

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of Norma J. Baker wish to extend our sincerest appreciation to our many friends and family for all acts of kindness, expressions of sympathy and comfort shown during these hours of bereavement. Your generosity of giving and sympathetic understanding, has provided us with great strength, and aided us to lighten our heavy burden at this time. May God bless each of you.

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

*Ira Norwood*

*Abasi Baker*

*Darnell Baker*

*Ira Norwood Jr.*

*Iverson Norwood*

*Cameron Smith*

~ Repast ~

Southeast Community Center  
4201 East 63rd Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64130  
2-5 p.m.



Miss Norma Jean Baker

A Gargantuan presence you exuded one of God's most fierce angels

Loving and patient, brash and intolerant  
Depending on one's circumstance or angle.

A beacon for all that's lost or has gone astray  
Providing wisdom from firsthand experiences  
You once yourself had to face, many of them..

You always said that trials and tribulations  
Is just something to reflect what we're made of  
"Keep your head up" was your model and God  
only burdens us with what we can handle (Smiling)

Well God I better send one up for you cause  
coming through your gates is a hand full.  
Miss Norma Jean Baker or sometimes I would call  
you Ol' Stinky lady.

Thank you foe everything mama and until we  
reunite, I'm going to MISS YOU BABY!!

Sincerely,  
"Ballie"



We Entrusted Our Loved One To The Golden Care Of:  
**Golden Gate Funeral Chapel**  
2800 East 18th Street ~ Kansas City, MO 64127  
(816) 255-3676

*"A Service Designed...With You In Mind"*

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*Mother*  
**NORMA JEAN**  
*Baker*

**January 29, 1948 - March 21, 2023**

*Funeral Services Held At:*  
**Golden Gate Funeral & Cremation Services**  
2800 East 18th Street ~ Kansas City, Missouri 64127  
**Thursday, April 20, 2023 ~ 12:00 p.m.**  
*Pastor Darwin Neal Sr., Officiating*

## ~ Reflections of Her Life ~

Norma Jean "Manning" Baker was born January 29, 1948 in Lismore, Louisiana to David and Leosa Manning. The family moved to Kansas City, Kansas in 1951, where Norma Jean attended the Kansas City, Kansas public schools graduating from Wyandotte High School.

Norma Jean furthered her education at Donnelly College, receiving her Associate degree in psychology and mental health. Norma Jean was a Social Worker with the Kansas Rehabilitation Services after which she pursued her passion at North Star Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Center, where she passionately helped and loved those dealing with drug and alcohol abuse.

After moving to Kansas City, Kansas the family united with the Tabernacle Baptist Church and later the Zion Hill Baptist Church where Norma Jean was baptized. At the age of 12, the family united with the Rising Star Baptist Church where she remained throughout her teenage and young adult life singing "in Times Like These." Norma Jean's most recent church home was Faith Deliverance Worship Center.

Norma Jean gift was edification encouraging others to look at the brighter side of things and remind them "everything happens for a reason, and it always works out for your good." If you met and knew her, you would NEVER forget who she was. She moved to the rhythm of her own beat! She didn't care about ANYTHING anyone had to say. She was definitely the life of the party. A very confident, charismatic, out spoken, empowered young woman that survived Breast Cancer and other life obstacles. She will be greatly missed and forever loved.

Norma Jean made her transition from this life, Tuesday March 21, 2023, surrounded by those who loved her dearly. Her parents, David and Leosa Manning; brother, Albert; sister in-law, Altha Mae; mother in-love, Mildred Hinson; and her Precious G-Babies, all preceded her in death.

Norma Jean leaves behind to cherish her memory four children, Ira Norwood, Ebony Miller (Jejuan Miller), Abasi Baker and Darnell Baker; sister, Quincie M. Colding of Kansas City, KS; seventeen grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a special niece, Shedreese Colding-Scott and a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives, and friends.

## Order of Service

**Prelude**

**Soft Music**

**Crowning Ceremony**

**Golden Gate**

**Scripture**

**Rev. Michael D. Black**  
*Isaiah 40:10 & 31*  
*Ephesians 6:10*

**Prayer**

**Rev. Michael D. Black**

**Selection**

**The Manning Sisters**

**Acknowledgements & Condolences**

**Zayani Norwood**

**Life Reflections**

**Read In Silence**

**Soft Music**

**Remarks**

**Quincie M. Colding, Sister**  
**Granddaughters**  
**Family & Friends**  
**Two (2) Minutes Please**

**Selection**

**The Manning Sisters**

**Words of Comfort**

**Pastor Darwin Neal Sr.**

**Prayer of Committal & Benediction**

**Recessional**

