



After Glow

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an after glow of smiles
when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly
down the waves.
Of happy times and laughing times and
bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry
before the sun.
Of happy memories that I leave when
my life is done.*



Floral Attendants

Class of 1965

Casket Attendants

Class of 1965

Acknowledgement

*The family members of **Gerald Thomas "Mickey" Baker** sincerely appreciate the many deeds of kindness and the words of sympathy shown to them during this period of bereavement. May God forever bless and keep you in his tender care.*

*The family would especially like to thank Hospice of Union County and Pruitt Hospice for excellent services rendered to **Gerald Thomas Baker** and family.*

-The Family



Do all things decently and in order.



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In Loving Memory of Mr. Gerald Thomas Baker "Mickey"

*Sunrise
May 23, 1947*

*Sunset
December 25, 2022*



*Friday, December 30, 2022
One o'clock in the afternoon*

*Pageland Community Center
1113 West McGregor Street
Pageland, South Carolina 29728*

Order of Service

The Reverend Edward Davis, Officiating
Gum Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Pageland, SC

The Prelude

The Processional

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament, *Psalm 23*
New Testament

Reverend Leroy DuBose
Reverend Robert Thompson, Jr.

Prayer

Dr. Waldo Robinson

Solo

Remarks:

Community Outreach
Community Church
Family

Dr. J.R. Green
Reverend Dr. William "Bill" Dargan
Reverend Renee Stafford
Mrs. Erica DuBois Bridges &
Mr. Thomas Tyson

Selection Gum Springs Missionary Baptist Church Choir &
Salem United Methodist Church Choir

Eulogy

Reverend Edward Davis

The Funeral Director's Brief

The Recessional

The Postlude

The Service of Committal

*Gum Springs Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
Pageland, South Carolina*

Committal Rites

Reverend Edward Davis & Clergy

The Funeral Director's Final Brief

Benediction

Reverend Edward Davis & Clergy



Husband In Heaven



Although you sleep in Heaven now

You're not that far away

My heart is full of memories

And you're with me everyday

You lived your life with meaning

And with a smile upon your face

A world that was full of happiness

Is not an empty place

People say that only time

Will heal a broken heart

But just like me and you

It has been torn apart

I know you are at peace now

And in a place where you are free

Meet me at the Pearly Gates

When Heaven calls for me

Obituary

Mr. Gerald Thomas "Mickey" Baker

On May 23, 1947, in Union County, North Carolina, God blessed Wilhemia Baker Blackwell and Earnshaw Robinson with a handsome son, **Gerald Thomas Baker "Mickey"**, who would enviably touch the lives of many. Being reared in a Christian home characterized by love, patience, and kindness, **Mickey** soon realized that the answer comes not from within but only from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Mickey received his formal education in the public schools of Chesterfield County, South Carolina and graduated in 1965 from Petersburg High School. He was united in Holy Matrimony to Valeria Blakeney, July 31, 1966.

Mickey adhered closely to the teaching of his childhood and lived a life that other people could emulate. His motto, "If I could help someone as I travel this way, then my living will not be in vain."

Mickey was a member of Gum Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Pageland South Carolina. The love, and service he rendered to his church was seldom equal, and never surpassed. He gave generously of his time, talents, and energy to the following church ministries: Sunday School Superintendent, president of the Saint Paul Association, trustee, deacon and choir member.

There are those who serve and those who stand and wait. Today, we commemorate the life of one who served vigorously and courageously. This kind of service is neither easy to achieve nor often replicated, for it takes dedication, determination, and concern. Whatever the task, **Mickey** approached it with a desire to succeed. His civic organizations include: Voter Registration Board for Chesterfield County, founder, and president of Boys to Men Organization, organizer of the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Day Parade, Chesterfield County Board of Disabilities, United Way, and treasurer of the Pageland Rescue Squad. He also served as a mentor for students at New Heights Middle School.

One of **Mickey's** lifelong dreams was to bring Habitat for Humanity to Chesterfield County. Needless to say his dream was fulfilled and was beyond accomplished.

Despite his busy schedule he always had sufficient time for his wife and family.

Mickey had a very captivating personality and smile. People of all ages, race, and backgrounds naturally gravitated towards him and he genuinely enjoyed their company. He is perhaps best known for the services he rendered so unselfishly to many.

Despite his condition he remained upbeat and kept the faith. God escorted **Mickey** to his eternal home on Sunday, December 25, 2022.

Left to cherish his precious memories and celebrate his life: his loving **wife**, Valeria Baker; two **sons**, Mitchell Baker, and Lemuel Rydale "Dale" Baker; five **grandchildren**, Thomas Baker, Aleia' Mitchell, Cameron Baker, Kaleb Baker, and Braylon Baker; a **sister**, Sandra Adams, an **uncle**, James Baker (Ruby); an **aunt**, Brenda McCaskill (Leroy); a **brother-in-law**, Joe Lewis Blakeney; four **nieces**, three **nephews**; a host of other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, **Mickey** was preceded in death by two sisters, Linda Blackwell-Frasier, and Patricia Blakeney.