



- To My Family and Friends -

Do not cry, don't shed a tear,
Just know, I made it safely here.
Don't be sad, I have a smile on my face,
Because I'm in a better place.
No more trials, no more test,
I'm finally getting some rest.
So do not cry, weep or moan,
Just know, I made it safely home.
Cause this is where God wants me to be,
This not goodbye, this is not the end,
If you all do right, you will see me again.
I can't say the hour, day or when,
Just know I love you all dearly,
Until we are together again.



- Pallbearers -
Family and Friends

- Acknowledgment -

The family of the late Mr. Willie Lewis "By Ba" Baker acknowledges with grateful appreciation all acts of kindness, prayers, cards, telephone calls, flowers and words of comfort extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each one of you.

- Repast -

Shiloh A.M.E. Zion Church
4970 County Road 24
Auburn, Alabama 36830

IN MEMORIAM

May we take this opportunity to express sincere and deep appreciation for allowing us to serve you during this most difficult period. It is our constant aim to afford to the people of this community a service completed in all details and faultlessly executed with sympathy and understanding.



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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF "BY BA"



Willie
LEWIS BAKER

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024 • 1:00 P.M.

SHILOH A.M.E. ZION CHURCH
4970 County Road 24 • Auburn, Alabama 36830

REVEREND HUBERT BROWN, PASTOR
REVEREND DR. FREDNA GRIMMETT, EULOGIST

- The Obituary -

Willie Lewis Baker, affectionately known as “By Ba” by his loved ones, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 8, 2024, at Bethany House in Auburn, Alabama. Born on June 13, 1960, in Macon County, Alabama, Willie’s infectious laughter and warm heart touched everyone he met throughout his sixty-four years of life.

Willie attended Tuskegee Institute High School, where he established a foundation for his future endeavors. He further honed his skills in the Job Corps, leading to a fulfilling career as a master concrete finisher. Willie’s craftsmanship and dedication to his trade left a lasting imprint on the many structures and communities he helped build.

Family was the cornerstone of Willie’s life, and although he now joins his beloved mother, Doris Baker, father, Arthur Perry, sister Josephine Baker and brother Rickey Perry in eternal rest, his spirit of love and kinship remains with us. Willie’s presence was a source of joy and comfort to his family, and he will be remembered as a pillar of strength and affection.

A man of many interests, Willie was an avid gardener, finding solace and pleasure in the tranquility of nurturing his plants. His garden was not only a testament to his patience and skill but also a place of gathering and laughter for those who knew him. A true Auburn “War Eagle” fan, Willie’s enthusiasm for his favorite team was contagious, bringing people together to share in the excitement of the game.

Willie’s sense of humor was unparalleled; he loved joking around, ensuring that humor was a constant companion in his interactions. His ability to make others laugh was a gift that he generously shared, brightening the days of all who had the pleasure of his company.

His love for children was evident, especially when it came to his nieces and nephews. Willie’s role as the fun and loving uncle was one he cherished deeply, and his influence on their lives will be a legacy that continues to guide them.

Beyond his family and personal interests, Willie was a formidable pool player. His skill at the pool table was matched only by his sportsmanship and the friendly banter that accompanied every game. Those who played alongside Willie knew that win or lose, the experience was always enriched by his kind and engaging nature.

Willie’s character can best be described as loving, funny, and kind. These attributes were the essence of who he was and how he will be remembered. His ability to spread love, share laughter, and extend kindness to all was the hallmark of his life.

He leaves to cherish his memory: five sisters, Lucille Baker Stinson, Cathy Wright, Cynthia Bass all of Auburn, AL, Judith (John) Myhand and Dorothy Lewis both of Opelika, AL; two brothers, McGarrett Baker of Auburn, AL and Dr. Roderick (Janiece) Perry of Dayton, OH; six aunts, Clara Bledsoe, Gracie Baker, Diane (Eddie) Gauntt all of Montgomery, AL, Callie Baker of Opelika, AL, Earnestine Levett of Auburn, AL and Sallie Whittaker of Tuskegee, AL; one uncle, Eddie Baker of Auburn, AL; stepmother, Annie Perry of Auburn, AL; special friend, Christine Reed of Opelika, AL; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



- The Order of Service -

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Scripture Readings:
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Expressions of Love Two Minutes Please

Musical Selection

Eulogy..... Reverend Dr. Fredna Grimmert

Benediction

Recessional

