

Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road,
To sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn some things,
But never meant to stay...
Our destination is a place,
Far greater than we know.
-Author Unknown

PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family wishes to express our sincere gratitude and thanks to friends who expressed their love in so many beautiful ways. We say blessings to each of you and pray that His peace, love and prosperity be yours in abundance.



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G R A V E S I D E S E R V I C E JACKSONVILLE NATIONAL CEMETERY

4083 Lannie Rd | Jacksonville, Florida 32218

Pastor Eugene Diamond, Officiating

THE ESSENCE of HER LIFE

Marie Estelle Baker was born in Jacksonville, Florida on February 24, 1948, to the parents of Roland, Sr, and Isabell Ragan. Marie married the love of her life Rufus Baker and together they lived a life full of marital bliss totaling fifty-three years.

She was employed by Southern Bell in a supervisory role and retired in 1996. Marie's greatest joy was her family and church she dedicated her life to their happiness and well-being. She grew up attending Greater St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church where she held many offices including Deaconess, Sunday School Superintendent and Trustee Board Member.

Later, she became a member of Abyssinia Missionary Baptist Church where she served on the Layman, Women and Missionary Department. She also served on the Union Progressive Congress of Christian Education. Marie will be remembered for her infectious smile and willingness to spread the gospel to everyone whom she encountered.

Marie was known for her specialty dessert, "God's Green Cake". This dessert was never missing from any church or family celebration. Marie absolutely loved making cakes and everyone loved eating them, a crumb was never left in the cake pan.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Roland Ragan, Sr. and Isabell Ragan; brother: Roland Ragan, Jr.; sister and brother-in-law: Helen and Herman Proctor, Sr.; aunt and uncle: Lemira and Willie Hinson.

Marie is survived by her husband: Rufus Baker, Jr; children: Brian (Kimberly), Tyre and Natasha; grandchildren: Jasmine, Jessica, Jalynn, Olivia, Devonte, Kristopher, Jared, Tyree, Darron and Genesis; great-grandchild: Maxwell; siblings: Linda (Elijah) Towns and Wanda Kirkland and a host of other relatives and friends.



