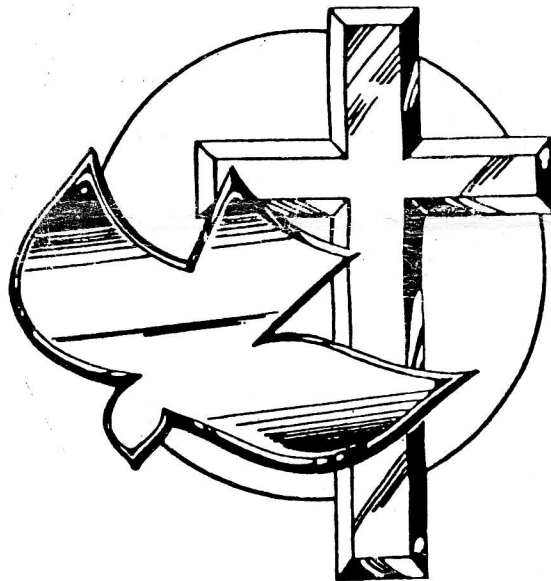


***In God's Care
The Homegoing Celebration
for***

Brother Robert Earl Baker, Sr.

(September 20, 1950 - April 11, 2002)



**Tuesday, April 16, 2002
1:00 O'clock in the afternoon**

New Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church

Post Office Box 337 - Tanner, Alabama 35671

Reverend Larry R. Lockett, Sr., Th.M., Pastor and Officiant

The Obituary

Brother Robert Earl Baker, Sr. was born September 20, 1950 in Limestone County, Alabama to Dallas Baker, Sr. and Annie Mae Baker who preceded him in death.

Brother Baker confessed hope in Christ at an early age and united with the New Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church. He later united with Portland Memorial Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Arthur Smith.

He leaves to cherish his memories: **Two (2) Sons:** Robert Earl Baker, Jr. and Antonia Baker, both of Tanner, Alabama; **Four (4) Grandchildren:** KeAna C. Baker, Shakia Lamya Baker, Shamaud Quiaron Baker and Javion Moore, all of Tanner, Alabama; **Seven (7) Sisters:** Lucille (*Elbert*) Williams, Tuscumbia, Alabama; Earline Reedus, Columbus, Ohio; Bettie Jordan, Birmingham, Alabama; Mattie McAphee, Birmingham, Alabama; Corine (*William*) Bridgeforth, Tanner, Alabama; Josie (*Frank*) Black, Prospect, Tennessee and Mary (*Kennis*) Washington, Elkmont, Alabama; **One Brother:** Bennie (*Sandra*) Baker, Eastaboga, Alabama; **One Sister-in-Law:** Mrs. JoAnn (*Dallas**) Baker, Huntsville, Alabama; **Two (2) Uncles:** Mr. Willie Roy (*Mattie*) Vance, Athens, Alabama and Mr. Eddie Jones, Chattanooga, Tennessee; **Two (2) Aunts:** Mrs. Elizabeth Power and Mrs. Gertrude McCurley, both of Nashville, Tennessee and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

* Deceased

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me;
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
to laugh, to love, to work, or play;
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy;
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with time of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow;
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, a beloved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all of brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief;
Lift up your hearts and share with me.
God wanted me now - He set me free.

From: *The Family*

The Order of the Celebration

THE PROCESSIONAL	<i>Soft Music</i>
SONG	<i>New Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church Mass Choir</i>
SCRIPTURE	<i>Pastor Paul Hillard</i> <i>Old Testament and New Testament</i>
SONG AND PRAYER	<i>Deacon Jessie Mayberry, Sr.</i>
SONG	<i>New Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church Mass Choir</i>
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	<i>Sister Rosie Draper</i>
WORDS OF COMFORT	<i>Pastor Richard L. Hamlet</i>
SONG	<i>New Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church Mass Choir</i>
EULOGY	<i>Pastor Larry R. Lockett, Sr.</i>
SOLO	<i>Sister Angela Hughes</i>
MORTICIANS	<i>Peoples Funeral Home</i>
RECESSIONAL	

God's Promise

God did not promise life without pain,
joy without sorrow or sun without rain.

But God did promise strength for the day,
Comfort for tears, a light for the way.

And for all who believe in His kingdom above,
God answers their faith with infinite love.

From: *Robert Jr. and Antonia*

Clara Shaulder
852-1816
428-6834

- **Hall Bearers** -

The Trinity High School Class of 1970

- **Honorary Hall Bearers** -

Nephews and Cousins

- **Flower Bearers** -

The Trinity High School Class of 1970

- **Honorary Flower Bearers** -

Nieces and Cousins

- **Acknowledgement** -

The family of Brother Robert Earl Baker, Sr. would like to thank each of you for your Christian cooperation and fortitude during the illness and passing of our loved one. Thank you for all acts of kindness.

- **The Interment** -

Polly Malone Cemetery
Tanner, Alabama

Final arrangements intrusted to:

People's Funeral Home

12060 Highway 31 South - Athens, Alabama

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