heart goes out to you each. God
bless you all!*

Sheri Payton - July 19, 2024 at 09:58 PM

MG

“ Margie Green lit a candle in memory of
Shirley Mae Baker



Margie Green - July 17, 2024 at 10:56 PM

MG

Sending Prayers and Condolences to the Family!

Margie Green - July 17, 2024 at 10:59 PM

DS

“ Deacon Harold Guyton Sr lit a candle in
memory of Shirley Mae Baker



Deacon Harold Guyton Sr - July 16, 2024 at 04:17 PM

DS

My sincere prayers and condolences to the family in your loss

Deacon Harold Guyton Sr - July 16, 2024 at 04:20 PM

MW

“ *Martha Wright lit a candle in memory of Shirley Mae Baker*



Martha Wright - July 10, 2024 at 07:42 PM

MI

“ *Mia lit a candle in memory of Shirley Mae Baker*



mia - July 09, 2024 at 03:32 PM



“ *Think of my beautiful family during this difficult time. Love your cousin Charlesetta Francis.*

Brian Francis - July 08, 2024 at 02:07 PM

TR

“ *aww mamma. ...rest in peace* 🕊️

tonia ross - July 07, 2024 at 10:21 AM

MA

“ *Mary lit a candle in memory of Shirley Mae Baker*



Mary - July 06, 2024 at 04:19 PM

MA

Condolences to Family.

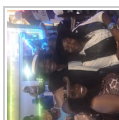
Mary - July 06, 2024 at 04:20 PM



“ *Mary Diggs lit a candle in memory of Shirley Mae Baker*



Mary Diggs - July 06, 2024 at 03:04 PM



Ms Shirley my dearest longtime friend I met driving the bus. And threw her husband Pro the barber. I will miss your beautiful smile and your words of encouragement. Rest in peace my friend I'll see you on the other side. May God bless the family through these trying times and these heavy hearts you will see Shirley again keep the faith and keep your trust in the Lord and you will be fine look up to the hills and where your strength comes from.

Mary Diggs - July 06, 2024 at 03:10 PM

FT

*To Jhericol and the family, I send my condolences and pray for peace and comfort during this time. Lean on God and now that Shirley is with her Heavenly Father watching over you all.
-Frances Taylor*

Frances Taylor - July 19, 2024 at 11:47 AM