

Pall Bearers and Floral Bearers  
Family and Friends

- Acknowledgements -

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all;  
just thought of us that day we.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
we thank you so much whatever the part.



  
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Honoring the Life and Legacy  
of

*Sunrise*  
October 30, 1943

*Sunset*  
July 11, 2024



*Mother Rosetta Kirkman Baker*

Wednesday, July 17, 2024  
12:00 PM

Robert Swinson Jr. Memorial Chapel  
208 E. Blount Street  
Kinston, NC. 28501  
Pastor George Fields, Officiating



# God Took You Home

*In Tears we saw you sinking  
And watched you fade away  
Our hearts were almost broken  
We wanted you to stay.  
But when we saw you sleeping  
So peaceful, free from pain  
How could we wish you back with us  
To suffer that again.  
It broke our hearts to loose you  
But you didn't go alone  
For part of us went with you  
The day God took you Home.*



Mother Rosetta Baker



Juneteenth  
June 15, 2024



# Life Reflections

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."*      *11 Timothy 4:7-8*

Mother Rosetta Kirkman Baker was born on October 30, 1943, to the late Mr. Elias Kirkman and Mrs. Pauline Kirkman in Lenoir County. She attended elementary and high school in Lenoir County.

She met and married Wille J. Pridgen and three children were born to this union. Willie Anthony Pridgen, Barbara Ann Pridgen and Andre Pridgen. Later in life, she met and married Mr. Abner Baker, whom she affectionately called "Baker."

Early in life, Mother Baker and her siblings were taught to trust in God, love, and work hard. She gave her life to the Lord Jesus Christ and joined the church in her younger years. In her later years, she found a home in the Family Worship Center. Her love for the church was evident in her active participation as an usher and her role as a mother to the congregation. She hosted several family and friend gatherings at The Family Worship Center.

Mother Baker was not just a role model, but a beacon of resilience. Her determination and strength of will were unwavering, inspiring to all who knew her. She assisted in caring for some of her family members, her husband, daughter and some patients.

Mother Rosetta Baker retired from Buehler Products in Kinston, North Carolina. After retirement, she enjoyed and had a passion for taking care of her plants and keeping her home, yard, and porch decorated beautifully. She also enjoyed styling her outfits, and she indeed looked fabulous.

Mother Baker also loved supporting her communities during Jones County events. She supported the Foster Grandparents Program that assisted teachers with students in elementary grades in the Jones County Public School System.

Mother Rosetta Baker recently received numerous awards, such as..

- ❖ **UNsung HERO AWARD**
- ❖ **WALK OF STAR AWARD**
- ❖ **JONES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARD**
- ❖ **JUNETEENTH 2024 QUEEN**



Mother Baker was preceded in death by her parents, two sons, Willie Anthony Pridgen and Andre Pridgen, and siblings, Cleveland Kirkman, Woodrow Kirkman, and Annie Mae Best.

Mother Baker leaves to cherish her beloved memories and legacy: her daughter Barbara Ann King, Kinston, North Carolina; four grandchildren, Angelic, Channell, and Khalif, all of Baltimore, Maryland, and Kourtnee of Kinston, North Carolina; and two great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Irene Isler of Kinston, North Carolina, and Jacqueline Graham of Newark, New Jersey, two brothers-in-law, David Baker, of Greensboro, North Carolina, and Gregory Graham of Newark, New Jersey; two children of her heart Alexander Brinkley and Authyme Brinkley; five nephews, one niece and a host of family, friends, associates, and all the lives she touched on her journey of life.

# Order of Service

***Evangelist Lanesia Fonville, Presiding***

Musical Prelude

Processional

Scripture

Old Testament.....Sis Rosa Burney

New Testament.....Elder Annie Andrade

Prayer.....Sis Annie Mumford

Selection.....Sis Esperanza Harper

Acknowledgments and Obituary .....Sis Aremeta Fields

Remarks .....2 minutes.....Family & Friends

Instrumental Tribute..... Jeramiah Dudley

Selection.....Pastor Bonita Simmons

Eulogy.....Pastor George Fields

Mortician's Brief

Recessional



**~Interment~**  
**Westview Cemetery**