

## When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

By David Romano

When tomorrow starts without me  
and I'm not here to see

If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
all filled with tears for me.

I wish you wouldn't cry, the way you did today  
while thinking of the many things  
we did not get to say.

I know how much you love me  
as much as I love you. Each time that you think of me  
I know you will miss me too.

When tomorrow starts with out me  
please try to understand, that an angel came and called my name  
and took me by the hand. The angel said my place was ready  
in heaven far above and that I would have to leave behind  
all those I dearly love. But when I walked through Heaven's Gates  
I felt so much at home when God looked down and smiled at me  
from His golden throne. He said this is eternity,  
and all I promised you. Today for life on earth is done  
but here it starts a new. I promise no tomorrow  
for today will always last and since each day's the exact same way  
there is no longing for the past.

So when tomorrow starts without me

Do not think we're apart

For every time you think of me

Remember I'm right here in your heart

### Acknowledgements

The family of the late Charlie Baker Jr. wishes to say a special thank you to the family and friends for your cards, calls, texts, flowers, food, prayers and generous acts of kindness. We are most appreciative for your love shown during this difficult time. It is our prayer that your blessings be returned unto you-ten-fold.

The Baker Family

Arrangements Entrusted To:

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*Celebrating the Life  
Of*

*Charlie Baker*



Our Gift  
December 21, 1946

God's Gift  
November 12, 2023

Saturday November 18, 2023

Wake: 1:00 PM

Funeral: 1:30 PM

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Minister Deana Williams,  
Officiating Minister

# Order of Services

Organ Prelude.....	Bishop Darnell Knox
Processional.....	
Scripture.....Old/New Testament.....	Minister
Prayer.....	Minister Deana Williams
Selection.....	Bishop Darnell Knox
Words of Encouragement.....	Patricia Nathan
Acknowledgement & Change of Address.....	Minister Deana Williams
Special Remarks.....	L.C. Baker & Marvin Baker Family and Friends
Obituary.....	(Read silently)
Video Tribute.....	
Selection.....	Bishop Darnell Knox
Eulogistic remarks.....	Minister Deana Williams
Final viewing.....	



## Obituary

Charlie Baker Jr., was born on December 21, 1946 to the late Charlie Baker, Sr., and the late Dellar Baker in West Helena, AR. He was introduced to Christ at an early age. Charlie was affectionately known as “Tobacco Mane”, “Mane” and when it came to his family: “Shotgun Willie”. He was one of twelve children but more importantly, he was a protector and provider. He was a gentle giant in his own way. Charlie answered his call and departed this life on Sunday, November 12, 2023 with his wife, Aunt Faye, by his side.

Charlie was born, raised and reared in West Helena, AR. He was known and loved by many. He had an uncanny way of showing love, he didn’t always speak it or make it public but he always showed up. He loved to laugh and loved to make people laugh. It was his bright smile that would put a smile on your face even if he was making fun of you, lol. You were either an “old goat”, “bi-polar” or “ugly” whenever he talked to you but you knew he loved you. In the words of his son Ephraim, “He never lied to me”. He was honest even when it wasn't easy. He was going to tell you the truth. He was our family jokester for sure.

Charlie imparted wisdom on many levels, he was wise and full of knowledge. He was a hard worker and a “jack “ of all trades. He worked with his hands and always was fixing something. He was a fixer by nature, he helped to bridge gaps in the family over the years. He taught his son and others how to paint , fix and repair houses. He even fixed a light at my house that didn't work when I bought the house 18 years earlier but he was determined to make my house safer with that “night light”.

Charlie grew up in West Helena, AR but later relocated to Cleveland, Ohio. He met and married Shirlene Johnson on July 18, 1981, two children were born: Renee and Ephraim Baker. Even though they had a blended family, they extended their home to Charlie's sister, Delores (Sug) children: Mary, Doray, Michael and Deana, (Melinda and Patricia remains in Arkansas).

Charlie later met and married Faye Gray on November 26, 1989. They were united in Holy Matrimony for almost 34 years! Faye and Mane weathered many storms and remained committed until his death. They had a relationship that allowed them to be who they were created to be yet honor each other.

Charlie loved having coffee and conversation with his fellow “old goats” at McDonalds until his health began to fail, it had become the highlight of his day when he could no longer work. He also loved to tell and direct you if you were working on projects. Charlie loved traveling back down South with his cousin Seth as his personal tour guide, lol. They came to be quite the traveling duo. They had much love and respect for each other. It was a blessing to sit among so much wisdom and generational wealth. They loved telling stores of the past and sharing their favorite family memories, you were sure to laugh.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Dellar Baker, eight sisters: Johndine, Flora, Delores, Pearl, Ruby, Barbara Ann, Birdean and Lillie Mae, two brothers: Herman and W.L. Page.

Charlie leaves to mourn his passing yet cherish his memories: his wife, Faye Baker, His daughter Renee Brewer both of Cleveland, Ohio, son Ephraim Brewer of Buffalo, NY, two brothers: L.C. Baker (Tonya) of Cleveland, Ohio and Marvin Baker of Minn, MN, two sisters-in-law, Andrea Jones and Leni Wilson, two brothers-in-law, Rev. William Gray and Larry Gray. He also leaves 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, relatives, friends and a host of nieces, nephews. Oh yeah he had a few favorites \_\_\_\_\_(insert your name “you old goat”, lol Love Uncle Mane).