

A Legacy of Love

*In every heart she touched with grace,
A nurturing light, a warm embrace.
Her kindness bloomed in gentle deeds,
A garden sown with love's bright seeds.*

*As a mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin
and friend,*

*Her giving spirit knew no end.
A neighbor's care, a tender touch,
She shared her heart and gave so much.*

*Her legacy, a golden thread,
Woven through the lives she led.
In every smile and every prayer,
Her love endures, forever there.*

Shenyta Pinckney



PALLBEARERS

Grandsons and Great-Grandsons

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Deacon Ministry of New Bethel MBC

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Granddaughters and Great-Granddaughters

HONORARY FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Deaconess Ministry of New Bethel MBC

INTERMENT

Edgewood Cemetery

4519 Edgewood Drive North | Jacksonville, Florida 32219

REPAST

Grand Park Education Center

2335 W 18th Street | Jacksonville, Florida 32209

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of the late Christa Bell Baker wishes to extend our deepest appreciation for the outpouring of love, support, and kindness shown to us during this time of loss. Your prayers, visits, calls, flowers, and other acts of sympathy have brought us great comfort as we navigate this difficult journey. We would like to offer a special thank you to Emanuel Missionary Baptist Church.

Your continual spiritual support, prayers, and presence have been a source of strength for our family.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to Dr. Willie Pennick and the Ascension Health staff for your compassionate and professional care. Your dedication and kindness will never be forgotten.

We also want to acknowledge Community Hospice for the gentle and attentive care provided to our beautiful "Bell". Your attention to her comfort and dignity was a great blessing to our family.

Finally, we express our sincere thanks to Q. L. Douglas Funeral Home for your guidance and professionalism during this time. Your services have helped us honor our loved one's life in a way that truly reflects her spirit. May God bless each of you for your kindness and support.

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Homegoing Celebration for



CHRISTA BELL BAKER

Alpha: April 5, 1927 Omega: August 11, 2024

Saturday, August 17th 2024 11:00AM

Emanuel Missionary Baptist Church

2407 Rev. S. L. Badger Jr. | Jacksonville, Florida 32209

Darriel D. Brown, Jr., Pastor

Pastor Alvin J. Baker, Officiating

Life Story

Christa Bell Baker was born April 5, 1927, in Tarboro, Georgia to Kate and Milton Mitchell, Sr. Christa Bell was reared by her foster parents, Amy and Edward Hammond following the untimely passing of her mother. Through their affectionate care and guidance, she accepted Christ as her Savior and built a life of faith, love, and devotion.

Attending the public schools of Camden County, Georgia, Christa Bell began cultivating a love for learning and service. With a joy for cooking, knitting, sewing, and singing, her relentless passion for nurturing others extended beyond her family to her community. Her kind spirit touched countless lives providing guidance, wisdom, and a genuine love for those in need. Whether preparing a meal, embracing loved ones with a gentle touch, leading the church congregation in song, or enjoying a game of bingo, Christa Bell's presence brought warmth and happiness to those around her. She was a proud member of the Eastern Star and made a lasting impact through her involvement with the Foster Grandparents Program.

Christa Bell shared sixty-one beautiful years of marriage with the late Reverend William F. Baker, Jr. Together, they built a home filled with love, laughter, and unwavering faith. She and her husband co-founded True Neighbour Missionary Baptist Church where she served faithfully as the Sunday School Superintendent. Her leadership and dedication helped to lay a strong spiritual foundation for the ministry. Later in life, she became a cherished member of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church where her faith continued to inspire those around her.

Christa Bell Baker, a beloved mother, grandmother, pillar of the community, and fervent servant of the Lord transitioned from this life to her heavenly home on August 11, 2024, at the age of 97. Christa Bell leaves an indelible legacy of love, faith, and service.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her siblings: John, Henry, Insley, Milton, Lilian, Cora, Frankie, Pollie, Sarah, Hattie, and Katie; children: Virginia, Willie Mae, Lucille, and Dennis E., Sr. (son-in-love); grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Anthony, Angelina, Taurus, Marvin, Angelo, Sauquan, Violet, and Logan whose loving memories remain a beacon of hope and strength for their family.

Left to forever cherish her glorious memory are her children: Voncile, Maxine, Charles (Edith), Alvin (Carolyn), Rose, Dennis, John, Cassandra, and Marvene; grandchildren: Donald, Sheila, Bridgette, Susan, Vonceil, Thomas, Alonzo, Laratio, Chrysta, Felicia, Robyn, Leondra, Leon, Tracy, Yashika, Allen, Eric, Jermaine, Felicia, Shenya, Katrina, Kristen, Sharhonda, Anthony, Shamika, Eulyssa, Ulysses, Mindi, Terrance, Brandy, Apryl, Diamond, William, Dennis E., Jr., Maricia, Stephani, Natali, Kevin, Stephon, Devon, Jalyn, and Anthony; a plethora of great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and great-great-great grandchildren; a devoted church family and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, other relatives, and many sorrowing friends, including longtime neighbor, Mattie Howard Wilson. Though she is no longer with us, her spirit lives on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her.



Order of Service

Bishop Van A. Baker, Presiding
Greater Faith MBC

Processional/Viewing	
Selection	New Bethel MBC Choir
Scriptures	
Old Testament	Elder Bruce Cohen Greater Hope Ministries
New Testament	Minister Narrie Smith New Bethel MBC
Invocation	Pastor Ronald Walters King Solomon MBC
Selection	Baker Family Ensemble
Reflections (As a courtesy to the family, please remember the two-minute rule)	
As a mother	Pastor Rose Baker
As a church member	Minister Narvell Kelly
As a honorary church mother	Bishop Roderick Love New Dimensional Ministries Cathedral Bishop Samuel Shingles Solid Rock Deliverance Holiness Church
As an aunt	Evangelist Velda Griffin
As a grandmother	Deacon Donald Glover
As a community member	Honorable Warren Jones
Acknowledgements and Resolutions	Sister Betty Kelly Sister Amanda Luke
Selection	Baker Family Ensemble
Eulogy	Pastor Alvin J. Baker New Bethel MBC
Recessional	