



## Deborah Jean Baker

May 31, 1957 - August 7, 2021

Mrs. Deborah Jean Baker was the daughter of the late Kenneth Nickens and Betty Nelson. She was born May 31, 1957, in Nashville, Tennessee and departed this life on August 7, 2021, at her home in Madison, Tennessee.

Deborah received her education in the Metro Nashville Public School System. She was an Analyst with the State of Tennessee (TDOC) and retired from service with the state in 2015. Deborah accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of the Greater Love Kingdom Building Church in Madison, Tennessee. She was united in holy matrimony to Tommy Lee Baker in August of 1978 and together they raised 4 children, 17 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren.

Deborah was a bright light of positive energy and was loved dearly by everyone. She never met a stranger and had an open-door policy to her home. You were welcomed with open arms, a glass of sweet tea, a plate of food, and a bed to rest. Whatever was needed she would provide. She loved to cook and was a master in the kitchen.

She was preceded in death by her parents Kenneth Nickens and Betty Nelson, Her husband of 40 years Tommy Lee Baker, sister Karen Nickens, and grandson Tommy Lamont Baker Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memories: Brother, Steve Nickens (Debra); children, Cheresa Williams (Lewis), Tommy Baker Sr., Gwendolyn Buckner (Bruce), Shavondra Baker, Michelle Baker; brother in-law Robert Baker; sisters in-law, Victoria Gibson, Emma Richardson, Addie Spencer (Robert), and Waddie Baker; grandchildren, Billy, Shalisa, and Marquez Bailey, Ayana and Cameron Williams, Jasmine, Mark, Justin, and Monica Cockrell, Leslie, Xyion, De'Yona, D'Yon, Dey'Zsha, and Bella Baker, Tionna Jordan, Aniyah Tucker, Tiffany Jones (Trae), Christopher Clemons; Devoted nephew and side kick, Johnathon Nickens; niece, Shakita McFarland; Dear friend and sister Carla "Vet" Hamlett; God daughter Jackie Baker; lifelong friend, Tina McFarland; 13 great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and cherished relatives and friends.

Visitation will be at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home, 2707 Gallatin Rd., in Nashville, Tennessee on Friday , August 13, 2021, from 4:00pm-8pm. Funeral Service Saturday, August 14, 2021, at 1:00pm at Greater Love Kingdom Building Church, 320 East Campbell Rd. in Madison, Tennessee. Rev. Anthony Waggoner Officiant & Eulogist. Interment immediately following the Service at Greenwood North Cemetery in Nashville, Tennessee.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery North

1248 Dickerson Rd.  
Goodlettsville, TN 37072

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home  
2707 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN US 37216  
Nashville, TN 37216

## Visitation

AUG 14. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Greater Love Kingdom Building Church  
320 East Campbell Rd  
Madison, TN 37115

## Service

AUG 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Greater Love Kingdom Building Church  
320 East Campbell Rd  
Madison, TN 37115

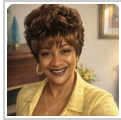


# Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah Jean Baker*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



*So sorry, hate I missed your homegoing*

**Pat Moody** - September 21, 2025 at 09:28 PM

HM

“ *To the family of the Late Of Sister Baker she was a Good Lady when I met Sister Baker she was visiting at our Church on 3rd Ave south I was Ushing at that Time I just Love Her smile also we have conversations Before service starts I am truly gonna miss you sister Baker my prayers Goes Out to the Family Rest in peace Sister Baker Love Heather Mims From Columbus Ohio*



**Heather Mims** - August 17, 2021 at 09:08 AM

TL

“ *1 file added to the album TDOC memories with Deb*



**T. Lee** - August 13, 2021 at 10:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah Jean Baker.*



August 13, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ *Deborah was a good kind person that loved her family dearly. We worked together for many years until she retired. During that time we became good friends and shared many stories about our grandchildren. To the family, you are in my prayers and stay close as you know Deborah would want you to.*

**Joyce Blair** - August 12, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ *I will always remember Deborah's wit, she had such a persona about her. We spent many years at TDOC sentence management services. Deborah will be surely missed. My condolences to the family.*



**Janice McDonald** - August 12, 2021 at 09:54 AM



“ *Ms. Deborah will truly be missed she back with her true love Tommy I'm praying for her family God bless each and everyone of you weeping may endure for a night but joy will come in the morning ...well done Ms. Deborah* 🍷🙏

**Benita** - August 11, 2021 at 10:25 PM

CA

“ I am so sorry for your loss of a wonderful mother, grandmother, and friend to us all. Deborah had such a sunny, bright outlook on life and I will miss her. Prayers and my sympathy to her family.



Candace - August 11, 2021 at 06:00 PM

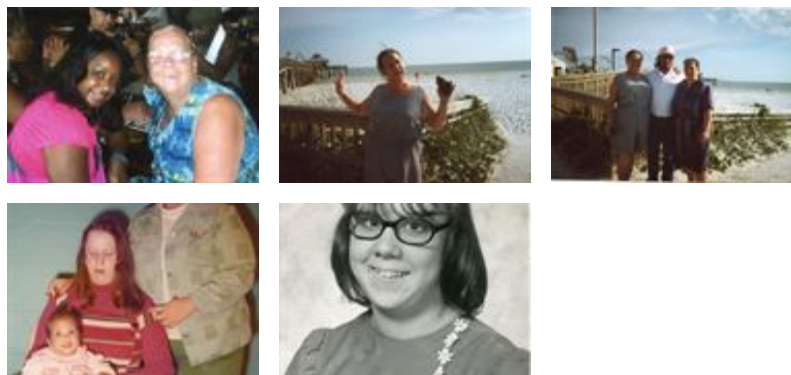
DS

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss, our prayers are with you. Deborah was a great lady, a great co-worker!! God bless you all!!

Douglas Stephens - August 11, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - August 11, 2021 at 11:17 AM

TL

“ Warm spirited Deborah is the way I'll always remember you.  
To the family praying you have peace and assurance in Deborah's transition.



Torye Lee - August 11, 2021 at 11:09 AM

CW

“ I will miss you lady. Take your rest. I'm certain Daddy is happy to have his wife back. I love you both eternally. — Punkin



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**Cheresa Williams** - August 11, 2021 at 08:58 AM

TL

*Now that's the perfect picture of a parent dragging their child to church. to cute. tl*

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**Torye Lee** - August 11, 2021 at 11:08 AM