



## Thomas Baker

December 26, 1948 - March 12, 2007

BAKER, Mr. Thomas W. "Tommy" - Age 58 of Flint, passed away Monday, March 12, 2007 at his residence. A celebration of life service will be held 10:30AM Monday, March 19, 2007 at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 424 Kennelworth Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11:30AM. Dr. Roy I. Greer officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30AM Monday. Mr. Baker will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 10AM-8PM Sunday. "Tommy" was born on December 26, 1948 to Leona Grier and Robert Baker. He married Mary Baker (Ware) on October 3, 1970. He loved spending time with his family and grandchildren. He was a man that always smiled at life and lived it to the fullest. He enjoyed playing cards with friends while watching sports events. Hosting the world's largest Superbowl parties to bring everyone close together. He was a great cook and expert barbeque chef. He also enjoyed gardening, playing basketball, and jogging to keep in shape. His jogging inspired many without words to challenge themselves to reach for more. Also known as "Touchdown Tommy" he was a star high school football player and graduate of Southwestern High School. He also played Semi-Pro football for the Pontiac Arrows. He then attended Ferris State University until he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was a Veteran serving during the Vietnam Conflict. He proudly served his country from 1968-1970 as a Military Policeman. He began his employment as a committeeman for UAW Local 651

before being promoted to a Supervisor for A.C. Spark Plug now Delphi Electronics where he retired after over 35 years. "Tommy" was the supervisor that everyone loved to work for. Many people wanted to transfer to his department. He was an admirable leader at work, on the football field, in the military, with his family and in the community. Tommy was a kind, respected, well-loved man of the city. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 37 years, Mary Baker; 2 sons, Thomas W. Baker Jr. and Jamar Baker; daughter-in-law, Connie Baker; 6 grandchildren, Shutwa (Mary) Baker, Leona Baker, BreAsia Baker, Eurazia Baker, Davonna Baker, Kaylah Baker; 6 brothers and sisters, Mata Baker-Lowden, Merrit and Betty Baker, Russell Baker, Robert (Bobby) Baker Jr., Rhonda (Kaya) Gibson, Tracy Baker, Bruce Blackburn, Pamela Nichols, Ginger Blackburn, Charle (Renae) Watkins, Jr. and Gary Blackburn; sisters-in-law, Pamela Batson and Anita Smith; uncles and aunties, Ralph Grier, Danny Grier, Nita (Grier) Davis, Carlo Grier, Virginia (Grier) Vaughn; and a host of uncles, aunties, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Also many Colleagues and friends including, Ollie Fryer, Jerry Batson, Edward Fryer, Walter Tipton and Rudy Johnson. Mr. Baker was preceded in death by his parents, Leona Grier and Robert Baker; mother-in-law, Jessie Mae Williams; grandparents, Leona Grier and Ward Grier; sister-in-law, Lenora Mitchell; and brother-in-law, Thomas Batson.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Baker*

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“ *Tommy was the first born of one of my mother's younger sisters, Leona V. Grier (named after our grandmother). My mother was Leola V. Grier Calloway and was the oldest daughter of Ward and Leona Grier.*

*Tommy was so special and so very loving and gentle. I am so glad that we had a chance to spend some time together sharing and shopping during our last family reunion in Killeen, Texas - 2006. Little did I know that would be our last time.*

*I miss you already, Tommy!*

*Love,*

*Cousin Beverly*

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**Beverly J. Collymore** - March 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ What can I possibly say? What a loss, what a man and yes, what a legacy...Tommy was one of a kind. So wonderful. He truly exemplified what a fine man is. I count it a privelege to have known and worked with him. I am so thrilled to have Mary as one of my dearest friends. This will be a new chapter in your life, Boo, and I hope to be spending much of it with you. It was great seeing Jamar and Tommy Jr. And the grandbabies are getting so big. Having Tommy go HOME so early in life is heartbreaking, but one thing is sure: The Baker Family was so very blessed to have had him for even the short time he was here. Tommy Baker was a gem. I love you, Mary. Maggie

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**Margaret Sims** - March 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ After attending the Funeral Services I saw so many who felt the way I did, and who also knew what a kind and caring Man Tommy was. My condolences to his wife, Mary, and to his family. What a wonderful legacy Tommy has left with us.

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**Diane Bennett** - March 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I recall from childhood Tracy speaking fondly of her brother "Tommy". I am deeply saddened by your loss and send my heartfelt sympathies to Tracy, Mata, Russell, Rhonda, Bobby and the entire Baker family. May God comfort you during this difficult time and know that you are in His care.

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**Donna Wilson Peters** - March 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ I would like to extend my sincere sorrow for the loss of your loved one. I will always remember Tommy's smile and humor. He was a very nice person to work with and to know. I pray that God will comfort you and your entire family during this time and in the days that lie ahead. Remember to trust in the Lord at all times.

*Sheila Carter (Williams)*

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**Sheila Carter (Williams)** - March 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FY

“ A good man. I am sorry for your loss.

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**Frank Yell** - March 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ My deepest sympathies go to Tracy Baker and her family in their time of sadness. May the Lord keep you close at this time and may your memories of your loved one carry you until you meet again.

*Sharon G. Barry*

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**Sharon Barry** - March 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ I would just like to send my condolences and let the family know that you will be in my prayers.

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**Cheryl Anderson** - March 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Tommie was special to our family. The children called him one of the "Posse." Our prayers are with you.

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**Patricia Brooks** - March 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ My prayer are with you Mary and the boys and family during this time we have shared some good times and laughs withing the over 25 years I have know you and Tommy I remember his laugh when something cracked him up and he always gave me a word of wisdom to keep my chin up, Mary was and still is my best friend in Flint her and Tommy was like a older brother and sister to me I love you both, Gail (Lee) Henry

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**Gail Herny** - March 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Mary, So sorry to see this obit. Tommy was such a great person. I miss being able to stay in contact with the family thru being you physician and friend and being able to catch up on all the local sports chatter and stats Tommy always kept me up to date on. Miss you too Mar I will try to get there about noonish on Sunday. Love to you and yours. Dr. Peter

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**Dr. Peter A Kronick** - March 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ May God Be with you and your family.

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**Pat Adams-Mason** - March 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ My condolences to the family of "Tommie" Baker. Truly, Tommie was a fun loving person. He will be sorely missed by his loved ones. May the peace of God fill you.

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**Cerese Simpson** - March 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *My sympathy and prayers are with the family. May God give them peace and comfort in knowing that Tommy is in His presence now, free from pain and suffering.*

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**Comelia R. Sanford** - March 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *to the family I want to say, It was a blessing to have Tommy in all our lives. He was such a positive person. And he always had time to say just a little something whenever he ran into you. And also he never complain. I will miss running into him at Maxie's meats, and the store playing his numbers. He was always the same even when he got sick he was positive. He will truly be missed. Cassandra Burks*

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**cassandra Burks** - March 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Tommy, you will be greatly missed by all your bowling league buddies.*

*I always enjoyed stopping in to look at his christmas tree, it was a one of a kind.*

*Thank you for the 26 wonderful years as a co worker & friend.*

*May you now rest in peace.*

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**Dan Mikolaizik** - March 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Tommy was my foreman several times in my years at AC. Very nice man to work with and have as a boss. Always took care of any issues and made sure that he did whatever it took to make your job easier. My prayers to his family.

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“ To The Family Of Tommie. I Just Saw Tommie In August 2006 At The Southside Black Reunion, We Gave Each Other A Big Hug. We Grew Up On The Same Street. Sometimes Things Happen To People You Love, It's Hard To Know What To Say. May Happy Memories Carry You Through This Sorrowful Time. Take Heart Time Will Soften The Edges And Ease Your Burden. God Bless You His Family And Remember Memories Are The Legacy Of Love.

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**Arnetta Crawford** - March 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Tommy was a great boss because of the fact he was always calm and cool. He was fair with everyone. He cared about his people and the job at hand. Its been years since I worked with him but will always remember his kindness and humor. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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“ Tommy was by far the BEST supervisor I ever had in my 30 plus years at AC. My prayers are with you, his family, and his friends. He will be missed greatly. He was a great guy.

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**Kathie Root** - March 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM