



## Doretha F. Baker

September 21, 1944 - February 26, 2021

Doretha “Doddie” F. Baker was an exceptional wife, mother, daughter, friend, relative, grandmother and great grandmother. It was with a heavy heart that we announced her passing on February 26, 2021.

Doretha was born to the late Curtis and Laura Foster on September 21, 1944 in Inman, South Carolina. Dortha joined Ridgeville Baptist Church at a very early age. She graduated from Foster Grove High School in Inman, South Carolina in 1961.

Later, relocating to Baltimore, Maryland, she met her best friend and husband Rudy A. Baker, and they were united in holy matrimony for 53 years. Doretha and Rudy loved dining out and traveling. She traveled extensively while Rudy was in the U. S. Navy, traveling to Jamaica, Mexico, Spain, France and living in Italy for four years.

Settling in Chesapeake, VA, Doretha joined New Hope Baptist Church and was a faithful member of the Combined Ushers, Happy Am I Ministry, Senior Missionary and the Busy Bee Seniors. She had a beautiful spirit and was loved by her New Hope family.

Doretha was predeceased by her mother and father, Curtis and Laura Foster, and her brothers, Calvin, William (Dub), Tommy and Wayman. Doretha leaves in God’s care a loving and devoted husband Rudy, daughter Lynette Boyd, a

son Alvin Lamont (Shelvi Young), two sisters, Angie Foster Hudson (Leon) of Oxon Hill, MD; and Grace Hughes of Inman, SC; six grandchildren, LaShawna, Derrick, Kalil, Kharon, Kainen and Kastle; a great grandson Chance; a very special aunt Mrs. Fannie Crawford of McDonough, GA, and two very special friends Viola Ford and Florence Hines, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Doretha will be laid to rest at a graveside service on March 25, 2021 at Ridgeville Baptist Cemetery, 385 Ridgeville Baptist Church Road in Inman, South Carolina at 1pm.

# Cemetery Details

## Ridgeville Baptist Church Cemetery

Ridgeville Church Road  
Inman, SC 29349

# Previous Events

## Visitation and Wake Service

MAR 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
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# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Doretha F. Baker

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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - March 11, 2021 at 05:01 PM

DB

*Would live to see this but I am unable. Doretha was my sister in law.*

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**Diana Baker** - March 12, 2021 at 03:53 AM

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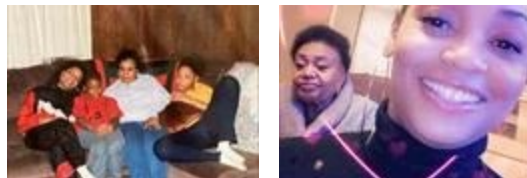
*RIP Doretha.*

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**Linda Wood** - March 14, 2021 at 07:42 AM

SG

“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



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**Shawna the oldest grandbrat** 😊 - March 24, 2021 at 10:16 AM



“ 34 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 16, 2021 at 11:50 AM



“ Linda Wood lit a candle in memory of Doretha F. Baker



Linda Wood - March 14, 2021 at 07:47 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Doretha F. Baker.



March 11, 2021 at 07:23 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Doretha F. Baker.*



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March 10, 2021 at 05:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Doretha F. Baker.*



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March 10, 2021 at 12:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Doretha F. Baker.*



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March 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ *Beverly Todd lit a candle in memory of Doretha F. Baker*



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**Beverly Todd** - March 09, 2021 at 07:40 PM

TF

“ *The Baltimore Family. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Doretha F. Baker.*



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**The Baltimore Family.** - March 09, 2021 at 07:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Doretha F. Baker.*



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March 09, 2021 at 02:47 PM

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“ *The Fellas in Ohio purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Doretha F. Baker.*



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**The Fellas in Ohio** - March 08, 2021 at 05:05 PM

JT

“ *Just want to send condolences to Mr. Baker and family from "ALTERATIONS BY JOYCE" KEEP GOD FIRST JOYCE TURNER*

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**JOYCE TURNER** - March 06, 2021 at 07:23 PM

