



Eliza Mae Baker

November 13, 1932 - October 12, 2020

Eliza M. Baker 87, of Baltimore, Maryland, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, October 12, 2020 in the company of her devoted husband of 68 years, Hubert Baker, Jr. whom she affectingly called “June”.

Born November 13, 1932 in Raleigh, North Carolina, she was the daughter of the late Julius Caesar Johnson and the late Sallie Carrie Johnson. She was predeceased by her brother Melvin Johnson Sr. and two sisters Bernadette Johnson and Amanda Johnson Hinton. Liza received her early education in Wake County Public Schools, Raleigh, North Carolina.

On November 30th, 1953, she united in Holy Matrimony with “June”, and that began a true adventure and journey. The union welcomed four sons and three daughters. She is survived by her four sons, Andre Johnson of Baltimore, MD, Larry Baker (Sabrina), of Potomac, MD, Ronnie Baker (Gwendolyn) of Owings Mills, MD, and Bruce Baker of Reisterstown, MD. She is also survived by her three daughters, Sandra E. Baker of Baltimore, MD, Lizette Denise Vance (Robert) of Baltimore, MD, and Tracy P. Baker of Towson, MD.

The name that Liza was most frequently referred to was Liza June because one was rarely seen without the other. She did not drive so “June” chauffeured her everywhere. Needless to say, “Momma” was the second name she was most frequently referred to then Grandma, and ultimately Great Granny, but she was still “Liza” to June. She was so much more than those words imply. Liza was a phenomenal woman; truly epitomizing a graceful, classy lady. She inspired her children to be different and pursue their dreams. Liza had her arms open for a hug when needed but a look that could stop you in your tracks if she was not pleased with you.

Upon moving to Baltimore, Liza continued her education in night school, while “June” took care of the children. She excelled at cooking fabulous meals and desserts. Liza had a sumptuous meal for “June” when he came in from work. And making sure the family ate

together for each meal was one of her mandates. She always welcomed others at her table and ironically many a person showed up for holiday celebrations. Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter were her favorite holidays and it was like eating at the Ritz Carlton. Her table was always eloquently set with fine china. So many memories at the Baker home weddings, cookouts, fish-fry's, holidays that extended far beyond the immediate family. Anyone who needed a port in the storm was welcomed at the Bakers, for refuge, warmth, laughter, and hugs.

At an early age, Liza professed her faith in Jesus Christ in North Carolina. Upon moving to Baltimore, she continued in her faith walk by joining Little Ark Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend Matthew Marcus, Sr. where she became a dedicated member. She continued under the leadership of Pastor James L. Carter, now Bishop Carter where she served faithfully with the Nurses Unit. Although Liza had a great affection for the "Ark" church, she left to support her daughter Pastor Vance in the dedication of her calling to establish the River of Life Ministry and earned the title of Mother Baker. There she led the Finance Ministry.

Somewhere around 1965, Liza started working at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in the Medical Records Department. She served JHH for 30 years and received many allocations upon her retirement.

Cemetery

Loudon Park Cemetery .

3620 Wilkens Avenue

Balto, MD, 21229

Events

OCT 19 **Public Viewing** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

March Funeral Home - East

1101 E. North Avenue, Baltimore, MD, US

OCT 20 **Wake** 11:30AM - 12:00PM

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OCT 20 **Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Eliza Mae Baker, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - October 16 at 11:36 AM



“ To the Baker/Vance Family, Arnette, Victoria, and I want you to that our prayers and love are with you. We pray for peace and comfort for you all during this time. Your mom was one of the best and the memories of her will forever resinate in our hearts and in our minds.

Arnette Mock - October 20 at 08:47 AM



“ Praying for my dear sister Sandra and family as they celebrate the life of their beloved Mother this morning. I enjoyed hearing the beautiful stories about what a loving and wonderful mother she was. May God's grace and love surround them with comfort this day along with the days to follow. Love endures as Mother Baker is now an angel at peace in God's arms watching over them. In sorrow, Gwen and Jonell Bright

Gwendolyn Bright - October 20 at 11:04 AM



“ For as long as I can remember Mrs.Liza was always kind and joyful.I will always remember that big smile of hers, lastly I'd like to take this opportunity and look at how happy she always seemed to be.Rather than saying I'm sorry for your lost, I'd like to say that you all were Blessed,we all were Blessed to have had been a part of her life however, have a very Blessed Day,signed: Bennie and the Family-----I had the opportunity to give her a great big smile as I stood and said,"So long Mrs.Liza", it's been my pleasure.

Bennie L.Wheeler Jr. - October 20 at 10:35 AM



“ To the entire Baker and Vance family, Mike and Delores Mays pray that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ grant you peace and comfort during your time of sorrow. Your loved one's memory is something that will remain with you forever. God bless.

Raymond Mays - October 20 at 07:20 AM



“ To the Baker and Vance Family:
My prayers are with you. May our good God forever comfort and strengthen you. I pray that you keep the precious memories of your love one and that they bring you joy. Rev. Dr. Sandra Conner

Sandra Conner - October 19 at 11:03 PM



“ To: The Baker Family,
May our Good Lord; Jesus Christ be with the entire family. May He give each of you all Memories of Eliza Mae for comfort and peace. Good friends to support. And most of all His Faith to see each of through this loss and to ease any sadness.

Love and Much Peace,
Charles and Claudia Waters

Mrs. Claudia S. Waters - October 19 at 07:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eliza Mae Baker.



October 19 at 02:02 PM



“ Tracy, our prayer and thoughts are with you and your family. May God continue to shower you with love during this difficult time.

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Class of 1989

Dr. Ben - October 19 at 09:21 AM



“ From: Jacqueline&Janae and Rosa purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Eliza Mae Baker.



From: Jacqueline&Janae and Rosa - October 15 at 11:51 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - October 14 at 09:37 AM



“ My sincerest condolences to Minister Tracey, Pastor Niecey and the entire Baker family. Your family member is resting in Jesus, her assignment is over .she looks like she's sleeping, she's beautiful, much love Norma Gilliam.

Norma Gilliam - October 19 at 06:14 PM



“ Apostle Vance my heart is touched and I know Mama is in the arms of Jesus. My condolences we share...bless Him for blessing you and your family

Patricia - October 21 at 09:19 PM