

For My Dad

Dennis LaRoy Baker was my Dad. I loved my Dad and was very much determined to be a Dad Girl! But life just didn't follow the path I had hoped that it would. I had hoped and prayed that one day, I would be his top priority and he would spend the end of his days harassing his grandsons and making me prepare his favorite meals. We did not get that time, but I did Love My Dad.

My Dad made a point of being present at the major moments in my life. If he could not be there he always sent "his representatives" when he could not make it!



My Father blessed my life with the best Aunt anyone could eve ask for
— Donna Jean Baker.

My Father would say He made sure everyone was there to support my High School Graduation.



Only Dennis Laroy Baker would bring a whole Greyhound bus with passengers to meet his grandson for the first time!!



Without Dennis LaRoy Baker, I would not have been blessed with the two best grandfathers ever — Dennis made sure that I was covered and protected.



My Father was there for the most important day in a daughter's life — He gave me away at my Wedding!!!



I know my Father loved me and I am so very thankful for the seeds he planted in my life. I am thankful for his laughter and jokes, his memories and his Faith! My Father was there for me when it mattered most and never let me doubt how much he LOVED me!! Thank you Dad!! Give PomPom and Aunt Donna a big hug for me!! I cannot wait to see you all on the other side!! — Rochelle

Pallbearers

St. John Deacons
Marcus Carson • Mike Williams
Michael Williams • Greg Baker
Ronald Norwood • Donald Norwood

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
(405) 427-8321

"We Care" — II Timothy 4:8

Acknowledgment

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or set quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest of words that any friend could say. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we gratefully acknowledge and thank you so much, whatever your part. We appreciate them all!

The Family of Dennis LaRoy Baker

In Loving Memory of Dennis LaRoy Baker

SUNRISE
December 18, 1951

SUNSET
July 6, 2021



SERVICES

Friday, July 16, 2021 — 11:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

5700 N. Kelley Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

Dr. Major L. Jemison, Pastor
Officiating

Life Reflections

Dennis LaRoy Baker was the oldest of seven children born to Dennis R. and Norma Baker in Kingfisher, Oklahoma. The family moved to Wichita, Kansas, where he attended elementary into high school before they were transferred to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. LaRoy was a very talented football player and remained in Philadelphia to play out his senior year while the family moved to Washington, D.C. After graduating from William Tenant High School, he joined the family in D.C. where he received an Associate’s Degree from Prince George’s College.

The union of his first marriage lovingly brought forth their only child, Rochelle Baker. He loved and cherished her dearly. He was very proud of her accomplishments and always referred to her as “His Sunshine”. He was equally proud of his grandsons, R.J. and Ryan, and his son-in-law, Rahsaan. Over the years, LaRoy called numerous states his home while acquiring various jobs throughout. He spent time in Washington, D.C. working as a Mental Health Counselor at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital and for IBM as a salesman; Denver, Colorado as a Counselor; Dallas, Texas as a Greyhound bus driver; before settling in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma as a haul truck driver for the city.

LaRoy was full of energy, talented, free spirited, always had an expressive personality, and never short on conversation. He had various skills and enjoyed several hobbies, but throughout his life he continued to study and pursue his passion — acting. He trained at the National Conservatory of Arts in Washington, D.C. and J. F. Images in Denver, Colorado. Performed in stage plays: “Sweet Victory”, “Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom”, and “Breaking of Bread”; Performed small rols in film: “The Man With One Red Shoe” and “Species II”; Television: several occurring roles in Father Dowling Mysteries and Perry Mason series. He moved to Oklahoma, where he continued his acting with Black Liberated Arts Center, Inc. (BLAC).

Laroy loved the Lord and accepted Christ at a young age. During recent years, he joined St. John Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor M. L. Jemison. Like his father, he never met a stranger. It was a blessing when he rededicated his life back to Christ. Praise God!

LaRoy was preceded in death by his father, Dennis R. Baker and his sister, Donna Baker.

His life will continuously be cherished by his mother, Norma; daughter, Rochelle (Rahsaan); siblings: Charles, Kim (Clarence), Bernice, Lisa, and Rhonda (Michael); grandchildren, R. J. and Ryan; and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Then He Blessed Him. — Genesis 32



Order of Service

- Processional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family
- Scripture Reading
 - Old Testament Rev. William Myles
 - New Testament Rev. Lawrence Kirk
- Prayer of Comfort Rev. David Dawson
- Musical Selection SJMBC Adult Choir
 - “Thank You Lord”
- Resolutions/Acknowledgement Vernetta Johnson
 - SJMBC Secretary
- Remarks Rev. David Dawson,
 - SJMBC Prayer Minister
- Musical Selection SJMBC Adult Choir
 - “Be Blessed”
- Words of Comfort Dr. M. L. Jemison
- Video Tribute
- Parting View Temple & Sons Funeral
- Recessional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family



I’m Free

Don’t grieve for me, for now I’m free.
I’m following the path God has laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things, I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life’s been full, I’ve savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one’s touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don’t lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee,
God wanted me now ~ He set me free!
—Unknown