Que  
Adonnis

“ *Grandma. Even on this day, ten days after you have received eternal life, peace, joy, and happiness. I find myself still in disbelief that this soon we have, On Earth, lost our Queen. The impact you have left on every single soul you met is the most beautiful thing I've ever seen. We can only be happy. We smile with a new mandate. The mandate to Love all whom we encounter with a love like yours. Unconditional. Caring. Pure. And REAL. Grandma on behalf of all of us whom, your life has changed our life. I just say I love you, I honor you & Salute, Queen. A force for Grace and Mercy, an example of perseverance, a Pioneer and Cornerstone of the Ford Motor Company. The infinite smile that we seen everywhere. The home as a Matriarch . The church as a Missionary. The community as a leading homemaker, as Manager of Camelot Investments.. The Military Base as a beauty and epitome of the Navy Wife to my Grandfather & your loving Husband, Chief Rudy Baker. And most importantly to our family as a Leader, of communication, family reunion, and celebration of one another. I said all this Grandma to sum up to the fact that you were and will always be a LEADER IN OUR ERA AND A EXAMPLE OF GRACE. This is not a time to be sad, but a time to rejoice in an opportunity we all had and that was to Love and be Loved by you. So many times I fell short of your expectations and you never downed me but showed the way. So I know that this is your time to SHOW US ALL THE WAY from Heaven's Gates. We will Strive everyday to be like you Grandma. This isn't goodbye. This is See you Very Soon! Soon and very soon.*



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Que Adonnis - March 06, 2021 at 02:57 PM



“ *Heaven truly gained an amazing Angel. We love and miss you grandma*



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**Trinadi Darden** - March 06, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ *Prayer and love are sent to Rudy and all the family. We have so many beautiful memories. May God give you strength as you continue your earthly journey without the physical presence of Doretha.*



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**Rev. Joyce Foster** - March 04, 2021 at 06:05 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Doretha F. Baker.*



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March 04, 2021 at 02:04 PM

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“ I am the other grandma, Theta Young. Words cannot fully articulate the genuine, meaningful, and heartfelt moments I've encountered in the presence of Ms. Baker. I am thankful for this moment to convey a few episodes of Ms. Baker's transparent expressions of care, devotion and unconditional love that God has wrought through her rewarding life. I remembered so vividly in May 2018, when I needed to move the last 2 carloads of stuff from the house I had rented for yrs and everyone I asked for help said no. I went to the house as I decided to make 2 trips myself. To my amazement, as I was so tiredly loading my car, up drove the black Cadillac; it was Ms. Baker. She helped loading my stuff in her car and as she was lifting items I felt were too heavy for her to lift, as I would attempt to help her, she would say to me "move." Each time, "MOVE, I GOT IT." Never has she avoided or ignored my calls, never said no to domestic favors, yrs ago took my daughter unto her bosom when our relationship was tumultuous, co-signed for my daughter when I refused, continuously exhibited unconditional love toward all despite of, and the list goes on & on... Almost every Friday evening, the 2 younger grandsons and the Bakers would congregate for a few hours. Our Fridays evenings were not complete without the boys. The past 2 Friday evenings were void without seeing Ms Baker. I extend my most sincere gratitude unto God for the predestined gift we shared as grandparents; knowing and sharing in the life of Ms Doretha F Baker has truly been an honor and a privilege. She was truly one in a million. To God Be the Glory as He commissioned Ms. Baker unto Himself last Friday night. She will greatly be missed!



Theta Young - March 02, 2021 at 10:18 PM

VD

Our sincere condolences to Rudy and the Baker family on your loss. Doretha was truly a kind and gentle soul who spread the love of God wherever she went. We will indeed miss her sweet spirit so much.

Victor & Gloria Billups, NHBC Diaconate - March 04, 2021 at 12:40 PM

VC

*She had a beautiful smile and also asking you how are you. I would be in the yard and she will yell at me saying hello.*

**Vanessa Copeland** - March 05, 2021 at 01:15 PM

G(

*Rudy and family...Earth knows no sorrow that Heaven can't heal - condolences and prayers.*

**Gary L. & Susan E. Baker (Murfreesboro)** - March 08, 2021 at 11:37 AM

AJ

*Mrs. Baker was always nice and pleasant when i come to visit my church home and my mother Mrs Marie Johnson. She always had a smile on her face. i will be praying for the family for the family for she will be miss*

**Anthony Johnson** - March 08, 2021 at 09:11 PM

RF

*To Mr. Rudy and the Baker family!*

*You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult season. Praying that the presence of Our Lord surrounds you with comfort, strength, and peace. Doretha will always be remembered for her kind, gentle spirit and beautiful smile.*

*Deacon & Mrs. Raymond Fields ( NHBC)*

**Raymond Fields** - March 11, 2021 at 08:32 PM

DF

*To the Baker family;*

*Hope It helps to know that many heartfelt thoughts*

*are with you and your family*

*Praying for your safe travel*

*Dorothy M. Felton*

**Dorothy M. Felton** - March 23, 2021 at 03:04 PM