



**Our hearts are full**

God blessed us with a phenomenal and God-fearing man.

We are thankful for his wisdom, heart,  
strength, courage and devotion to his family.

You dedicated your life to the Lord, your wife and children.

We Thank You.

Thank you for providing a strong foundation,  
love security, friendship, laughter and so much more.

You will be truly missed!

**WE LOVE YOU!**



*In Loving Memory  
of  
Dennis R. Baker*

**SUNRISE**  
February 20, 1932

**SUNSET**  
October 25, 2019



**SERVICES**

Saturday, November 2, 2019 — 11:00 a.m.

**ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

5700 North Kelley Avenue  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dr. Major L. Jemison, Pastor  
*Officiating*

## Life Reflections

Dennis R. Baker was the third of four children born to Rev. & Mrs. E.R. Baker in Kingfisher, Oklahoma. He accepted Christ at a young age at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Pastored by his father, where he was an active member and nourished his faith in God.

Dennis graduated from Douglas High School of Kingfisher in 1950. This is where he met and fell in love with his high school sweetheart, Norma. They were soon united in holy matrimony on October 20, 1951. This union was blessed with seven children. Shortly after the birth of their second child the family moved to Wichita, Kansas. There he received an Associate's Degree in Applied Science & Technology from Wichita Business College.

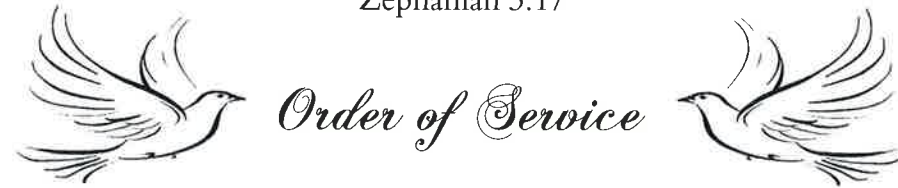
Dennis began his work career as an aircraft mechanic with Boeing Aircraft for 12 years. In 1963, advanced career opportunities led him to IBM, where he became the first African American Customer Engineer in the Office Products Division in the Western United States. After several promotions with IBM, he relocated to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as an Instructor in the Educational Department and soon promoted to the position of Manager in Washington D. C. for the next 12 years. He transferred to Oklahoma City in the Business Development Division and retired after 28 years of service. After his trailblazing career with IBM, he continued to be contracted as a Quality Control Engineer and a Vo-Tech Substitute Teacher. In 1998, he started working for the Oklahoma House of Representatives as the Assistant Chief Sergeant-At-Arms then appointed to Chief Sergeant-At-Arms by the Speaker of The House of Representatives in 2006.

Dennis was an integral member of the Masonic family upon moving to Oklahoma City. In 1981, he became Master Mason in King David Lodge #50, where he later served as Worshipful Master for three years. In 1983, he advanced to the 32nd Degree in Great Western Consistory #34, where he served as Commander in Chief for 14 years. In 1988, created in the Alaraf Temple #20, where he served as Assistant and Chief Rabban for four years.

Dennis was a man of GOD that never met a stranger. He was such a positive role model with an encouraging spirit. Throughout his life he has made an impact on all that have crossed his path. When he relocated to Washington D.C., he became a member at First Baptist Church of Highland Park. Here he was ordained as a Deacon in 1970 and became Chairman of the Trustee Board. During his tenure he played an integral part on the building committee and acquiring additional property for church expansion. Upon moving to Oklahoma City, he joined St. John Missionary Baptist Church under the renowned Dr. W. K. Jackson, presently under the leadership of Dr. M. L. Jemison. He continued to serve on several boards and committees; Deacon Board, Finance and budget Committee, Scholarship Committee, Men's Sunday School Teacher, February Parrish Fellowship Deacon.

Dennis was preceded in death by daughter Donna, parents Rev. & Mrs. ER Baker, and brothers Walter and Emery. His life will continuously be cherished by wife of 68 years Norma, children LaRoy, Charles, Kim (Clarence), Bernice, Lisa and Rhonda (Michael), one sister Elnora, Ten Grandchildren Rochelle, Joel, Marcus, Jennifer, Tyler, Chanel, Tavish, Taylor, Michael and Malcolm, Six Great Grandchildren, and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends.

WITH HIS LOVE, HE WILL CALM ALL YOUR FEARS  
Zephaniah 3:17



Processional . . . . . Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

Scripture Reading

Old Testament . . . . . Rev. LaMonte Bray

New Testament . . . . . Rev. Lawrence Kirk

Prayer of Comfort . . . . . Rev. David Dawson

Musical Selection . . . . . SJMBC Adult Choir

Resolutions/Acknowledgement . . . . . Vernetta Johnson  
SJMBC Secretary

Resolution of Respect . . . . . Lester Wilson,  
Worshipful Master, King David Lodge #50

Special Presentation . . . . . Harold Wright,  
Speaker Pro-Tempore, Oklahoma State Capitol

Special Presentation . . . . . Regina Goodwin,  
State Rep., State Legislative Black Caucass

Family Selection . . . . . "Going Up Yonder"

Reflections . . . . . Bobby Sharp, Deacon/Trustee  
Theron, Perry, Sunday School  
Ruby Nichols, Scholarship Committee

Musical Selection . . . . . SJMBC Adult Choir

Words of Comfort . . . . . Dr. M. L. Jemison

Video Tribute

Parting View . . . . . Temple & Sons Funeral Directors

Recessional . . . . . Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

*"The Name of the Lord is a strong tower.  
The righteous run in and are safe. — Proverbs 18:10*

## Pallbearers

St. John Deacons and Masonic Family

## Flower Bearers

St. John Deaconess

## Interment

Kingfisher Cemetery  
Kingfisher, Oklahoma

*Please drive with your lights on for safety and fasten your seatbelts.*

Services under the direction of:

**TEMPLE & SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.**

2801 North Kelley Avenue  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111  
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"We Care" — II Timothy 4:8

## Acknowledgment

We, the family of Dennis R. Baker, gratefully acknowledge all acts of kindness and love shown to us during our father's time of illness and home going. Thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers, and showering of love. We appreciate them all! A special thanks to Mercy Palliative Care/Hospice, Harmony Home Health, Dr. Radhika Medipalli, and Lionel "L" Mangrum.

Repast:

Dinner will be served for the family  
immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall.