



## Obituary

**Born:** Friday, February 1, 1957

**Died:** Monday, September 6, 2021

It is with heartfelt sympathy, we announce the passing of Ms. Darlene Baker of Gadsden, Alabama, who transitioned on Monday, September 6, 2021, at the age of 64. We ask that you please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Darlene was born on February 1, 1957, in Gadsden, Alabama to John Allen Baker and Robbie Lee Baker.

She received her early education at Emma Sansom High School, class of 1975.

As a child, Darlene attended Union Baptist Church in Gadsden, AL. She never bared children of her own but loved her nieces and nephews like her biological children. Darlene loved to cook soul food meals and decorate and host parties for family and friends. She loved entertaining and being the gracious host. Darlene took pride in her honesty and her direct approach to advice. All the while loving to love on family and friends.

Darlene's employment varied over the year from working at Tyson Foods to owning her very own convenience store in Columbus, Mississippi. Darlene knew no stranger and her magnetic smile and charismatic energy afford her the opportunity to be loved by all that she met.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Greg Thomas; her parents, John Allen Baker and Robbie Baker; her grandparents, Cecil Vernon, and Evie Lee Vernon.

Darlene "Big Momma" Baker, age 64, exchanged time for eternity after living with a stroke for two years and only to recently discover the reoccurrence of cancer in her body. Darlene received her angelic wings on Monday, September 6, 2021, at McGuffey Health and Rehabilitation Center in Gadsden, Alabama.

Darlene leaves to cherish her fond memories, twin sister, Dr. Darleen Toney D.M.D of Marietta, Georgia; eldest living brother, John Baker of Tomball, Texas; brother, Robert Baker of Marietta, Georgia; a special niece, Kolowa (Derrick) Witherspoon; and a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Greg Thomas; her parents John Allen Baker and Robbie Baker; grandparents Cecil Vernon and Evie Lee Vernon.

## Service Summary

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### Memorial Service

2:00 PM Sun Sep 12, 2021

### Adams-Buggs Funeral Service ~ Etowah Chapel

401 N. 9th Street  
Gadsden, AL 35901